

# East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Briefing

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

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

The [National Transfer Scheme](#) 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 686 unaccompanied children. Within the East Midlands, five of the nine upper tier authorities are currently accepting transfers. Participation in the scheme remains voluntary.

If your council would be interested in finding out more about the Scheme, please contact [Matthew.Clarke@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.Clarke@emcouncils.gov.uk) or alternatively if you would be interested in attending an introductory course on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, then please [click here](#) for further information.

#### **Boost in funding for councils looking after unaccompanied asylum seeking children**

On 8th May 2019, the Home Office announced a funding boost for local authorities looking after unaccompanied asylum seeking children. These changes mean that local authorities will be paid the same amount for every UASC that they look after, regardless of the child's age or when they entered the UK. Local authorities will receive £114 for each child every day that they are in their care which equates to over £41,600 per year per child. Based on the number of UASC looked after by local authorities nationally, the increase in funding will total over £30 million per year.

The boost came from the Home Offices' review into the funding for UASC, which involved consultation with a large number of local authorities, NGOs, the Association of Directors of Children's Services, Local Government Association and Strategic Migration Partnerships, including evidence provided by EMC.

#### **Guidance on Home Office funding for UASC**

The Home Office issued a [guidance](#) on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to set out the conditions under which local authorities may claim reimbursement of costs for supporting and caring for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. For queries relating to this funding instruction or the submission of applications please email [UASCLAFundingTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:UASCLAFundingTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk)

#### **Children claiming asylum guidance**

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019, the Home Office updated their [Children claiming asylum guidance](#) for the purpose to take into account the introduction of the option of conducting substantive asylum interviews by video conferencing.

## **British Red Cross – Free Online Training for family based-carers and care professionals**

The British Red Cross' [SAFE e-learning](#) courses aim to enhance the knowledge and skills of professionals and family-based carers (foster carers and kinship carers) who provide care and support to unaccompanied and separated children in Europe. This online course may also be useful for a wide range of professionals and individuals who wish to enhance their knowledge on the issues related to unaccompanied and separated children.

The course is structured into two modules that consist of a core module which provides an introduction to overall understanding of the situation of the unaccompanied and separated children.

The other part of the course contains context and information on the national legal framework on asylum as well as care provisions.

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

### **New 20-21 Scheme**

In 2015 the government committed to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees from the Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA) by 2020, and more than 17,000 Syrians have already arrived in the UK through the scheme. As this scheme was originally in place until March 2020, the UK government [reports](#) that they will extend the scheme beyond 2020 into countries outside the Middle East and North Africa, with the hope of resettling at least 5,000 more refugees<sup>1</sup>. The government said that although it had agreed to welcome between 5,000 and 6,000 refugees in 2020-21, the actual number will depend on factors including the amount of suitable accommodation provided by councils<sup>2</sup>.

### **UK Resettlement funding guidance update**

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the Home Office published the [funding guidance](#) for local authorities in support of the UK's Resettlement Schemes guidance for the year 2019-2020. The funding instructions set out the conditions under which the funding is disbursed, the outcomes required and the processes to be followed to claim funds. They also provide more detailed definitions of eligibility.

### **Further details of UASC and VPRS Programmes**

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. Information

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<sup>1</sup> Home Office '[New global resettlement scheme for the most vulnerable refugees announced](#)' 17 June 2019

<sup>2</sup> Lizzie Dearden 'UK to resettle 5,000 more refugees in expanded scheme' The Independent. Monday 17 June 2019 <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-refugee-resettlement-vulnerable-persons-middle-east-a8962046.html>

on the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme can be found on the [Refugee Resettlement page](#) of the East Midlands Councils website.

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).

## **Asylum Accommodation**

### **Support Services Contracts**

SERCO have been awarded the new housing contract for East Midlands and the switch over happened on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. The new contractors will ensure that vulnerable asylum seekers have access to the support they need and set clear requirements on the standard and condition of accommodation.

For more information on frequently asked questions, visit [SERCO's website](#).

Migrant Help have been awarded the contract for the [Advice, Issue Reporting and Eligibility Assistance services \(AIRE\)](#), which will be a single integrated and national service for asylum seekers to receive free independent advice and guidance. The main areas are on: how to claim asylum, navigating the process, applying for asylum support including accommodation, finding a legal representative, accessing healthcare and many other asylum claim related matters. Pilots have been run with the hope for full service in place by September.

### **Responding to reports of Domestic Abuse from Asylum Seekers**

The Home Office published a new improved guidance on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 on how to respond when someone seeking asylum is experiencing domestic abuse and needs safe accommodation and support from the Home Office. It replaces all previous guidance and is relevant to all asylum-seeking survivors of domestic abuse in the UK.

The new report sets out the guidelines that should be followed in line with legislation by all caseworkers, Home Office accommodation providers (including any sub-contractors) and Migrant Help UK. Where an asylum seeker reports that they are a victim of domestic abuse, the Home Office accommodation provider must offer alternative safe accommodation for the victim and any children immediately.

For more information on this guidance, please [click here](#).

### **Guidance for asylum seekers living in temporary accommodation**

The Home office published a [guide](#) on 29th July 2019 in ten different languages for asylum seekers who are staying in temporary accommodation until their asylum claim is assessed. It mainly covers; housing and services that asylum seekers as expected to receive, who provides and delivers these services, what is expected of asylum seekers and where to report any problems or concerns.

## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

### Online ESOL guidance

Education & Training Foundation have recently uploaded guidance materials on their [website](#) to support practitioners, teachers, classroom assistants, volunteers and others working with ESOL learners, mainly on 'pre-Entry' level. These materials are designed by Learning and Work Institute and Learning Unlimited, and include short videos, guidance documents, screen packages and teaching material.

## Community Sponsorship

### Community Sponsorship Scheme

This scheme is to offer support to allow individuals, charities, faith groups, churches and businesses to support refugees directly. Community sponsorship is a way that community groups can be involved in supporting the resettlement of vulnerable people fleeing conflict in their origin country.

Guidance for local authorities is available [here](#).

### Bringing Community Sponsorship Groups together in every region in the UK Event (15 October, Leicester, 5pm-7pm)

[Reset](#) will be providing an outline for the session, posing questions and themes for discussion, but the direction of the event will be shaped by you! Reset will be talking really honestly about the Community Sponsorship experience, looking for ways in which the things that are done can be used to help others and how the process and programme can be improved. For more information or to book onto this event, please [click here](#).

## Migration

### Statistics

#### Latest immigration statistics released

The Government's latest [immigration statistics](#) (year ending June 2019) 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 2019, the UK issued 18,519 grants of asylum, alternative forms of protection and resettlement which is 29% up compared to the previous year, and was also the highest number of people granted protection in the UK over a one-year period since the year ending September 2003. Of these 40% (or 7,351) were children. This comprised:

- 32,693 asylum applications in the UK in the year ending June 2019, 21% more than the previous year.
- 10,555 grants of asylum (up 61%), with notable increases in grants to Iranian (up 851), Sudanese (up 713), Eritrean (up 617), Afghan (up 504), and Turkish (up 487) nationals.
- 1,126 grants of humanitarian protection (up 31%). Libyan nationals received 683 of these, over half of the total.
- 1,147 grants of alternative forms of leave following an application for asylum (down 3%), including a reduction in numbers obtaining UASC Leave (down 210 or 49%).
- 5,691 people provided protection under resettlement schemes (a similar number to the previous year).

In the year ending June 2019, 44% of initial decisions on asylum applications were grants of asylum, humanitarian protection or alternative forms of leave (such as discretionary leave or UASC leave), compared with 29% in the previous year.

The Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) accounted for nearly three-quarters (4,200) of those resettled in the UK in the year ending June 2019. Since it began in 2014, 17,051 people have been resettled under this scheme. A further 742 were settled under the Vulnerable Children Resettlement Scheme (VCRS).

Over the same period, there were 3,496 applications from UASCs, 39% more than the previous year; UASCs accounted for 11% of total asylum applications in the latest year.

Additionally, 5,993 family reunion visas were issued to partners and children of those previously granted asylum or humanitarian protection in the UK, a similar number to the previous year. Of these, around half (2,913) were issued to children.

As part of this release, the Home Office published '[Migration Statistics Quarterly Report](#)' which reported that an estimated total of 612,000 people moved in the UK and 385,000 people left the UK in the year ending March 2019,

Further to this report, the Home Office also published '[Experimental statistics: asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation](#)' which looked at LGBT asylum claims and the top nationalities of those who applied. Overall, there was a fall of 22% compared with the previous year.

### **National Referral Mechanism Statistics**

[Statistics](#) have been released for the National Referral Mechanism for quarter 2 (April-June 2019).

The data gives a summary of the number of potential victims of modern slavery referred into the National Referral Mechanism.

- The NRM received 2,320 referrals of potential victims of modern slavery. This represents an 8% increase in referrals compared with the previous quarter of 2019.
- Of the 2,320 individuals, 1 in 3 (757) were female and 2 in 3 (1,562) male.

- Around 6 in 10 (1,336) were exploited as adults, and around (984) claiming they had been exploited as minors.
- Similar to the previous quarter, the most common form of exploitation for both adults and minors was labour.
- 622 of the potential victims referred during this period claimed that the exploitation took place overseas only, whilst 1,419 claimed that it occurred in the UK.
- A small number (146) were referred for exploitation in both the UK and overseas, whilst 133 had no location of exploitation identified.
- Around 9 in 10 (2,102) referrals were transferred to police forces in England for investigation.

### **62,500 applications made under the EU Settlement Scheme in the East Midlands.**

The Home Office have published the Local Authority level EUSS data (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-june-2019>) which illustrates that over 62,000 EU nationals resident in the East Midlands had submitted applications between 28th August 2018 and 30th June 2019. With data from "[ONS Population by Country of Birth and Nationality 2018](#)" indicating that the East Midlands had 501,000 EU nationals residing in the region, the number of applications currently submitted equate to 12.47%.

Discussions around the strategic and operational approach to ensure all EU nationals, including the most vulnerable, are provided with the opportunity to submit an application to the EUSS are ongoing at a national, regional and local levels.

Should you require any further information or advice regarding the EU Settlement Scheme, please contact Brein Fisher at East Midlands Councils on 01664 502636 or via e-mail at [brein.fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:brein.fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## **Housing Rights**

### **'Right to rent'**

The government have announced that despite much scrutiny, the laws on the 'right to rent' checks for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens will remain as they are now until 1st January 2021. This will remain the same if the UK leaves the EU with or without a deal.

For more information, visit the [guidance online](#).

### **EU Settlement Scheme affects housing and benefits eligibility**

In a report on 30th May 2019, the Home Affairs Committee raised their concerns about the effects of the EU Settlement Scheme on housing and benefit eligibility. The main concerns were around individuals, who had been legally resident in the UK for years, could be left in an uncertain situation regarding their rights and eligibility to remain in the UK, and that many EU citizens are at risk of being

left out altogether. However the government has now clarified the eligibility for housing and benefits of EU nationals already in the UK. Although, there are still some unanswered questions about what is to happen to people who arrive here from the EU once we are no longer a member.

For more information on this, visit [the Chartered Institute of Housing's website](#).

## **Migrant Health**

### **Migrant health resource for practitioners**

The [British Medical Association](#) has produced an [asylum seeker and refugee health resource](#) for medical practitioners to help them understand asylum seekers' and refugees' health needs and how to overcome common barriers to healthcare. This link provides an overview and background of asylum seekers' and refugees' health, their entitlement to NHS provisions, unique health challenges, managing language and literature barriers and lots of other information.

### **Briefing on migrant health in the UK**

The Migration Observatory published a [briefing](#) on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 on the health of migrants across the whole of the UK. This briefing examines the health outcomes of migrants as well as the extent to which health problems impact their day-to-day activities or their jobs. The key outcomes were: migrants in the UK were less likely to have health problems than the UK born, according to survey data from 2018. Workers in low-skilled jobs reported fewer health conditions than those in high-skilled occupations, and migrants' health advantage over the UK born is larger for those who recently moved to the UK. The report also illustrated that the share of the population reporting a long-lasting mental health problem is 9% among the UK born and 5% among the foreign born.

### **EU citizens' rights after a 'no-deal' Brexit: What does the law say?**

This summary describes the laws that are applicable to EU nationals residing in the UK, or who arrive in the UK, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October 2019. The position is stated on the basis of the law and the stated intentions of the Government as of the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

This summary includes EEA nationals resident in the UK before exit day, EEA nationals arriving in the UK after exit day, healthcare for EU/EEA citizens in the UK before and after exit day and the social security for EEA nationals both before and after exit day.

For more information, please refer to the report from Public Law Project on [EU citizen's rights after a 'no-deal' Brexit](#).

## Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

### Support Services

The [Human Trafficking Foundation](#) have worked with the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and ATLEU to map support services for survivors of trafficking in the UK. The new map of services will now be used by the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Unit to support police officers in finding services to support potential victims. These services include: Accommodation, Drop-In, Education and Vocational Training, Outreach, Casework and Advocacy, Psychological Support and Counselling, Legal Advice, Multi-Agency and Anti-Slavery Partnerships.

For more information on adding to these services and finding out about your local services, please visit their [website](#).

### Independent review of the Modern Slavery Act: final report

The [final report of the independent review](#) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 was published on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The aim of the review was to consider the operation and effectiveness of, and potential improvements to, provisions in the Act. The review looked at the transparency in supply chains legislation set out in the Act at section 54, along with lots of different areas. The Home Office agreed to adapt the law, and said 'we agree and will launch a public consultation. Following the consultation, we will make the necessary legislative changes as soon as Parliamentary time allows'<sup>3</sup> in their [response to the review](#).

### Child Trafficking/ Exploitation

On 9th May 2019, the '[Tackling Child Exploitation Support Programme](#)' launched in line with the Department for Education's 'Strengthening Families, Protecting Children' programme, which was designed to improve how local areas responded to child exploitation; including gangs, drug dealing, online grooming, sexual exploitation, 'county lines', trafficking or modern slavery. The £2 million programme will help equip professionals involved in the protection of young people to identify those most at risk from dangers in their communities and online.

By October 2019, every council in England will be able to apply for bespoke support from the scheme to tackle specific threats in their area; bringing social workers, police forces, schools, health services and charities together to improve how they respond to cases of exploitation, and learn from what works.

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<sup>3</sup> Home Office 'UK Government Response to The Independent Review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015' Point 21. Page 7

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/815410/Government\\_Response\\_to\\_Independent\\_Review\\_of\\_MS\\_Act.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/815410/Government_Response_to_Independent_Review_of_MS_Act.pdf)

For more information on frequently asked questions, please visit the website of [Research in Practice](#) who are the lead in this programme.

## **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Network**

The NRPF network have recently published their [annual report](#) on local authority support for people with no recourse to public funds. The data is taken from the NRPF Connect database that includes 59 local authorities and includes information about the households that requested social services' support. The data shows that:

- 59 local authorities supported 2658 households at an annual cost of £47.5 million (at year end)
- Local authorities saw an overall reduction of £100,000/ week (10% over the year) due to a decrease in the number of households receiving support by the year end
- Requests for support increased by 17% compared to 2017-18
- The Home Office responded to 14,603 requests for immigration status information
- 80% of households exited the service due to a grant of leave to remain with recourse, enabling them to access mainstream benefits, resulting in a cost to local authorities of £62,000 (based the average cost and length of time a household is supported)
- Households were provided with support for an average of 820 days
- The number of households supported for 1,000 days or longer reduced by 20% across the year but make up 22% of the overall caseload.

It was noted that although the database meant that local authorities made an overall saving of 10%, the amount of requests of support is increasing. NRPF Network provided a [document on their recommendations](#) to alleviate the financial impact of providing essential safety net support to NRPF households supported by local authorities:

## **Education**

### **Fee regulations in England will impact on access to university for people with humanitarian protection**

The Department for Education (England) has amended regulations about the fees status of people with Humanitarian Protection (HP). From 1 August 2019, new students who have been granted humanitarian protection status will no longer automatically be considered "home" students for fee purposes. Instead, students will have to complete an ordinary residence test to show they have lived in the UK for at least three years. They will be considered "international" students if they start a course before they meet that test.

For more information on this, please visit the Student's Action for Refugees' [website](#) or visit the UK Council for International Student Affairs' [website](#) for further details.

## News

[Slavery 2.0? Human trafficking. This is how it affects you](#) – 09 August 2019

City Press published a report on the different forms of modern day slavery and what is happening all around the world. The report included a human trafficking survivor and activist's story who says she can't celebrate Women's Month while women are being raped and killed every day. The concluding part of the new report included information about new legislation on the Management of Trafficking in Persons Offences.

[Inquest uncovers suffering of Eritrean refugee found hanged](#) - 12 August 2019

The Guardian published a life story about a teenage refugee from Eritrea who was found hanged in London after surviving imprisonment and torture in his home country and his journey through Europe to reach safety in the UK.

[Rise in EU citizens not getting UK settled status causes alarm](#) – 30 August 2019

The Guardian further published an article around the number of citizens who were not being granted settled status, but were being granted with pre-settled status, meaning that they had fewer rights.

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## Funding

### **£100 million Controlling Migration Fund helps alleviate council pressures across England**

Councils across England are set to receive a further £28 million to help ease pressures on local services resulting from recent migration. This brings total funding from the government's Controlling Migration Fund to over £100 million.

From tackling rogue landlords, helping alleviate rough sleeping or boosting community integration through English language lessons, the fund has helped deliver rapid results for communities. Over the area of East Midlands around £1.5 million has been granted in the final funding, focusing on areas such as UASC, migration integration and help with English language.

For more information on the new projects, please visit the [report](#)

### **Trafficking Survivor Emergency Support Fund**

The Human Trafficking Foundation's Trafficking Survivor Emergency Support Fund is available to help victims of human trafficking and modern slavery with small one-off grants to meet their immediate needs when no other sources of funding are available. More information on how to apply can be found at [here](#).

## **Comic Relief 'Across Borders: Routes to Safety for Refugees'**

As part of their 'A Safe Place to Be' pillar of work, Comic Relief are launching a funding programme for organisations supporting refugees on the move along the key migration routes, from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to Europe, including the UK.

Their overall aim is to support refugees and people seeking asylum to safe, legal and dignified routes, to fulfilling and happy settlement, whether that be in the country of destination, transition country or country of origin. Comic Relief is looking to fund a mixed portfolio, which aims to achieve social change through a combination of:

- Direct service delivery at grassroots level
- Shifting public attitudes and countering negative narrative through campaigns, the arts, media, popular culture, both in the UK, Europe and beyond
- Changes to policy, practice and legislation.

For organisations applying for UK based work, it should be clear from the proposal that applicants are committed to working with and informed by people who have made that journey.

Funding is available for a minimum of three to a maximum of five years. Successful applicants will demonstrate that they are committed to working in partnership, either through informal collaborations or through formal funded partnership.

There are two options for funding in the UK:

- One investment of up to £800,000 for a funded partnership.
- Investments of £150,000 - £250,000 for a smaller funded partnership or for a single organisation, but evidence of embedding a collaborative approach is essential.

The deadline for first stage applications is **16 September 2019**. To find out more, please follow this link: [Across borders: routes to safety for refugees | Comic Relief](#)

### **Allen Lane Foundation**

The Allen Lane Foundation is interested in funding work that promotes the inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees, and helps with their integration and settling into life in the UK. They fund organisations that work with asylum seekers and refugees regardless of where they originate from. The aim is to assist with the provision of relevant advice, information or advocacy; with social or therapeutic activities aimed at lessening isolation, work to help change public attitudes or policy in relation to immigration issues, practical and emotional support; English classes, destitution support; hosting/accommodation projects; and drop-in costs.

For more information on how to apply visit their [website](#).

## Training

### **Tackling Modern Slavery in UK Businesses (2<sup>nd</sup> October, Rushden, Northants, £145-195)**

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. This one-day participatory course aims to inform and equip delegates to address forced labour, implement good practice and minimise the risk to their business.

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

### **Age Assessing Separated Children and Young People (2<sup>nd</sup> October, Manchester, Early Bird offer till 13 September at £145)**

Refugee Council are offering a training for assessing ages of separated children and young people. The one-day course is designed and delivered by experienced practitioners with extensive up-to-date working knowledge and practical experience of this subject matter. The course aims to help participants to understand the legal framework within which age assessments are conducted. Delegates will look at both legal requirements and best practice guidance and discuss a range of factors, including cultural differences, which can affect the age assessment process.

For more information on this course and to book, [click here](#).

### **The rights and entitlements of young refugees and migrants (9<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November, £120)**

Coram Children's Legal Centre presents a one-day training course covering law, policy and processes affecting migrant and asylum-seeking children and young people, focusing on unaccompanied children who are looked after and care leavers. Participants 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. For more information on how to book, [click here](#).

### **Bringing Community Sponsorship Groups together in every region in the UK Event (15<sup>th</sup> October, Leicester, 5pm-7pm, Free)**

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### **Access to education for migrant children (17<sup>th</sup> October, London, £48)**

This course is run by Coram Children's Legal Centre and is designed to give an overview of legal entitlements and issues surrounding gaining access to education for children and young people who are undocumented, are claiming asylum, or have another kind of immigration status. Education at all levels will be covered: compulsory education, ESOL, college and university. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Introduction to Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (22<sup>nd</sup> October, London and 20<sup>th</sup> November, Leeds, £51.71 – £122)**

The Refugee Council are running an introduction to mental health and wellbeing support for refugees and asylum seekers. This course introduces the topic of mental health and wellbeing for refugees, helping delegates to understand needs & barriers and how these may present; and to consider how they can respond from early-intervention and psychosocial perspectives. This course would benefit anyone who works with refugees or asylum seekers, without a specific mental health responsibility, e.g. housing officers, interpreters, education staff, police, voluntary and community organisation professionals and volunteers. For more information or to book, please [click here](#).

### **Child Trafficking Awareness Training (25<sup>th</sup> October, Melton Mowbray, Free)**

ECPAT are holding a course which is designed for practitioners working with children to develop a clear understanding of how to recognise child trafficking, exploitation and modern slavery, as well as provide up-to-date skills to respond to these abuses and better support trafficked children. This is essential training for all first responders (Local Authorities, Health and Social Care Trusts, Police, UK Border Force, UK Visas and immigration) on their roles and responsibilities in working with potential victims of child trafficking, exploitation and modern slavery. Spaces are limited on this course.

For more information on this course, or to book on, please email [Lois.Dale@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Lois.Dale@emcouncils.gov.uk)

### **Introduction to the rights of children and young people in the immigration system (26<sup>th</sup> November, £48)**

Coram Children's Legal Centre also presents an introduction to the rights of children and young people in the immigration system and aims to give an overview of children's rights to non-legal professionals who work with children and young people. The course will cover the basics of asylum, immigration and nationality law, finding a lawyer and legal aid. It will look at the rights of children in families as well as separated children. For information on how to book, [click here](#).

### **Modern Slavery/Trafficking Training (27<sup>th</sup> November, Nottingham, Free)**

Nottingham City Councils' Community Relations Team have organised a full day interactive workshop to be delivered by the [Snowdrop Project](#). The training will focus on what modern slavery is, indicators and signs, vulnerability, first responders, consent, National Referral Mechanism, referral process,

support available, complexities and sensitivities, professional curiosity, case studies, good practice and filling in MS1 forms. For more information, please [click here](#).

### **Online awareness-raising training about torture and help support victims in the UK (free)**

REDRESS has prepared a free e-learning course designed for community organisations and similar organisations without specialist legal knowledge. The training is designed for community organisations and similar organisations without specialist legal knowledge who have contact with migrants and asylum seekers in the UK, and aims to raise awareness about the following: the concept of torture in the international human rights framework; how to seek accountability for torture; and the aspects of the international human rights system which may be most useful to those who are in contact with torture survivors within the asylum system, or others at risk of mistreatment in immigration detention.

Further details are available [here](#).

### **Online Council of Europe Toolkit – language support (free)**

The Council of Europe has developed a [toolkit](#) (available in seven languages) to support member states in their efforts to respond to the challenges posed by unprecedented migration flows. The toolkit is designed to assist organisations, and especially volunteers, providing language support for adult asylum seekers and refugees.

## **Jobs**

### **Regional UASC Foster Care Project Team Manager**

**Starting salary: £40,701, Permanent, Closing Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 midnight**

This is an exciting and innovative new post to help shape the recruitment, assessment and retention of foster carers for migrant children and young people across the East Midlands, with the post holder being employed by Leicestershire County Council. The post holder will lead a new team of Social Workers, delivering a high-quality service and driving the recruitment of carers for migrant young people. The post will be offered on a permanent basis with the successful candidate being initially assigned to the 18-months project and then moving onto a management post in another part of the service, following the project's end. For more information or to apply, [click here](#).

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## **Anti-Human Trafficking Day (18th October 2019)**

The Day aims to raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of modern-day slavery and human trafficking. [Anti-Slavery Day](#), 18th October 2019, provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, and encourage government, local authorities, companies, charities and individuals to do what they can to address the problem. It was created by the Anti-Slavery Day Act, a Private Members Bill introduced Anthony Steen CBE, now Chair of the Human Trafficking Foundation. Below are some training and resources that link to Human Trafficking:

[Modern Slavery Awareness](#)- 2 hours (2<sup>nd</sup> October) (free)

[Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Training](#)- full day (2<sup>nd</sup> October) (£103.75)

[Beyond Helping: Empowering Survivors of Modern Slavery](#) – ½ day (18<sup>th</sup> October) (£52.69)

[Anti-Slavery Partnership toolkit](#)

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

The next Strategic Migration Partnership Briefing will be November 2019.

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