

## East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Briefing

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The East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Briefing brings together different sources of information relating to Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants.

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## EMSMP Update

The East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership has a newly refreshed [website](#) and dedicated [Twitter account](#) to keep partners up to date with related news, upcoming events and training, employment opportunities, and lots more. To keep posted: Follow us on Twitter- [@SMP\\_EastMids](#) or visit our website [here](#).

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## COVID-19

Due to the ever-changing situation of COVID-19, EMSMP have set up a webpage which contains government updates, materials, and guidance on areas within migration, including Asylum, ESOL, VPRS, UASC and more. This will be updated daily in line with new announcements and resources.

To access this, please click [here](#).

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## Asylum Seekers and Refugees

### **Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)**

#### **The UASC National Transfer Scheme (NTS)**

The [National Transfer Scheme](#) (NTS) was introduced in July 2016 to enable an equitable distribution of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) across the country and to ensure that no local authority faces an unmanageable responsibility in accommodating and looking after unaccompanied children. The expectation for each region under the transfer scheme is for the number of UASC to be no higher than 0.07% of their overall child population, which for the East Midlands as a whole equates to a total of 702 unaccompanied children. Within the East Midlands, five of the nine upper tier authorities are accepting transfers, although the Scheme is effectively paused currently. Participation in the scheme remains voluntary.

A joint consultation by the Home Office and Department for Education on proposals for a new operational approach to the NTS closed on 30<sup>th</sup> September, with responses submitted by individual East Midlands local authorities and the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership on behalf of the region. There is currently no timeframe for the conclusions of the consultation to be announced.

#### **The South Coast**

The situation along the south coast, and in Kent in particular, has been widely reported in the national media, with significant numbers of asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, arriving across the Channel in small boats. Recently, Kent County Council announced that it had reached its limit of

safe capacity and is unable to accept any further new arrivals into care. Since then, unaccompanied children arriving in Kent stay at the Port of Dover while alternative arrangements are sought. A letter from government has been received by local authorities, requesting urgent support for Kent. In response, the East Midlands has offered support, pledging to receive a number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children from Kent, with the response ongoing.

If you would be interested in finding out more about the Scheme, please contact [Matthew.Clarke@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.Clarke@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## **The Vulnerable Persons Resettlement (VPR) Scheme**

### **Statistics**

The Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) accounted for over three-quarters (2,956) of those resettled in the UK in year ending June 2020. Since the government announced the expansion of the scheme on 7th September 2015, including the target of resettling an additional 20,000 refugees under the scheme by 2020, 19,768 refugees have been resettled in the UK. In addition, 239 refugees were resettled prior to this, and do not count towards the 20,000 target.

A further 201 people were resettled under the Vulnerable Children Resettlement Scheme (VCRS) in year ending June 2020, bringing the total to 1,826 since the scheme began in 2016.

Of those resettled under the VPRS and VCRS in the year ending June 2020, 104 refugees were resettled in the UK through the Community Sponsorship scheme, however due to the impacts of COVID-19, none of these were resettled in the latest quarter. Since the scheme began in July 2016, 449 refugees have been resettled by community sponsor groups.

Up until 30th June 2020, the East Midlands have resettled 898 through the VPRS scheme.

From 2020, once the 20,000 VPRS refugees have been resettled, the UK has announced plans to resettle around 5,000 of the world's most vulnerable refugees in the first year of operation of a new resettlement scheme. The new resettlement scheme will consolidate the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme and the Gateway Protection Programme into one global scheme.

It was not possible to undertake resettlement activity during the second quarter of 2020 due to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The link to the full statistics can be found [here](#).

### **Further details of VPRS Programme**

The Local Government Association maintains a one-stop resource aimed at councillors and council officers to answer questions relating to taking in refugees and unaccompanied children. This resource can be accessed [here](#).

If your council would be interested in finding out more about the Scheme, please contact [Brein.Fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Brein.Fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk).

## **UNHCR COVID-19 Preparedness and Response**

On 30 June, UNHCR launched a global online platform on the protection impact of temporary measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including access to territory and national asylum systems. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 response, over 56,800 household level handwashing taps have been installed in Bangladesh; 13,824 hand washing devices at latrine blocks and almost 120,000 refugee households have been provided with soap rations; over 23,000 refugee women have received female hygiene kits; and nearly 255,000 latrines and sanitary installations have been disinfected with chlorine solution.

To read more about their response, click [here](#).

## **Community Sponsorship**

### **Community Sponsorship today**

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a challenge for Community Sponsorship in the UK. In March 2020, the Government halted refugee resettlement.

However, RESET are still working on ways that individuals can get involved including starting up a group, joining a group, funding a group for when refugee resettlement commences.

Click [here](#) to read more.

### **Further details of Community Sponsorships**

If your council would be interested in finding out more about the Scheme, please contact [Brein.Fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Brein.Fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk).

## **English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL)**

### **Opportunity for resettled refugees and former asylum seekers to teach ESOL**

East Midlands Councils are working with Flying Cows to enable resettled refugees and former asylum seekers within the East Midlands to teach English to non-native English speakers. The course is 100% online so learners can stay safe while they study as well as be accessed nationally.

There are two course currently being offered. Community TESOL is a course which offers a certain amount of time for the learners to each ESOL to students which is a part of the 12-week course. Funding may be available for those who are eligible. Certificate for Practicing Teachers focuses on developing teachers' classroom skills through approaches applied in participants' existing classrooms.

If you are aware of someone who may be interested in either of these courses or want to know more about the funding eligibility, please contact [Hannah.Smith@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.Smith@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## Migration

### **Statistics**

The government's latest immigration statistics (year ending June 2020) have been released by the Home Office. The data relates to those coming to the UK for work, study, and family reasons; grants of asylum and protection; those gaining citizenship; and those being detained or returned.

In the year ending June 2020, the UK offered 16,952 people protection in the forms of asylum, humanitarian protection, alternative forms of leave and resettlement which was 8% lower than the previous year, although higher than levels seen prior to 2019.

- 11,116 grants of asylum, up 5% compared with the previous year, with notable increases in grants to Iranian (up 16% to 2,319), Sudanese (up 17% to 1,391), Eritrean (up 1% to 1,399), and Syrian (up 28% to 782) nationals
- 1,387 grants of humanitarian protection, up 24% – over half of these (59%) were granted to Libyan nationals
- 889 grants of alternative forms of leave following an application for asylum, down 23%
- 3,560 grants of protection through resettlement schemes, 37% fewer than in the previous year, largely due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Three-quarters of resettlement cases were Syrian nationals

In addition to those granted asylum, humanitarian protection and alternative forms of leave at initial decision following an asylum application, a further 2,932 had an appeal allowed following an initial refusal of asylum.

Additionally, 6,320 Family reunion visas were issued to partners and children of those previously granted asylum or humanitarian protection in the UK, 7% more than the previous year.

As part of this release, the Home Office published 'Migration Statistics Quarterly Report' (August 2020) which reported that an estimated total of 715,000 people moved to the UK and 403,000 people left the UK, in the year ending March 2020.

### **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**

#### **National Referral Mechanism Statistics**

In quarter 2 of 2020 (April to June), 2,209 potential victims of modern slavery were referred to the NRM which is a 23% decrease from the preceding quarter, and a 5% decrease from the same quarter in 2019.

Of the 2,209 potential victims, 75% (1,650) claimed exploitation in the UK only, whilst 15% (339) claimed the exploitation took place overseas only.

Just over a third (38%) of the referrals were for individuals claiming exploitation as adults, with the remainder claiming exploitation as children (58%) or their age at exploitation was unknown (4%).

Labour exploitation was the most common exploitation type for adult potential victims, whilst criminal exploitation was most reported for child potential victims.

To access the full statistics, click [here](#).

### **The Modern Slavery Act 2015 Statutory Defence: A call for evidence**

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner published The Modern Slavery Act 2015 Statutory Defence: A call for evidence on 9th October. This call for evidence received over 100 responses and 200 cases. The evidence submitted to this review revealed the significant extent to which the statutory defence under the Modern Slavery Act is being used, predominantly in drug trafficking cases.

To read the report, please click [here](#).

### **The Farm Work Welfare App: a call to tackle modern slavery in farming, horticulture and food production.**

The Farm Work Welfare App is downloadable on all smart phone devices and has been designed to support both employers and workers. To help support migrant workers, the content has been translated into seven languages. The app provides farmers and growers with information, signposting and tools to help avoid criminal organisations as well support workers to understand their rights.

To read more information on this app, please click [here](#).

### **Award of the New Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract**

The new Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract has been awarded to The Salvation Army on Monday 29th June. This contract will provide accommodation, support and outreach support services to adult victims of modern slavery and human trafficking and their dependents in England and Wales. It will ensure the safeguarding and protection of victims, providing flexible support tailored to individual recovery needs to those in the National Referral Mechanism. There will now be a period of transition whilst the new contract is implemented, to ensure continuity of service for victims with minimal disruption. The new contract will be live in winter 2020/21.

To read more, click [here](#).

### **Campaign – Look Closer**

The Children's Society have launched the Look Closer campaign nationally in partnership with The County Lines Coordination Centre and the British Transport Police. The campaign focuses on improving public awareness of child exploitation outside the family home and the role everyone can play in safeguarding children by reporting their concerns. Information and resources are available and can be accessed [here](#).

## No Recourse to Public Funds

### NRPF Network website

NRPF Connect have recently launched their new NRPF Network website. The new website makes accessing essential advice and information easier and sets-out the range of commission-based services available to assist staff development, including new online training courses.

To access the new website, click [here](#).

### NRPF Connect – Annual data report 2019-2020: local authority support for people with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

NRPF Connect have published the 2019-2020 NRPF Connect data report which evidences that 66 local authorities supported around 2350 households and 5232 referrals were recorded. The report overall highlights the positive impact of specialist responses to managing caseloads and the importance of using the national database to help deliver savings, engage the Home Office in case prioritisation initiatives and inform policy development.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

## EU Settlement Scheme

### Statistics

Over 4 million applications have been made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) according to the latest monthly statistics, with eight months to go before the 30 June 2021 deadline.

The figures show that, up to the end of September 2020:

- 4.06 million applications were received
- 3.88 million applications were processed
- Across the UK, 3.69 million applications were received from England, 204,700 applications from Scotland, 67,200 applications from Wales and 66,300 received from Northern Ireland

Of the more than 3.88 million applications concluded, 56 per cent (2,172,200) were granted settled status and 42 per cent (1,614,600) were granted pre-settled status. In total there have already been more than 3.78 million grants of status.

Of the remaining applications, 34,600 received a withdrawn or void outcome, 42,400 were invalid and 16,600 were refused – 0.4 per cent of the more than 3.78 million applications concluded up to the end of September 2020. These figures can be partially attributed to the inclusion of paper applications received since the opening of the scheme. Refusals are always a last resort and do not change that person's existing rights under EU law. In cases where an applicant is refused, the Home Office will write to them to explain why they have been refused and what steps they need to take.

The full report can be found [here](#).

## Regional Support

### Money Sorted Information in D2N2

Money Sorted in D2N2 provides support and personally tailored interventions for people experiencing financial difficulty. It can help you take control, build your confidence and skills and help you tackle barriers and problems to improve your financial well-being for the longer term. Anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties and worries and would like some support. It is for people living in either Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, or Nottinghamshire.

For more information, please download the leaflet [here](#).

### Food Distribution

Food 4 Thought Alliance in Derby has established and developed to a new model to help continue providing food and help support those over the next few months. The model has been adapted ahead of a second wave of coronavirus and document has been put together to explain how the project is organised and how to make a referral if you know someone is in need.

Click [here](#) to download the information.

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## Immigration Update

### Appointment of EMSMP's Regional Immigration Solicitor

Since the last bulletin, the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership has appointed a Regional Immigration Solicitor to the team, with a focus to provide advice and support to participating local authorities around asylum and immigration matters in their care of unaccompanied children and care leavers. From now on, our briefings will include an update including immigration law updates and immigration case updates.

Our Regional Immigration Solicitor, Jaz, is experienced in all areas of Immigration Law including nationality, EU settlement Scheme, EU regulations, applications made within and outside of the immigration rules and Asylum.

Jaz also has a background in Family Law, and has been instructed as an immigration specialist by numerous local authorities in regularising the status of children and families cared for or supported by the Local Authority.

## **Law update**

### **Home Office application costs**

Home Office fees for applications made inside and outside of the UK are to remain the same. They will not be increased as from 05 October 2021, however, remember that they will be reviewed in March 2021!

The Immigration Health Surcharge is to increase from £400 to £624 and this will come into effect on 27/10/20. Applications made before this date will benefit from the lower yearly figure. Those applying for a Health and Care visa are exempt from paying the charge and a reduced rate of £470 will apply to students, dependants of students, Youth Mobility visa holders and anyone under 18.

### **British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) Citizens**

There may be an increase in British Nationals (Overseas) from January 2021. These individuals hold a British passport, however, note that under nationality it will state "British Overseas Citizen". They do not have full rights including right of abode even though they have a British passport. It will therefore be imperative that passports are checked diligently and that an assumption of full citizenship is not made based on an individual's possession of a British passport without undertaking the necessary checks.

The new Hong Kong BN(O) visa is to open in January 2021 and individuals can apply outside and inside of the UK. Where an application is successful, the individual will be granted leave for 30 months, extendable for further 30 months or single period of 5 years, able to work, study but will not be able to access public funds and are able to apply for ILR after 5 years. Applicants will be required to show that they have BN(O) status, normally live in HK or UK, can support and accommodate self for at least 6 months, show a commitment to learn English, have a completed TB test, pay Home Office fee and the IHS.

### **Frontier Worker Status**

Another status you may come across is the frontier worker status as on 01/01/21 the UK's immigration point based system will come into effect. A frontier worker is an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen employed or self-employed in the UK but they live elsewhere.

Note Irish citizens do not need to do anything to continue working in the UK from 01/01/21

### **Post-BREXIT**

It serves well to reiterate a date that we are all probably very familiar with being 30 June 2021 as the date by which existing residents must apply for settled or pre-settled status under the EU settlement scheme (EUSS). From 01/01/21 any EU/EEA/Swiss citizens who wish to come to the UK will have to meet the requirements of the new points-based system.

There are still an unknown number of individuals who have not yet applied under the EUSS. Those who apply once free-movement ends at the end of this year, i.e. they make their application in the first

half of 2021, their status may be protected by the proposed provision of a grace period provided within the draft statutory instrument – The Citizens’ Rights (Application Deadline and Temporary Protection) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

The proposal provides for the grace period to run from 11 pm on 31 December 2020 (the implementation period completion day) to 30/06/21. During this time, the EEA Regulations 2016 will continue to apply to those who have not yet applied or received decisions upon their applications. Note, however that these individuals must be in the UK lawfully by virtue of the 2016 Regulations or have achieved permanent residence or are the family members of such persons. Therefore, even if they meet the requirements under the EUSS, they will only benefit from this grace period only if they satisfy the 2016 Regulations.

Where an application is made before the 30/06/21 and the Home Office has not made a decision before the application end date, those individuals will effectively receive the equivalent of 3C leave protection whereby certain provisions of the 2016 Regulations will continue to apply until a decision is received, provided they satisfied the 2016 Regulations at the time of their application.

What then happens to those individuals who do not meet the 2016 regulations? They still have a right to apply under the EUSS scheme before 30/06/21, however it would appear from the draft that their status will not be regarded as lawful. They will not be protected by the 3C leave equivalent where a decision is made post 30/06/21 and potentially could be facing hostile environment measures from 1 July.

This is a draft at this stage and could well be subject to change!

### **Asylum Operations testing use of third-party supplier with asylum interviews**

On 22 September 2020, the Home Office announced that given the number of outstanding asylum cases, Asylum Operations are currently “scoping out and testing the concept of using a third-party supplier to conduct interviews and gather evidence”. The proposed pilot will explore with an external supplier if the service required can be delivered by testing interviews on live cases over a 6-8-week period.

### **Age assessments**

A guide to the age assessment process by those who have been through the process has been produced by the ALL4One Group, along with the staff at the Greater Manchester Aid Unit.

The guide can be accessed using the following link which can be accessed [here](#).

### **Immigration Cases**

#### **KAM (Nuba – return) Sudan CG [2020] UKUT 269 (IAC)**

The Upper Tribunal’s main finding is that there is no general risk to Nuba in either their home area or in Greater Khartoum simply because of their ethnicity.

**G (A Child: Child Abduction) [2020] EWCA Civ 1185**

The Court of Appeal has confirmed that, where a child has been granted refugee status in their own right, or has their own pending asylum claim, they cannot be returned under the Hague Convention. When a child is a dependent on an asylum claim, however, they can be returned.

**Re Y (Children in Care: Change of Nationality) - [2020] EWCA Civ 1038**

The COA considered the question of whether the local authority has a statutory power to take steps to change the nationality of a child in its care against the wishes of the child's parents.

HELD - Every local authority will encounter situations where action is needed to secure the immigration position of a child in its care. In some cases an application will be made for leave to remain. In others it may be possible for a child to have dual citizenship. These cases, where the child is gaining a benefit and losing nothing, are to be contrasted with cases where a child may lose his or her original nationality. In those cases, the local authority cannot by acting upon its general statutory powers resolve this issue in the absence of parental consent. It requires a decision of the High Court under its inherent jurisdiction. That is so whether the issue arises within or outside proceedings.

The court commented that it was a matter of concern that the children had been in the care of the local authority for several years and no steps were taken during that time to regularise their status. The court also commented upon the lack of information provided in respect of the immigration advice received by the local authority, particularly with regards to possible immigration applications that could be made other than applying for British citizenship, the impact of obtaining British citizenship would have upon the children and evidence that they would lose their Indian nationality.

There was no acknowledgement of the intrinsic gravity of a change of nationality within the care plans. Additionally, there was no consideration of the disadvantages the children may face from the loss of their nationality of birth, and whether it may be better to apply now or later when the children themselves could form a view.

**MS (Pakistan) (Appellant) v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Respondent) [2020] UKSC 9**

HELD – that a tribunal is not bound by a decision of the NRM (National Referral Mechanism) nor must it seek a public law ground for finding such a decision is flawed. The proper consideration and weight to be given to an authority's previous decision will depend on the nature of that decision and its relevance to the issue before the tribunal.

**Re A (A Child) (Female Genital Mutilation: Asylum) [2020] EWCA Civ 731**

The Court of Appeal considered the relationship between the Family Courts and decisions made by the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal, and in particular the overlap which is said may exist when the risk of FGM is assessed for the purposes of a decision in each of those jurisdictions.

HELD – The Court of Appeal agreed with the decision of the Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane, which was the subject of the appeal, and held that a family court is not bound to take, even as a starting point, a previous

assessment or determination of risk of female genital mutilation ('FGM') made by the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal in its determination of an asylum application based upon the risk of FGM on return.

## Publications

### **Asylum Accommodation and Support**

The National Audit Office produced a report in July 2020 on asylum accommodation and support which assesses the Home Office department's progress towards achieving value for money from the new contracts, measured against its key objectives. The report explained the findings on the service, accommodation, and support, and on the value for money which led to seven recommendations to the Home Office.

To access both the summary and the full report, click [here](#).

### **An inspection of family reunion applications (June – December 2019)**

The Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration report examined the efficiency and effectiveness of the Home Office's management of family reunion applications. The report identified that since 2015, there has been almost 40,000 family reunion visa applications and almost three-quarters (72%) have been successful. Recommendations were made to the Home Office which include taking necessary steps to onshore decision making, complete the review of Asylum Operations in Sheffield as well as ensuring that the reporting from and oversight of the operation of Visa Applications Centres (VACs) is sufficient to understand in detail and respond quickly to any practical or other obstacle affecting their accessibility for family reunion applications.

To access this report, click [here](#).

The Home Office's response to the report can be accessed [here](#).

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## Funding

### **Family Action's Educational Grants Programme**

Family Action distributes grants to individuals over the age of 14, looking to unlock their educational potential by participating in further education. Many individuals face challenges during their time at college which may mean they're unable to complete their studies and pursue their future career goals. For others, their life situation may change meaning they need to re-train to gain employment that suits their family life.

Family Action's Educational Grants Programme helps individuals to begin their studies as well as supporting existing students to continue and complete their studies.

To find out more information, click [here](#).

## **National Lottery Community Fund**

This programme offers a larger amount of funding for projects that last up to five years and will fund projects that work with their community that are 'people led', including projects that bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities, improve the places and spaces that matter to communities, and projects that can help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage. This includes projects in relation to refugee and asylum seekers communities.

For more information on the funding, and how to apply, click [here](#).

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## **Training/ Events**

Due to COVID-19, East Midlands Councils has decided to postpone all face to face training and events at this time. However, over the last few months, training has been adapted to be delivered virtually. Please see below the online training that has been held, as well as upcoming training, which can also all be accessed online [here](#).

For more information on training, please email [Hannah.Smith@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.Smith@emcouncils.gov.uk)

### **Online Training /Webinar**

#### **Working with Interpreters by Reset (14<sup>th</sup> October, 5-6:30pm)**

This training will be hosted by Ilir Hoti from Clearvoice Interpreting Services. The trainer will go through tips and best practice for working with telephone, in person and volunteer interpreters.

For more information or to book, click [here](#).

#### **Refugee awareness & befriender training with Restore (19<sup>th</sup> October, 7:15-8:45pm)**

Restore are offering free training online for anyone interested in discovering more about refugee issues, or volunteering as a befriender with Restore. The sessions include an introduction to the global refugee situation, the UK asylum process, as well as hearing from a befriender and a refugee themselves.

For more information or to book, click [here](#).

#### **Modern Slavery & Human Rights Event: Building new collaborations in modern slavery research (FREE, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2-4pm)**

This event will create a platform for academics, activists, survivors, lawyers, business representatives and many others to talk directly to colleagues from different areas of anti-slavery work about ideas and potential research projects that the Modern Slavery PEC could fund.

Click [here](#) to find out more information or to book on.

### **Tackling Modern Slavery in UK Businesses (from 5<sup>th</sup> November onwards, Online, FREE)**

Stronger Together offers training solutions to assist businesses in tackling modern slavery. Forced labour is a hidden crime undertaken by exploitative individuals and criminal gangs. Many employers are not aware of how this exploitation may be taking place in their businesses and UK supply chains today. 4-hour live interactive training split into two halves with a lunch break in between. This is an interactive training including the opportunity to ask our expert trainers questions.

For details and to book, click [here](#).

### **Rights & entitlements of young refugees, UASC and migrants (£120, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10-4:30pm)**

Coram Children Legal Centre are hosting a one-day training course which covers law, policy and processes affecting migrant and asylum-seeking children (UASC) and young people, focusing on unaccompanied children who are looked after and care leavers. Participants will gain an understanding of these children's particular needs and vulnerabilities, gaining a practical understanding of how to support them across different areas: the asylum and immigration system, trafficking, age assessment, and care and support including transition at 18 and 21.

To find out more or to book on, please click [here](#).

### **Training Feedback**

#### **Eritrean Cultural Orientation Training Session (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July)**

IOM UK hosted another great virtual session the East Midlands region for individuals working with resettled refugees or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. Both of the 2-hour training sessions were well attended by 47 participants in total. Overall, 66% of the respondents felt the degree to which their learning needs were met was above very good. 57% of respondents rated the facilitators' knowledge as excellent. Additional feedback was given for more time on the virtual training and a further session to include refugee cultural adaptation in the country of resettlement.

#### **Advanced Child Trafficking Training (14<sup>th</sup> September)**

ECPAT UK delivered 5 sessions of their piloted Advanced Child Trafficking training to the East Midlands region to 16 participants. Over 85% of the participants rated the training as excellent and 100% of the delegates felt the trainer met their expectations and felt the training would impact on their practice.

### **Further training/ event details**

If you are interested in delivering a training session, signing up to a course, or about any of the training/ events we have previously held, please contact Hannah Smith, EMSMP Programme Officer. [Hannah.smith@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.smith@emcouncils.gov.uk)

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### **Future East Midlands SMP Briefings**

The next Strategic Migration Partnership Briefing will be available in December 2020.

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