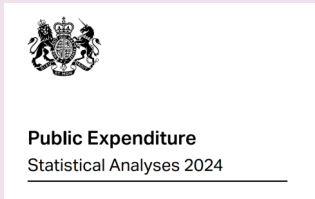


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EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL INVESTMENT—NATIONAL STATISTICS

Every July, HM Treasury publishes an annual Public Expenditure Statistical Analysis (PESA) on where public money (capital and revenue) is spent and on what, in the previous financial year.

EMC has undertaken a summary analysis of this annual publication which covers the period 2018-19 to 2022-23.

Having the status of ‘National Statistics’ published by HM Treasury, it is irrefutable evidence of the continuance of the historic low levels of investment in the East Midlands on all core economic development metrics.

Our regional summary can be found here: [And the Treasury analysis can be found here:](#)

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MIDLANDS CONNECT PUBLISH LIST OF 17 TRANSFORMATIONAL ROAD PROJECTS

Midlands Connect has published a list of 17 road projects it believes to be transformational for the Midlands in a new report entitled ‘Keeping the Midlands moving’. The projects are recommended for funding as part of the next Road Investment Scheme 3 programme (RIS3), to be delivered from 2025–2030.

Four of the schemes were originally earmarked for the Road Investment Scheme 2, for delivery between 2020 and 2025, but have been delayed, including the A38 Derby junctions and the A46 Newark bypass.

Other schemes identified for RIS3 include M1 junctions 28 and 24 as well as Leicester Western access, A1/A52 junction, A46 Syston and the A5/A426 Gibbet Hill Junction.

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IMPROVED AIR QUALITY HUB FOR COUNCILS LAUNCHED

In March 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) took over operation of the Air Quality Hub. The Hub is a valuable resource and knowledge-sharing platform for councils.

Taking on board feedback from councils and other government departments, Defra has implemented a series of improvements to the site to make it simpler to navigate and include more up-to-date and relevant content.

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UPCOMING EMC MIGRATION TRAINING

IOM UK: Afghan Information Session – two parts

Part one - Geography, Society, Current Events and Services

Tuesday 10 September 2024 - 10am—12pm - Virtual via Zoom

This session's content will focus primarily on the geography and history of Afghanistan, as well as Afghan's experiences in conflict. The session will also look at the services (including education and health care) Afghans may be used to and their expectations around accessing those services in Afghanistan.

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Part two - Cultural Norms, Family and Social Life

Wednesday 11 September - 10am—12pm - Virtual via Zoom

This session's content will focus primarily on Afghan cultural norms, practices, family, and social life.

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Vicarious Trauma Training

Monday 9 September 2024 - 9am—4pm - Virtual Via Zoom

This session aims 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).

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MOSQUES TO BE OFFERED NEW EMERGENCY SECURITY

Mosques are being offered greater protection with new emergency security that can be rapidly deployed. The new rapid response process means mosques at risk of violent disorder can be offered additional security personnel, providing communities with vital support and reassurance. This will boost the work already being done by local police forces to protect these important places of worship.

Under the new process now in place, the police, local authorities and mosques can ask for rapid security to be deployed, protecting communities and allowing for a return to worship as quickly as possible.

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