



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 8th March 2022

To the Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities

Refugee Relocation & Resettlement Scheme Funding

Relevant Member(s)	Cabinet	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Rachel Blake		All wards	Yes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Government has provided Local Authorities with funding streams across a number of resettlement and relocation schemes to support families evacuated as part of ongoing humanitarian crises in areas such as Afghanistan and Syria.
2. These relocation and resettlement schemes are part of the various Government initiatives to provide those who have been assessed as requiring sanctuary, either through assisting in the UK's efforts in Afghanistan directly, stood up for values such as democracy, women's rights, freedom of speech and rule of law or were part of an oppressed group as assessed by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).
3. This report sets out each of the Government initiatives that Doncaster Council has been requested to, and agreed, to support with each one outlined in more detail further in the report. These schemes include the:
 - **UK Resettlement Scheme - UKRS** (previously Vulnerable Persons / Syrian Resettlement Programme), - 7 financial years from 2021/22 to 2027/28
 - **Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy** – ARAP, 3 years from 2021/22 to 2024/25
 - **Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme** – ACRS 3 years from 2022/23 to 2025/2026
 - **Bridging Hotel arrangements.** Suggested length of support will cover 2021/22 and 2022/23 but may be subject to change
4. The families received into Doncaster, be that permanently or temporarily, all have the appropriate visas, the right to work and recourse to public funds and are, as such, Citizens of Doncaster for the duration of their stay.
5. The funding provided by the Government enables the Local Authority to provide

wrap around support to those offered sanctuary within each scheme. It focuses on key elements of life to ensure that the families not only integrate as quickly as possible, but have the fundamental provision with which to be able to do so.

6. This wrap around support includes provision around:
 - Health – Additional funding is provided directly to the CCG
 - Education – Likely to come via DfE funding into the Local Authority rather than Home Office and Migration Yorkshire
 - Employment
 - Housing (where the relocation is permanent)
 - Financial security
7. Migration Yorkshire are coordinating activity including claims to the Government. They submit the claims on our behalf based on the number of individuals and the time period covered. The funding is paid retrospectively every 4 months. The Government funding instructions were not finalised until late December 2021 and claims are being submitted with the first payment expected at the end of March/early April 2022.

EXEMPT REPORT

8. This is not an exempt report

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. To accept the proposed estimated funding allocation of the value up to £2m across 7 financial years
10. Given the depth of the humanitarian crisis the Government has approached all Local Authorities to pledge to take additional families from the ACRS in 2022/23 as part of the fair share scheme where Local Authorities have pledged to take families based on the size of their population. To pledge to take a further 5 families through the ACRS in 2022/23 in addition to the estimated total of 67 Individuals (breakdown of allocations in the background section below) to be resettled in Doncaster and a total of 131 in temporary residence at the bridging hotel; and
11. To delegate decisions in respect of any further additional funding and changes linked to these existing schemes to the Director of Adults, Health and Well-Being, the Portfolio Lead for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities and the Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 officer).

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

12. The families who are coming to Doncaster, be that permanently or temporarily, all have visas, the right to work and recourse to public funds and are, as such, Citizens of Doncaster for the duration of their stay.
13. **For the families linked to the Schemes** - The Wrap Around support provided to the families is to help with integration into their new communities in order to help them feel safe and secure within their new environments. Early intervention and prevention measures are employed to ensure that the families become self-reliant, active citizens who have a positive impact on their community much quicker than if they had no support provision in place.
14. **For the wider community** – Doncaster is a caring community that celebrates its

diversity. Participation with the schemes demonstrates Doncaster's commitment to humanitarian support and, due to the background of some of those being resettled within Doncaster, will add further useful skills, expertise and a wider cultural enhancement into the borough. Through accepting these funding streams, this support will be provided without cost to the Council and enable focused efforts to help settle families in to become part of, and start to contribute to, their new local community minimising the risk of any community tensions.

BACKGROUND

15. The UK Government, along with many other Governments, committed to offering a safe and legal route for people at risk and/or identified as in need and seeking protection within their home or host countries. This includes those who:
 - Assisted the UK British Forces efforts in Afghanistan
 - Stood up for values such as democracy, women's rights, freedom of speech, and rule of law
 - Are families who are vulnerable and/or in danger, including women and girls at risk, and members of minority groups at risk (including ethnic and religious minorities and LGBT+) fleeing their home / host countries
 - Have registered with the UNHCR; and the UNHCR consider meet one of their resettlement submission categories.
16. To provide appropriate support to people arriving in the UK through these routes the Government has developed, expanded and amalgamated previous schemes such as the Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) which emanated from the Humanitarian crisis in Syria in 2014, to meet the needs of those offered protection by the UK.
17. This has resulted in the following four schemes being developed and implemented in order to deliver the support committed to by Central Government. These current schemes are –
 - a. **UK Resettlement Scheme - UKRS** (previously Vulnerable Persons / Syrian Resettlement Programme). We have already welcomed a family (2 individuals) with a further 5 families (25 individuals) to be resettled as part of our agreed pledge. Total of 6 families (27 Individuals).
 - b. **Afghan Relocation and Assistance Scheme – ARAP**, we have already welcomed 3 families (15 individuals) as part of our agreed pledge.
 - c. **Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme – ACRS**, we anticipate 5 families (25 individuals) to be resettled as part of our agreed pledge.
 - d. **Bridging Hotel arrangements**, we have welcomed 30 families (131 individuals), temporarily, who will be resettled across the UK.
18. To coordinate activities the Government has commissioned regional organisations to work with Government departments and Local Authorities. For the Yorkshire & Humber region, the coordinating organisation is Migration Yorkshire and the Council will use the part of the funding provided to commission the Refugee Council to provide the wrap around support to all families across all the highlighted schemes. This is based on previous arrangements in other schemes. This will be complimented by support from the Communities team and key partners across the Council. Due to the speed of their arrival of the Bridging Hotel cohort, there is provision of an initial wrap around support team which is a collaborative approach

by the Local Authority and key Partners.

19. Cabinet Members are requested to approve the acceptance available to the Local Authority of an estimate up to £2m across a period of 7 financial years. This is based on the Breakdown below.

Table 1. Funding table showing the income for the various schemes including the funding for the additional 5 ACRS families arriving in 2022/23

Scheme	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/6	2026/7	2027/8	Total
UKRS	£16,302	£136,761	£105,393	£89,386	£60,028	£27,159	£5,355	£440,384
ARAP	£61,886	£111,829	£60,174	£24,331	£0	£0	£0	£258,220
ACRS		£223,777	£119,988	£80,317	£0	£0	£0	£424,081
Proposed ACRS (2022/23)		£130,402	£141,440	£86,554	£25,702	£0	£0	£384,098
Bridging Hotel	£171,146	£313,990	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£485,137
Total	£249,335	£916,759	£426,995	£280,588	£85,729	£27,159	£5,355	£1,991,920

20. The table above contains an amount of £384,098 (greyed out). This is the funding the Council would receive should Cabinet Members accept the recommendation at paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** to pledge to take a further 5 families through the ACRS in 2022/23.

21. Should the Cabinet not accept the recommendation to pledge to take a further 5 families the funding would be as per the table below with an estimated income to the Council of £1.61m:

Table 2. Funding table showing the income for the various schemes but only covers our existing pledges

Scheme	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/6	2026/7	2027/8	Total
UKRS	£16,302	£136,761	£105,393	£89,386	£60,028	£27,159	£5,355	£440,384
ARAP	£61,886	£111,829	£60,174	£24,331				£258,220
ACRS		£223,777	£119,988	£80,317	£0			£424,081
Bridging Hotel	£171,146	£313,990						£485,137
Total	£249,335	£786,357	£285,555	£194,034	£60,028	£27,159	£5,355	£1,607,822

22. All claims will be submitted by Migration Yorkshire based on the number of individuals on the various schemes. Therefore all monies shown in the table above are those coming to the Council and will be for its own use, this does not include funding for Migration Yorkshire for coordination or the Refugee Council to provide wrap around support, as this is directed to them at source from the Government claim settlement.

23. The CCG are provided with additional funding to cover any initial costs for health care for the families. The Government provides the funding directly to the CCG. Hence the figures above are for all categories other than the funding which goes directly to the CCG.

24. Additional funding is provided to cover any additional costs for the provision of Education for school age children in their first year in the UK and is based on the age of the child. Although all of the funding goes to Education the funding has been included in the calculations as money coming to the Council.

25. For ARAP, ACRS and UKRS, the Council uses the funding to provide wrap around support for the families, this includes:

- Providing furnished accommodation which is affordable and sustainable and may include monies for a bond
- Registering the family with utilities companies prior to arrival
- Integration into the local community using Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations
- Holistic well-being support

Through the Refugee Council:

- Registering the family with GPs and, where possible, dentists as soon after arrival as possible
 - Arranging for the school aged children to be placed in a local school with appropriate support
 - Arranging for English language support for any adults who require it
 - Assisting Adults who wish to continue their education to register with local colleges
 - Opening a Bank Account for the family
 - Starting the Universal Credit claim process and providing financial support until the claim is finalised
 - Assisting the families with Job Search support
 - Familiarising the family with local facilities and support to develop self-resilience
 - Continuation of the work on integrating the families into the local community through the VCS
 - Ensuring that family members attend any appointments made
 - Continuing early identification of any needs and any issues that are developing in order that these can be managed at an early intervention and prevention level and minimise escalations into more costly services where possible.
26. As the families in the Bridging Hotel are waiting for their permanent accommodation, which could anywhere in the UK, the Council provides all of the above support other than providing furnished accommodation and registering them with a utilities company.
27. A partnership approach has been taken in developing the wrap around support and in relocating the families who have already arrived, this includes both internal and external mainstream agencies along with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to ensure that the integration process can be as smooth and effective as possible.
28. Regular meetings are held covering themes such as Education, Health and Finances and for the Families who settled here under ARAP, ACRS and UKRS, Housing. A summary meeting of local Partners is then held to resolve any cross cutting issues. Further meetings are then held with external regional and national partners to update and ask for assistance in any issues which can't be resolved locally.
29. The following provides a more detailed explanation of each schemes:
- UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS)**
30. The UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) focuses to bring families to the UK who

have fled or are fleeing a humanitarian crises in their own country and currently residing in UNHCR Refugee Camps in neutral countries. Under the UKRS, the UK has committed to offer a safe and legal route to vulnerable people in need of protection.

31. This scheme superseded the previously named Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in April 2021 and provides a more global catchment than its predecessor whereby this was previously focused on Syria. The families are assessed by the UNHCR while in the camps for suitability for Refugee Status in the UK and are allocated to Local Authorities who have pledged to welcome families to their area; Doncaster has pledged to welcome 5 families (25 individuals) and resettled one family (2 individuals) to date as part of its fair share commitment. Total of 27 individuals to be resettled.
32. Families are provided with a 5 year support package although it is believed that consideration is being given to reducing the support package to 3 years in line with ARAP and ACRS. The families are issued with a 5 year visa with the right to work and full recourse to public funds. Families can apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain in their 5th year.
33. The funding provided is based on the number of individuals in a family with additional amounts for education as follows:

Year one	Adult	Child 5-18	Child 3-4	Child under 3
Local Authority costs	£8,520	£8,520	£8,520	£8,520
Education		£4,500	£2,250	

34. The education funding is only provided in the first year. We have not yet received the funding instructions beyond year one, but, if it is based on the previous programme funding will be as follows:

	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Local Authority cost	£5,000	£3,700	£2,300	£1,000

35. This gives a **total of £20,520** of funding per person over the 5 years of support. If the support is reduced to 3 years, the Home Office has indicated that it is likely that the same total funding will be available per individual just over a shorter period.

Afghan Relocation & Assistance Policy (ARAP)

36. The Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) scheme was the initial initiative introduced at the end of December 2020 by the Defence Secretary and Home Secretary due to the changing situation in Afghanistan. The scheme launched on the 1st April 2021 and focuses on any current or former locally employed staff directly employed by the UK Government to work for the British Forces in Afghanistan.
37. Under the scheme, those assessed to be at serious risk of threat to life due to the nature of the role they played within the British forces, became eligible to apply for relocation within the ARAP scheme for them and their families, regardless of the employment status, rank or role, or length of time served. This led to the evacuation of around 7,000 people from Afghanistan.
38. Doncaster Council pledged to take 3 families (15 individuals) and the funding attached to this scheme ensures provision of 3 years wrap around support and a 5 year visa with the right to work and full recourse to public funds. However, the

families already living within Doncaster will need to apply to convert their temporary leave into Indefinite Leave to Remain. Any future families relocating under the ARAP will now automatically receive Indefinite Leave to Remain. The Refugee Council also provide additional support to these families and work alongside the Local Authority and wider partners in order to support the families feel settled, safe and secure within their new communities.

39. The funding provided is based on the number of individuals in a family with additional amounts for education as follows:

ARAP funding	Year 1 - Unit Costs	Year 2 - Unit Costs	Year 3 - Unit Costs
	£	£	£
Per Person Funding - LA Tariff	10,500.00	6,000.00	4,020.00
Education Funding - Per Child Aged 5 to 18 Years	4,500.00	-	-
Education Funding - Per Child Aged 3 to 4 Years	2,250.00	-	-
ESOL Funding - Per Adult aged 18+ (if required)	850.00	-	-

40. As with the UKRS this gives a total support of **£20,520** per individual but over 3 years.
41. The ARAP scheme runs simultaneously to the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) which is detailed next.

Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)

42. The Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) offers sanctuary to vulnerable and at-risk individuals who arrived in the UK under the evacuation programme from Afghanistan and is now superseding ARAP which was the initial scheme linked to the Afghanistan evacuations.
43. The scheme, which falls under 'Operation Warm Welcome', will further prioritise those people who have assisted in the UK efforts in Afghanistan who face ongoing risk due to their involvement in standing up for democracy, women's rights and freedom of speech or rule of law, but who were not able to be evacuated at that time within the initial ARAP scheme detailed above.
44. In addition, this scheme will also prioritise vulnerable people, including women and girls and members of minority groups at risk, including ethnic and religious minorities and LGBT+. Those who were called forward by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, but who were also unable to evacuate before ceasing operations in Afghanistan, will also be guaranteed a place under the ACRS.
45. Doncaster Council has pledged to take a further 5 families (25 individuals) through the ACRS scheme, subject to suitable private rented or housing association properties being secured in order to accommodate families. As part of the funding arrangements the scheme offers a 3 year wrap around support package with individuals having Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), the right to work and full recourse to public funds.
46. At present the scheme is not yet open, however an application process is expected to open shortly for those who were evacuated from Afghanistan not already identified on the scheme but who meet the criteria. This includes families relocated through the ARAP scheme who would then receive Indefinite Leave to Remain and

British Nationals whose families who do not have British Nationality but were evacuated from Afghanistan.

47. Due to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan all Local Authorities have been asked to pledge to accept further families over the next 3 years. Doncaster has been asked to take a further 5 families (23 individuals) in 2022/23, this is in line with the fair share allocations devised by the Government.
48. The funding provided is based on the number of individuals in a family with additional amounts for education as follows:

ACRS funding	Year 1 - Unit Costs	Year 2 - Unit Costs	Year 3 - Unit Costs
	£	£	£
Per Person Funding - LA Tariff	10,500.00	6,000.00	4,020.00
Education Funding - Per Child Aged 5 to 18 Years	4,500.00	-	-
Education Funding - Per Child Aged 3 to 4 Years	2,250.00	-	-
ESOL Funding - Per Adult aged 18+ (if required)	850.00	-	-

49. As with the UKRS and ARAP this gives a total support of **£20,520** per individual but over 3 years.

Families in a Bridging Hotel

50. The success of Operation Pitting was unprecedented, the biggest and fastest emergency evacuation in recent history. As a result it is recognised that secure, more permanent housing is not readily available for families to accommodate.
51. Therefore, Central Government introduced the use of Bridging Hotels whilst the effort continues to work with Local Authorities to secure more permanent housing across the county and ensure families have the support they need, whilst also making sure that local services are not put under undue strain.
52. These hotels provide interim accommodation and enable the initial wrap around support identified to be put in place whilst families are matched to communities that support their needs and aspirations, which could be anywhere in the UK.
53. It is known that, as permanent relocation relies on the Home Office working with Local Authorities across the UK to secure suitable accommodation, families can be in the Bridging Hotels for a number of months, although this move on process is now gaining some momentum.
54. The Home Office stepped up such a bridging hotel within Doncaster to offer sanctuary to families fleeing the current crisis within Afghanistan. As part of the funding arrangements, these families are provided with wrap around support for the duration of their temporary stay within the Bridging Hotel, in the same way as that seen within the ARAP and ACRS schemes. This support is currently being led by Doncaster Council, alongside Health, Police and DWP partners with a stepped handover to the Refugee Council.
55. The families accommodated within Doncaster's Bridging Hotel are currently here on a 6 month visa and will be given the opportunity to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain via the ACRS once the application process starts.
56. Migration Yorkshire have been commissioned by the Government to provide coordination in the region.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

57. Option 1 –

- a. To accept the funding from Central Government; and
- b. Pledge to take a further 5 Afghan families through the ACRS in line with the Governments fair share analysis for allocations to local authorities.

This will allow the Council to deliver each scheme as outlined to provide appropriate wrap around support for those families fleeing Humanitarian Crises to demonstrate the Council's commitment to care for those that are vulnerable and to support equality and diversity without putting undue pressure on Council services that are already working at capacity. **This is the recommended option.**

58. Option 2 –

- a. To accept the funding from Central Government; but
- b. Not take the additional 5 Afghan families in 2022/23 through the ACRS, leaving other local authorities to offer homes to families fleeing the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan

This will allow the Council to deliver each scheme as outlined to provide appropriate wrap around support for those families fleeing Humanitarian Crises to demonstrate the Council's commitment to care for those that are vulnerable and to support equality and diversity without putting undue pressure on Council services that are already working at capacity.

59. Option 3 - To not accept the funding, as some of the families are already in Doncaster, this would mean that the Local Authority would be supporting these families at its own cost with existing resources and capacity which are already stretched and under pressure.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

60. Option 1 would be the recommended option as accepting families through a controlled process, with the appropriate funding support available, was seen as the best option as it would allow Doncaster to play its part in the response to humanitarian crises in a way that would minimize the impact on the wider community and help families integrate as quickly as possible.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

61.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better access to good fulfilling work• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish• Inward Investment	<p>Some of those arriving on the various schemes are highly qualified and held high positions within their home / host countries.</p> <p>Elements of the wrap around support being provided is aimed at supporting employment, assisting individuals to be work ready as soon as practicable and encourage them to find work locally.</p>

	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>Through these schemes those families resettled and relocated are supported to live confidently, safely and independently within our local communities.</p> <p>This is to encourage each person to become active citizens who respect and appreciate all aspects of the heritage of Doncaster and further enhance the cultural diversity within the borough.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	<p>One of the first pieces of work carried out within the Schemes is to ensure that those of school age are registered with local schools.</p> <p>For some, this is the first time they have had the opportunity to go to school and we are ensuring that they are provided with the right support to maximise the benefit of education as soon as possible.</p> <p>An element of funding also enables work with providers to ensure that adults, where appropriate, have access to English for Speakers of Other Languages training to help make them work ready.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	<p>The schemes align to supporting those vulnerable families, including men, women and children, and minority groups evacuated due to being at risk of persecution by the current regimes.</p> <p>The wrap around support aims to help people develop self-reliance, build opportunities and encourage independent living with and without wider community and service support.</p>
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions 	<p>The schemes align directly to and support the Doncaster Delivering Together aims including within the 6 wellbeing goals and the great 8.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	
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RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

62. Although we have pledged to take our fair share of families under ARAP and ACRS there is likely to be a further call to take additional families due to the continuing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and is any Local Authorities choose not to take their fair share of families. As seen with the current Bridging Hotel it is also acknowledged there could be further hotels stepped up if the Home Office feel necessary.
63. If Doncaster volunteers to resettle more families, it is assumed that the funding instructions would be as they are now. Therefore, as previously indicated, increased funding may become available under these existing schemes and provision to accept this has been included in this report under point 10.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials HMP..... Date 11.1.22]

64. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do.
65. The money received must be used for the purpose for which it has been given and any conditions and reporting requirements must be complied with. There should be a clear audit trail of how and when the grants are spent to comply with any terms.
66. Legal advice should be sought if necessary with regard to any issues over the receipt, use and reporting of the spending of monies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS C.S Date 11.01.22

67. The Home Office will allocate funding in exchange for housing Afghan families and providing integration services as part of the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), UK Resettlement Scheme – UKRS, Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme – ACRS. This includes, providing furnished accommodation which is affordable and sustainable, registering the family with utilities companies prior to arrival, Integration into the local community and holistic well-being support. The bridging hotel provides interim accommodation and enable the initial wrap around support identified to be put in place whilst families are matched to communities that support their needs and aspirations, which could be anywhere in the UK.
68. As per Financial Procedure Rule E9 this decision is required to accept the funding outlined in the report. The proposed estimated funding allocation of the value up to £2m is across 7 financial years as detailed below. Local Authorities will be asked to pledge to accept further families over the next 3 years, therefore in respect of any further additional funding and changes linked to these schemes, this report seeks to delegate the acceptance to Phil Holmes, the Director of Adults, Health and

Well-Being (DASS) in conjunction with the Portfolio Lead for the Directorate along with Financial Service colleagues.

69. It is estimated that there is a total of 90 Individuals as outlined in the body of this report to be resettled in Doncaster and a total of 128 in temporary residence at the bridging hotel. This funding includes education and English Language classes and will be paid to places of education. This does not include any health payments, the CCG will receive funding directly.

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70. Leeds City Council, on behalf of Migration Yorkshire, has agreed to receive the grant and be the accountable body on behalf of itself and Doncaster Council. There will be a partnership agreement between Leeds City Council and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, which will cover the funding, obligations, monitoring arrangements, outcomes and payment terms. The UKRS, ARAP & ACRS schemes are not ring fenced grants but monies provided must not be used for any purpose other than achieving delivery of the Schemes outcomes detailed in the Instruction, nor is it permissible to vire any such funds elsewhere without prior written consent from the Authority. The grants are paid in arrears (30 days after claim is submitted and it is expected to cover Local Authority lead and additional costs and is cost neutral. Payments are subject to compliance with the terms of the partnership agreement and in particular the achievement of the outputs, objectives and milestones required.
71. The bridging hotel is a ring fenced grant and must be used for only the purpose of achieving delivery of the schemes and outcomes detailed in the funding agreement, there must be written consent from the authority to vire any funds elsewhere, this will be paid every 4 months (30 days after quarterly claim submitted). The Council will therefore need to ensure sufficient monitoring is in place to ensure compliance.
72. All grant funding is needed to fund additional expenditure incurred within the schemes outlined in addition to covering staffing costs of an existing 0.85FTE Grade 10 for 3 financial years and the service will be recruiting to a new 1FTE Grade 7 post for 3 financial years. Finance will work closely with the service to ensure costs are accounted for accordingly and monitored in line with the requirements of the grants.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PM Date 11/01/22.]

73. There are no direct HR implications in relation to this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...PW Date...06/01/22]

74. There are no technology implications in relation to this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials CEH Date 06.01.21]

75. People who are seeking asylum will have a wide range of experiences that may

affect their health and wellbeing. It is important that families that are placed in Doncaster both in the short and long term are supported with the knowledge and ability to access appropriate health and wellbeing services. Wrap around support provided from various agencies should help to minimise inequalities in health for families so that it does not affect their future opportunities and quality of life.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: DH Date: 11.01.22]

76. Doncaster has successfully resettled 10 families across the borough ensuring that they have the appropriate support and there were no issues which caused community tensions.
77. Those coming to Doncaster on a permanent basis have full recourse to public funds and will be granted indefinite leave to remain and are therefore Doncaster citizens. It is therefore important that they have the same quality of access to services as any other citizen with additional the support described in this report to allow them to integrate as quickly as possible.

CONSULTATION

78. Consultation has taken place with senior members of the Council including the Mayor, Chief Executive, Portfolio Lead and various Directors
79. We have also consulted with Senior Managers from partner organisations from South Yorkshire Police, the CCG, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and Voluntary and Community Sector groups involved in the support of refugees.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

80. None

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACRS –	Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme
ARAP –	Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy
Bridging Hotel –	Temporary accommodation provide to refugees while permanent accommodation is found
CCG –	Clinical Commissioning Group
DASS –	Director of Adult Social Services
ILR –	Indefinite Leave to Remain
LGBT+ -	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans plus other terms to describe sexuality
VPRS –	Vulnerable (Syrian) Persons Resettlement Scheme (preceded by the UKRS)
UK –	United Kingdom
UKRS –	UK Resettlement Scheme
UNHCR –	United Nations High Commission for Refugees

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