



A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

Top items this week

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ROUGH SLEEPING FUNDING FOR CARE LEAVERS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

This week the Department for Education published information on additional funding to councils to provide extra support to care leavers at risk of homelessness or rough sleeping.

A total of £3,177,308.18 grant funding will be allocated to 50 local authorities in 2024-25. This compares to the £2,825,690 allocation from 2023-24. In the East Midlands:

Authority	Total Grant Determination in 23/24	Total Grant Determination in 24/25	Authority	Total Grant Determination in 23/24	Total Grant Determination in 24/25
Derby	£32,813.00	£47,500.00	Leicestershire	£47,500.00	£47,500.00
Lincolnshire	£84,928.14	£84,928.14	Nottingham	0	£39,006.00

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EMC AND NTU COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN.

EMC, with the support of the region’s children services departments, has commissioned Nottingham Trent University to undertake research to assess the outcomes for current and former UASC, while also supporting local authorities to meet meeting the ongoing demands of the UASC National Transfer Scheme (NTS).

The final report will provide recommendations for increasing capacity and efficiencies, and where there is potential for improving wider service delivery and outcomes for current and former UASC.

We will keep you updated as this work progresses.

EMC TEAMS UP WITH MIGRANT ENGLISH SUPPORT HUB TO ENHANCE ESOL PROVISION ACROSS THE REGION

EMC has appointed Migrant English Support Hub (MESH) to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of English Language provision in the East Midlands.

This project aims to evaluate existing English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services, assess learner outcomes, pinpoint gaps in service delivery, and provide recommendations for improvements.

EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

[The Role of the Civic Head](#), Thursday, 6 June 2024, 10am—3pm, North Kesteven District Council

This session will benefit Elected Members who anticipate election to the office of Mayor or Chair of Council at Annual Meetings in May 2024. Attendance by civic office support staff has also proved useful and beneficial in understanding the role and building effective working relationships.

[One Year On – Workshop for Newly Elected Councillors](#), Friday 14 June, 1pm—4pm, Leicester City Council

This workshop aims to continue supporting newly elected members with their learning journey through networking, reflection, information updates and taster skills sessions all included. This is an informal, interactive session where you will benefit from the learning, the opportunity to ask questions and making new connections with both councillors and officers.

[Chairing Skills for Members](#), Thursday, 4 July 2024, 6pm—8pm, Online

This session has been developed for Councillors in the East Midlands, who are interested in developing their chairing skills in face to face, virtual and hybrid settings. It is suitable for both chairs and vice chairs.

UPCOMING EMC TRAINING

[Vicarious Trauma Training](#), Monday, 15 April 2024, 9am—4pm, Online

To support the development of skills in the prevention and management of burnout and vicarious traumatization while providing assistance to the Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS) population, including Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC).

IOM UK: Iran Refugee Information Session, 16 April & 17 April, 10am—12pm, Online

[Session One: Geography, History, Current Events and Services](#)

[Session Two: Cultural Norms, Family and Social Life](#)

[No Recourse to Public Funds: Training Workshop](#), Thursday, 25 April 2024, 10am—3.30pm, Online

This training is on the provision of financial support and/or accommodation for families with NRPF under section 17 Children Act 1989. It enables workers to better support survivors facing destitution because they have no legal right to work, claim benefits or access social housing in the UK.

[IOM UK Eritrea Information Session](#), Tuesday, 30 April 2024, 10am—12:30pm, Online

This session's content will focus primarily on the geography, topography, and history of Eritrea.

[How to Speak to Learners of English](#), Thursday 2 May 2024, 10am—12pm, Online

Learn to 'unlock your English' when speaking to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

ALL TRAINING & EVENTS

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE

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