



# Borough of Sanctuary Strategy 2025

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# Foreword from Cllr Peter Mason and Cllr Blerina Hashani



**Ealing is home to one of the most diverse communities in the UK. The most recent census suggests that the majority of us were born overseas. Our neighbourhoods are full of people who have made our borough their home, whether they have travelled from other parts of the UK or from overseas. We are a proud borough of multiple identities, national origins, culture, language and beliefs, united together in a common sense of ownership and belonging to the place we all now call our collective home.**

Our seven towns tell the story of countless generations of families who have made the move to our great city whether seeking out a better life and better opportunities, or having had to make the sacrifice to spend their lives in fleeing from war

or persecution. From the Windrush generation, the mid-century arrival of residents from India and Pakistan, to welcoming refugees from Kosovo.

In the last two decades we have seen a variety of programmes aimed at resettling different nationalities like Syrians, Afghans and Ukrainians, as well as asylum-seeking residents from all around the world. By becoming a Borough of Sanctuary, we set out our commitment to create a place for those people who are fleeing violence and persecution.

In doing so, we set out our work in taking robust political and community-based actions so we can better meet the needs of our sanctuary-seeking residents, and enabling you the public to hold us accountable for delivering.

As the Leader and Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities we are dedicated to not only being champions for our sanctuary-seeking residents, but also in enabling so many more people from across our borough to become champions too. This is the tool in which we will ensure Ealing Council delivers.



# Layla's Foreword

**When the civil war started in my home country of Syria, my husband and I knew we had to leave. There was no electricity and I was deeply worried for the safety of my four children. We arrived in the UK in April 2018, and last year, I became a British citizen.**

My first year in London was difficult, I had no community, and the language differences were very challenging. However, I was determined to learn English to support my children. Today, I am an Ealing Community Champion, and I volunteer as a peer mentor for other Syrian refugees. I want to help others who are on similar journeys. I am currently training to become a Teaching Assistant, as I have always had a passion for teaching and learning.

Ealing Council's refugee resettlement team has been important in supporting my family and helping us navigate the complexities of settling into a new life. Through ESOL classes, I've met people from Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq, which has allowed me to build my own network and community.

I often witness refugees achieving remarkable things as they strive to rebuild better lives for themselves and their families. This is important because there is always something missing when you begin again in a new country.

I think that with resilience and kindness, we can all contribute to a more inclusive and supportive society for those seeking sanctuary.



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## Introduction

In an interconnected world, geopolitical events can resonate locally, impacting communities far and wide. Ealing, with its diverse population, stands as a testament to this reality. Across the seven towns, there are over 170 languages spoken and 51% of residents were born outside of the UK. Our borough is a vibrant mosaic of cultures, each contributing to the rich tapestry of our community. Embracing this diversity, we are committed to creating an environment where every resident, regardless of their origin, feels welcomed and supported.

The Sanctuary Strategy is a reflection of our dedication to this mission. It has been crafted to ensure that our newest citizens can thrive. This strategy is for a wide audience which includes; sanctuary seeking residents, Ealing council officers, other stakeholders such as the Voluntary Community Faith Sector (VCFS) – especially organisations delivering to sanctuary seeking residents, and Ealing residents – especially those interested in understanding what the council and its partners are doing to support sanctuary seekers and refugees. Recognising the historical and ongoing contributions of our VCFS, this strategy aims to build upon their invaluable work. The VCFS has long been a cornerstone of support for sanctuary-seekers, demonstrating unparalleled agility, resourcefulness, and a deep connection with residents.

Over the past year, we have engaged extensively with VCFS groups and the individuals that they serve. This collaborative effort has culminated in a strategy that is not only ambitious but also grounded in the lived experiences of our residents. Alongside this strategy, a VCFS Delivery Plan will be developed, featuring a collection of achievable projects identified by those within our community. By centering the voices of residents with firsthand experience, we ensure that our priorities and actions are aligned with their needs and aspirations.

As we move forward, this strategy will serve as a guiding framework for our efforts to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment in Ealing. Together, we will build a community where every resident can find sanctuary and the opportunity to flourish.

In parallel with an increased internal focus on sanctuary, Ealing Council is progressing through Borough of Sanctuary accreditation. This award is given to councils working in partnership with VCFS groups to embed an environment of welcome in their borough. The Borough of Sanctuary scheme is part of the national City of Sanctuary movement, which aims to create a network of places throughout the UK that are proud to be places of safety and inclusion for people forced to flee their homes. The strategy will be implemented over three years, starting in April 2025, aligning with the Borough of Sanctuary accreditation period.

A key element of this strategy is the council's Internal Action Plan which contains commitments from every directorate, meaning that no matter where in the organisation a sanctuary-seeking resident makes contact, they will receive appropriate support and signposting. This action plan will be monitored by an Oversight Board to ensure successful delivery through the lifetime of the strategy. The funding for the strategy is provided by central government integration funding and not from the council's own funds.



## Immigration in Ealing – 1950 to present day and the borough’s response

As we look to what we hope to achieve in the future, it is helpful to highlight the historical context of migration in Ealing. The council has progressively expanded its support for refugees and asylum-seekers over the decades, demonstrating a responsive and inclusive approach to global humanitarian crises. This expansion reflects the borough’s recognition of the interconnectedness of global events and local responsibilities, leveraging its multicultural identity, active community networks, and progressive policy frameworks to address the diverse needs of displaced individuals.

The 1950s and 1960s were pivotal decades for Ealing as shifts in immigration, following the India-Pakistan Partition of 1947, significantly shaped the borough’s demographic landscape. Ealing, with its proximity to London and thriving industries, became a key destination, particularly the town of Southall, and saw the establishment of vibrant communities with rich cultural traditions, including new places of worship, businesses, and cultural institutions. These early immigrants, many of whom faced initial challenges of discrimination and integration, have laid the foundation for the borough’s current diverse population.

Over the decades that followed, the area welcomed additional groups of migrants and refugees, resulting in the development of more structured refugee support, aligning local efforts with global humanitarian needs. In a landscape of changes to UK asylum and refugee policies, the council has, in collaboration with the Refugee Council, VCFS and other organisations, provided emergency housing, language services, healthcare and educational access for displaced individuals, among many other services and networks of support.

Recent years have presented Ealing Council with a unique set of challenges due to multiple humanitarian crises, the fall of Kabul in 2021, the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and the increase in contingency asylum hotels. These events resulted in a significant increase of displaced people requiring immediate and sustained support.

Community involvement has been integral to

fostering a welcoming environment for migrants and refugees, such as through the involvement of faith groups, local VCFS organisations and individual residents, with the impact being a sense of shared responsibility, enabling the borough’s residents to directly support refugee families. An example of Ealing’s residents’ demonstrating willingness and readiness to support refugees was through countless homes opening their doors to Ukrainians displaced by the Russian invasion as part of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. The council provided essential coordination and support for both hosts and guests and established welcome hubs where Ukrainian families could access immediate assistance such as housing, English language courses, job placement services, and healthcare. Recognising the psychological toll of displacement, the council worked closely with local NHS services to offer mental health and trauma support.

### Where are we now?

This evolving history has shaped our current provisions and outlines our future goals. Current services provided by the council for sanctuary-seeking residents includes:

### Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS)

We participate in the VPRS, providing safe resettlement opportunities for Syrian refugees. This includes access to housing, healthcare, education, and tailored support to aid integration.

### Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)

We support individuals and families relocated under ARAP and ACRS with efforts focussed on housing, financial assistance, and employment support to enable long-term stability.

### Homes for Ukraine (HfU)

In response to the Ukraine crisis, we facilitate the HfU programme, connecting Ukrainian refugees with host families in the borough. We offer wraparound services such as financial support, housing advice, and integration assistance to participants.

## Training and capacity building:

- Trauma-informed and No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) training is provided for council staff across customer service, adult and children's social care, and housing. This is often delivered in partnership with the VCFS.
- The council has developed an NRPF Handbook and is expanding it for internal and external stakeholders, including asylum hotel managers and VCS organisations.

## Initiatives targeting asylum-seekers residing in hotels:

- Kitchens Pilot Programme – Focused on maternal and child nutrition to reduce malnutrition and improve health outcomes.
- Reduction in A&E and Urgent Treatment Centres UTC Visits – Educational campaigns promote self-care and the use of primary care services such as pharmacies and GPs.
- Physical Activity Pilot – Launched in Southall to promote healthy lifestyles for residents with chronic conditions.
- Sexual Health Outreach – The council commissions VCS and NHS providers to improve access to sexual health services for vulnerable groups.

## Housing and rough sleeping services:

- Supporting households without recourse to public funds with legal and housing assistance.
- Draft housing strategy 2024-2029 developed with input from VCFS, outlining actions to provide affordable and quality housing, promote inclusion, and support vulnerable populations.
- Our dedicated team and VCS partners provide tailored support to rough sleepers, including homelessness support and resettlement team offers multidisciplinary, person-centred assistance.

## Support for refugee children in schools:

- John Perryn Primary School actively supports refugee and asylum-seeking children, who make up 14% of its student body. Efforts include tailored educational support and creating inclusive environments.
- Community Champions Programme mobilises volunteers to promote community wellbeing and outreach for vulnerable groups.

## Key support programmes and services

- Household Support Fund (HSF) provides funding for VCS organisations assisting refugees and asylum-seekers.
- Digital inclusion activities offer free data and online resources to facilitate access to services.
- Asylum-seekers Kitchen Project enables families in interim accommodations to access home-cooked meals and foster familial connections.
- Customer connections service provides advice on benefits, financial assistance, and signposting to relevant services, including VCS organisations.
- Collaboration with VCS organisations.
- Legal casework for UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children) is outsourced to VCS organisations, offering affordable and specialised support.





## Demographics

Ealing had a population of approximately 367,100 as of the 2021 Census. The ethnic composition reflects its multicultural nature:

**43.2%**

### White ethnic groups:

43.2%, a decrease from 49% in 2011. This includes 24.3% identifying as English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, or British.

**30.3%**

### Asian or Asian British:

30.3%, with Indian residents being the largest subgroup at 14.9%. This group has seen an 11% increase since 2011.

**10.8%**

### Black or Black British:

10.8%, with African residents accounting for the largest increase (31% growth), while Caribbean residents slightly declined.

**5.2%**

### Mixed or multiple ethnic groups:

5.2%, showing a 27% increase from the previous census.

**10.8%**

### Other ethnic groups:

10.5%, reflecting a 91% growth due to improved self-identification options.





## Language and citizenship

The borough's linguistic diversity is significant, with many residents speaking languages other than English at home, such as Punjabi, Polish, and Arabic. Around 35% of the population held passports from the European Union, while 8% were from non-EU European countries.

## Experts by experience

The Sanctuary Strategy and all sanctuary work undertaken by the council is shaped by the very residents that we seek to serve. We are guided by the approach of “nothing about us, without us”.

In the year leading to the publication of this strategy, the council undertook a series of engagement sessions to speak directly with residents, often hosted by VCFS organisations. These sessions are the building blocks of a systematic and ongoing commitment to meaningful engagement to ensure the priorities that were identified by residents are put into action and delivered.

As can be seen in the Action Plan, a participation group will be established in 2025 where residents can meet to organise, advocate and engage in a format of their own design. The council will provide light-touch support where requested, but the community will evolve in a manner of their choosing. The Action Plan also details how participation in existing groups will be encouraged, ensuring that there are no barriers to access and appropriate support is provided so that existing forums can be shared equitably.

## Ealing Sanctuary Forum (ESF)

This forum is intended to provide a space for VCFS groups to co-ordinate, capacity-build and hold the council accountable, with the hope of the council playing a decreasing role over time. The inaugural Forum meeting was held in November 2024 and subsequently meets quarterly. The Forum will be responsible for drafting a Delivery Plan consisting of reasonable and appropriate goals decided by the VCFS groups to achieve independently. Separately, it is proposed that ESF play a significant role in decision-making for a Community Fund that would disburse small grants to local, grassroots organisations.

The Forum will be co-chaired by the Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and a rotating co-chair representing VCFS groups. The Forum will also include a Board comprised of residents from various migration pathways and statutory partners. The Board will be responsible for decision-making and strategic direction while the wider membership will contribute to feedback, and delivery where appropriate.

## Values

Through consultation with ESF, the following values were identified as priorities for the ongoing sanctuary work taking place in Ealing:

- Inclusive - We centre experts by experience in every facet of our work ensuring that it is guided by residents and the priorities they identify.
- Collaborative - We acknowledge the invaluable contribution and leadership demonstrated by the VCFS and work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our residents.
- Solidarity - We undertake this work in recognition that there is more that unites us than divides us. We recognise that anyone can become a refugee and we stand side by side in support of our global family.
- Welcoming - We aspire that our borough will provide a place of safety and the opportunity to thrive for our newest citizens.
- Equitable - We operate in a person-centred manner to meet people where they are and honour the intersectionality of sanctuary-seeking residents.
- The strategy has also been developed in line with City of Sanctuary's values of:
  - Inclusivity - We welcome and respect people from all backgrounds, place value on diversity and are committed to equality.
  - Openness - We are committed to a culture of working collaboratively across the City of Sanctuary networks and in partnership with others.
  - Participation - We work with people seeking sanctuary and value and recognise the contribution of all. We aspire to ensure that

people seeking sanctuary are involved in all decision making at all levels and are supported to become leaders in the organisation, networks, and the wider movement.

- Inspiring - We work with enthusiasm and positivity and are determined to surpass what has already been achieved to welcome refugees and people seeking sanctuary.
- Integrity - We aspire to high standards of honesty and behaviour, and always to act in the interests of people seeking sanctuary.

## Oversight

In order to realise tangible change in the way the council supports sanctuary-seeking residents, an Action Plan has been created and to ensure that the Action Plan is delivered to the highest standard, a Sanctuary Oversight Board has been convened. The Oversight Board will meet quarterly to identify synergies between departments, monitor progress and resolve any obstacles to delivery. As well as being a strategic and decision-making group, the Oversight Board will also produce an annual report, available publicly to

demonstrate progress and transparency. An evaluation will be undertaken at the end of the three-year strategy which will also form the basis to apply for re-accreditation as a Borough of Sanctuary.

## Action Plan

Following the extensive engagement sessions with residents and VCFS groups, an analysis of the feedback was undertaken. Solutions to the challenges that were highlighted were drafted and proposed to the council's departments and services. These proposals were discussed and costed by each department and have been collated into a council-wide Action Plan.

This ensures that wherever a resident connects with the council, they will receive appropriate support. The goals have been spread across the three years of the strategy, covering Financial Years 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28. The total cost of the strategy is £2.2m. This is taken from funding provided by central government specifically for sanctuary-seekers and will not be drawn from the council's core budget.



Table 1: Housing and Environment action plan

Housing and Environment		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
Resettlement - already committed to HO to resettle 12 families over the year.	Review with Home Office at their request	Review with Home Office at their request
Rent guarantor scheme - Council acts as a guarantor for Ukrainians to access PRS - 5 in 2025/26.		
Capacity to develop a dashboard and manage the data analysis by July 2025.		
Digital connectivity programme (Refugees/Asylum-seekers) - Planning by Jan 2025, Implementation April 2025 - March 2026, Measure impact/write report March 2026.		
Lodgings – covert 2 current sponsorship arrangements into lodgings to improve tenancy sustainment	Lodgings - covert 5 current sponsorship arrangements into lodgings to improve tenancy sustainment	
Extend the Ealing & Hounslow Community Voluntry Services (EHCVS) programme and increase funding to support small projects implemented by a newly formed group led by Ukrainians.		
Wellbeing programme for Refugees and Asylum-seekers - Work with internal colleagues, including the NHS and Ealing Learning Partnership (ELP)		
Sanctuary Coordinator - this officer would sit in the H4U or Resettlements teams and would be of great benefit to the BoS scheme. The officer would co-ordinate the provision of services from education, NHS, housing, and charities, helping to facilitate some of the work that is currently happening, but also expanding on it. They would work closely with BoS, helping to implement measures to be delivered under the scheme.		





Housing and Environment		
<p>Housing Officer - the housing officer role would be twofold – information and homelessness prevention.</p> <p>The officer would provide information and advice on housing options by way of leaflets, drop-in sessions and conversations with residents, attending each hotel on a weekly basis. They would ensure that residents were aware of all their housing options.</p> <p>The officer would monitor residents exiting hotels. If families wanted to approach Ealing for homelessness assistance, the officer would take a part 7 application and line-up an offer of out of borough accommodation (as appropriate), providing enhanced assistance with relocation – school placements, GP access, transport etc.</p>		
<p>To support individuals facing homelessness with substance misuse issues, we will commission VCFS organisation to provide temporary accommodation following detox treatment. This initiative will offer safe, stable housing for those committed to recovery, with the goal of reducing relapse rates and promoting long-term well-being. The accommodation will cost approximately £40 per individual per night, providing essential support for individuals who have completed detox. This funding will bridge a critical gap, enabling participants to transition safely as they engage in ongoing recovery programmes</p>		

Table 2: Adults action plan

Adults		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
Coordinate with Mosaic to introduce immigration status tick boxes to facilitate data analysis of resident's needs	Quarterly reporting	
Highlighting or developing process to check immigration status		
<p>75% of Adult Social Care (ASC) officers to complete trauma-informed training. Also identify training that addresses learning around non-statutory vulnerability.</p> <p>25% of ASC in advanced trauma-informed/human rights.</p>	<p>100% of ASC officers to complete trauma-informed training. Also identify training that addresses learning around non-statutory vulnerability.</p> <p>25% of ASC in advanced trauma-informed/human rights.</p>	<p>100% of ASC officers to complete trauma-informed training. Also identify training that addresses learning around non-statutory vulnerability.</p> <p>25% of ASC in advanced trauma-informed/human rights.</p>
Sanctuary experienced resident to take part in the following groups: Carer's Forum, Learning and Disability Partnership Board, Autism Partnership Board, Carer's Partnership Board. Where this is an existing sanctuary-seeking resident within the service user in the cohort they will be invited to the partnership and where there isn't, an engagement session will be held with the aim of identifying potential candidates. Barriers to participation will be eliminated.		

Table 3: Public Health action plan

Public Health		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
Baseline understanding of coverage of Safer Surgeries steps in Ealing, and learning needs around Safer Surgeries. Working with NWL ICB to identify further action required to promote Safer Surgeries toolkit and training.	Reviewing coverage of Safer Surgeries in Ealing, and working with NWL ICB to further increase coverage.	Reviewing coverage of Safer Surgeries in Ealing, and working with NWL ICB to further increase coverage.
Health and wellbeing strategy year 3 action plan to include mapping existing tailored service provision for sanctuary-seeking residents and identifying gaps where further work is required.	Bridge gaps identified in year 1	
Mini-chapter on health of sanctuary-seeking residents in Ealing	Implementation of JSNA recommendations	
Healthy Ealing Team work plan to support specific health needs for sanctuary-seeking residents based on our knowledge of priority areas - poorly controlled chronic conditions and pregnancy, co-producing action with this group and stakeholders working with them.	Implementing action which may include supporting registration with GP services (aligning with Safe Surgeries work), baseline assessments and screening, outreach events for chronic conditions, engagement events for wider health screening of pregnant women.	Reviewing evaluation of year 2 actions and continuing what works well, stopping or further amending what does not work.

Table 4: Resources action plan

Resources		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
Update, translate and print NRPf and sanctuary signposting handbook	Update, translate and print NRPf and sanctuary signposting handbook	Update, translate and print NRPf and sanctuary signposting handbook
Review business case for use of property for a partnership support hub with Rough sleeping team and VCFS in Southall		

Table 5: Economy and Sustainability action plan

Economy and Sustainability		
Expand telephone translation service contract from social services to customer connections.		
Provide quarterly reporting on the number of NRPf residents making inquiries		
75% of Customer Service Officers will undertake trauma-informed training		
Officer from Strategy & Change to attend quarterly team meetings to update on any sanctuary policy		

Economy and Sustainability		
<p>Deep-dive on all sanctuary funding to establish a baseline budget including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homes for Ukraine</li> <li>Historic VPRS funding including health, education and ESOL</li> <li>DLUHC's demand-led English language support to Hong Kong BN(O)s.</li> <li>ARAP/ACRS including education, ESOL/ childcare, flexible housing, adaptations</li> <li>Local Authority Housing Fund</li> <li>UK Resettlement Scheme including education and ESOL/childcare</li> <li>Asylum dispersal grant</li> <li>Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child</li> </ul>		
Pilot to offer 100 free gym and swim memberships to hotel residents/NRPF families		
Library of Sanctuary accreditation for Ealing Central	Library of Sanctuary accreditation for Acton, Southall and Northolt	

Table 6: Children's action plan

Children's		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
Procure legal casework support at OISC level 3.		
Free school uniform voucher worth £100 for each child in asylum and dispersal accommodation and NRPF families		
Targeted recruitment of foster carers to look after children seeking sanctuary in Ealing. There is an ongoing requirement to ensure that there are sufficient homes to meet the needs of our children in care, children seeking sanctuary is one of the groups of children and young people that we target as part of our ongoing recruitment. We are currently enhancing our recruitment activity in the digital space and there will be an ongoing financial commitment to this digital marketing . We are working closely with CAN digital and will continue to supplement the digital activity that is undertaken through foster west London with more localised campaigns and prospecting.		
John Perryn to achieve SoS status and be supported to become Local Lead	3 schools to receive status annually	
Early Years officer to attend drop-in session at hotels quarterly to ensure all eligible families are accessing free childcare		
Appoint UASC-experienced young person to Ealing Sanctuary Forum		
Match-funding for nurse for 18+ sanctuary-experienced young people		

Table 7: Strategy and Change action plan

Strategy and Change		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
A Community Fund aimed at small grants for grass-roots organisations		



Strategy and Change		
Year 1 (FY 25/26)	Year 2 (FY 26/27)	Year 3 (FY 27/28)
Officer to attend each "Your Voice Your Town (YVYT)" Roadshow to present on Borough of Sanctuary and coordinate Human Library.		
Scope demand for a separate participation group for sanctuary-seeking residents		
Officer from S&C to speak at 4 equalities groups on sanctuary	Officer from S&C to speak at 3 equalities groups on sanctuary	
Provide laptops and training to 15 residents who are participating in ESF and other forums		
Community workers coordinating support in asylum hotels and walk-ins in Community Hubs	Community workers coordinating support in asylum hotels and walk-ins in Community Hubs	Community workers coordinating support in asylum hotels and walk-ins in Community Hubs
City of Sanctuary registration fee to be paid in advance of final assessment		
Provide resources (Borough of Sanctuary lead and project officer) to drive and coordinate the Borough of Sanctuary action plan work over 3 years both internally and externally -ensuring action plan delivered and provide secretariat to the various boards.		





## Glossary

### **An asylum seeker, or a person seeking asylum –**

is someone who has left their country of origin and formally applied for asylum but whose application has not yet been concluded, where asylum is protection or safety given by a government to people forced to leave their own countries for fear of persecution.

### **A refugee –**

a refugee is someone who has a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion; and is outside the country of their nationality; and is unable, or owing to their well-founded fear unwilling, to avail themselves of the protection of that country.

In the UK, a person becomes a refugee when government agrees that their application for asylum meets this definition (taken from the Refugee Convention) and recognises them as a refugee. The other route for refugee status in the UK is to be accepted onto one of the dedicated resettlement schemes prior to arrival.

### **UASC -**

UASC stands for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and refers to children who are outside their country of origin seeking asylum, are separated from parents and relatives, and are

not in the care of someone who is responsible for them in a guardianship role.

### **The Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme, Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme (up to 2020/21) -**

refers to specific programmes where the Home Office and United Nations Human Rights Committee identify the most vulnerable refugees for resettlement. The refugee resettlement programme is how we refer to this programme in the Council, where we accept referrals to welcome and resettle these families.

### **A migrant –**

a migrant is someone who has moved from one country to another, not for reasons of asylum or refuge. Often the move is for work, education or to be with family. People may also move to alleviate significant hardships that arise from natural disasters, famine or extreme poverty.

### **Homes for Ukraine –**

refers to a series of initiatives and programmes aimed at providing housing to Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced by the ongoing war with Russia, which began in 2022. These efforts typically involve government-led or community-driven projects, where individuals, families, and organisations offer accommodation to people fleeing the conflict.

