



# Leeds Migration Partnership – Priorities 2019/20

## Introduction

- Leeds Migration Partnership (LMP) is trying to maximise the good we can do with the limited resources of our members.
- This means our strategy reflects the priorities and concerns of our members who have time to act on them, and we are not covering everything
- We have tried to link our concerns and proposed activities to the main meetings in Leeds and the Region where these topics are discussed and decisions made.
- These concerns are themed into 4 priority areas – **Health, Housing, Safety and Inclusion, & Employment and Education.**

## How the priorities are structured and why

- Our plans to tackle our concerns are structured around the answers to four key questions
  - **What else is already happening (around these concerns)?**
  - **How can LMP add value?**
  - **Who are the key contacts in LMP who have volunteered to act on these concerns**
  - **Where and how do they intend to influence things?**
- We've done this to make it very clear how members can influence things, who to contact within LMP about these issues, and where to look for changes in the system.
- This is not a perfect strategy, but it's a way of ensuring we identify our existing capacity and out it to best use.
- We will make sure we feed back to members at each of the meetings, and document things on the Blog.

# Health priorities

Urgent Concerns	What else is happening?	How can LMP add value?
<b>Health charging</b> – still no clear public messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup have this as a priority</li> </ul>	We will attend the Health and Well Being Board Subgroup to try and help to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce clearer messages about charging</li> <li>document the negative impact of health charging</li> <li>support work to decrease the negative impact of charging</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Health</b> – GP registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Campaigns by NHS England</li> <li>Health Access Refugees Project by Refugee Council</li> <li>Migration Yorkshire delivering GP registration training</li> </ul>	We will attend the Health and Well Being Board Subgroup to try and help to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce clearer public messages about GP registration</li> <li>document the negative impact of problems with registration</li> <li>promote consistent use of advocacy and interpreting services</li> </ul>
<b>Uptake of Screening and Vaccinations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health campaigns (HIV, BCG, TB, HPV etc)</li> <li>Outreach by BHA Skyline, MAP &amp; MAPP</li> </ul>	We will try to improve engagement with Public Health better, to help make their engagement with migrant communities more effective
<b>Understanding changes within healthcare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Access Refugees project by Refugee Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will make we pass on information about changes to key health services through the Blog and discussed in Meetings.</li> <li>Helpinleeds.com and transitionguide.org.uk will be kept updated</li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health and Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refugee and Asylum Seekers Mental Health Group</li> <li>Leeds and York NHS Foundation Trust are looking at detention rates of BME people accessing mental health services</li> </ul>	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend and report back from mainstream Mental Health forums</li> <li>ensure the needs and perspectives of refugee and asylum seekers are represented there</li> <li>focus on preventative approaches</li> <li>promote and support access to mental health and mental health first aid training for to our members</li> <li>provide clear information on effective referral pathways through the Blog and in meetings.</li> </ul>

# Health priorities – Who to contact & how to influence

Urgent Concerns	Key LMP contacts	Meetings they attend
<b>Health charging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Pearce, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers</li> <li>• Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters</li> <li>• Rose McCarthy, Refugee Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup</li> <li>• Regional City of Sanctuary Health Stream</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Pearce, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers</li> <li>• Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters</li> <li>• Rose McCarthy, Refugee Council</li> <li>• Xxxx Migration Yorkshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup</li> <li>• Regional City of Sanctuary Health Stream</li> </ul>
<b>Uptake of Screening and Vaccinations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin McGready, Leeds City Council</li> <li>• Karen Pearce, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup</li> </ul>
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<b>Mental Health and Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Pearce, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers</li> <li>• Kathryn, Solace</li> <li>• Xxxx, Touchstone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refugee and Asylum Seekers Mental Health Group</li> </ul>

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Urgent Concerns	What else is happening?	How can LMP add value?
<b>Influence standards and share good practice with key organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leeds City Council Selective licensing</li> <li>Migration Yorkshire liaising with Mears over new housing contract</li> <li>Mears engaging with people with lived experience</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>engage with Mears Management and staff by offering local information, training and support</li> <li>Invite Mears to share with members through Strategy/Operations meetings and celebrate success and positive actions through the Blog</li> </ul>
<b>Preventing and managing Destitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refugee Employment Training Advice Service and Local Authority Asylum Seekers Liaison Officers (LAASLO) projects</li> <li>Some work around Domestic Violence and Refuge places</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help to produce accurate statistics and intelligence on migrant destitution, and consistent messages</li> <li>Help to agree and implement a shared pathway out of destitution for migrants in Leeds – drawing on support from The No Accommodation Network (NACCOM).</li> <li>Lobby for a more effective and consistent local response to the housing and support needs of people fleeing domestic violence.</li> </ul>
<b>Lobbying to extend 28 days move on period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refugee Education Training Advice Service (Refugee Employment Training Advice Service) and Leeds City Council</li> <li>Place Based Approach</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help to gather information for organisations running campaigns to extend the notice period</li> <li>Promote these campaigns through the Blog</li> </ul>
<b>Engagement with mainstream Homeless Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homelessness forum</li> <li>Leeds Homeless Charter</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend and report back from mainstream Homeless forums</li> <li>ensure the needs and perspectives of homeless migrants (especially those with no recourse to public funds) are represented there</li> <li>focus on preventative approaches</li> <li>connect with NRPF Network coordinated by Bradford City Council</li> </ul>

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<b>Influence standards and share good practice with key organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan Robert, Migration Yorkshire</li> <li>• Shazia Azam, Leeds City Council</li> <li>• Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network</li> <li>• Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leeds Strategic Migration Board</li> <li>• Leeds Homeless Charter Meetings (inc Migration Sub Group)</li> <li>• No Accommodation West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seeker Network meetings</li> <li>• West Yorkshire Sub Regional Migration Group</li> </ul>
<b>Preventing and managing Destitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan Robert, Migration Yorkshire</li> <li>• Paul Catterall, NACCOM</li> <li>• Shazia Azam, Leeds City Council</li> <li>• Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network</li> <li>• Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leeds Strategic Migration Board</li> <li>• Leeds Homeless Charter Meetings (inc Migration Sub Group)</li> <li>• Leeds Homeless Forum Meetings</li> <li>• No Accommodation West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seeker Network meetings</li> </ul>
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# Safety & Inclusion

Urgent Concerns	What else is happening?	How can LMP add value?
<b>Domestic Violence for women with no recourse to public funds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leeds Domestic Violence Forum</li> <li>!!! Check Safer Leeds Modern Day Slavery Project</li> </ul>	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure representatives attend Leeds Domestic Violence Forum</li> <li>Seek greater clarity on availability/access to use of Refuge Spaces</li> <li>Promoting Leeds Domestic Violence Service Quality Mark to members via Blog and meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Access and uptake of Sexual Health support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHA Skyline</li> <li>Leeds City Council Community Safety activities</li> <li>Support After Rape and Sexual Violence in Leeds (SARSVIL)</li> </ul>	We will encourage members to better network with existing Sexual Health and Women's groups via the Blog and LMP Meetings
<b>Reduce incidence and impact of Hate Crime</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hate Crime Strategy Meetings</li> <li>Leeds City Council Community Safety activities</li> <li>Community Development workers at Refugee Council</li> <li>Basis Yorkshire – linked into Human trafficking work</li> </ul>	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend Hate Crime Strategy Meetings</li> <li>promote increased knowledge and awareness of Hate Crime reporting mechanisms via the Blog and LMP meetings</li> <li>Support Community Safety by encouraging members and individuals they work with to report of Hate incidents and crimes</li> </ul>

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<b>Domestic Violence for women with no recourse to public funds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers</li> <li>• Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leeds Domestic Violence Forum</li> <li>• Leeds Domestic Violence Service Quality Mark</li> <li>• Ad hoc meetings with Adult Social Care and Safeguarding</li> </ul>
<b>Access and uptake of Sexual Health support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ali Mahgoub, Leeds Refugee Forum</li> <li>• Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> <li>• Leeds Health and Wellbeing Migrant Sub group</li> </ul>
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# Employment & Education

Urgent Concerns	What else is happening?	How can LMP add value?
<b>Universal Credit - barrier to employment (zero hour contracts)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapelton CAB, Job Centre Plus (DWP) and St Vincent's support and advise people</li> <li>DWP awareness raising sessions</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote DWP awareness raising sessions to Members and share information through the Blog and Meetings</li> <li>Feed back concerns to DWP via the relationship manager</li> </ul>
<b>English as a Second Language (ESOL)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Migrant English Support Hub (Migrant English Support Hub) website to be launched September 2019</li> <li>An ESOL Strategy for Leeds</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempt to influence funders to develop sustainable provision</li> <li>Attempt to engage with employers to provide/encourage access to ESOL</li> <li>Help Migrant English Support Hub gather info to help develop new provision</li> </ul>
<b>Skills and Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voluntary Action Leeds Volunteering Quality Mark</li> <li>Widespread use of volunteers by LMP member organisations</li> <li>EU funded programmes focusing on migrant employment</li> </ul>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote best practice in volunteering, in line with VAL's Volunteering Quality Mark.</li> <li>Find ways of helping migrant volunteers to access opportunities that will best equip them to find work</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Status – rights to access employment and learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LMP Blog posts</li> <li>Info on <a href="http://transitionguide.org.uk">transitionguide.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://newtoleeds.org.uk">newtoleeds.org.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>We will circulate info via Blog and Meetings on funding/bursaries for Further/Higher Education for people with all kinds of immigration status.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Obligation by the DWP</li> <li>There is a European Social Fund by Leeds City Council</li> </ul>	<p>We will share information through the Blog and Meetings</p>
<b>Employment Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapelton CAB</li> <li>Job Centre Plus</li> </ul>	<p>We will find ways to engage with trade unions, to help migrant workers know and assert their rights and avoid exploitation</p>



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<b>English as a Second Language (ESOL)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Xxxx, Migrant English Support Hub</li> <li>Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Migrant English Support Hub steering group</li> </ul>
<b>Skills and Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gary xxxx, Voluntary Action Leeds Volunteering Quality Mark</li> <li>xxx? Leeds City Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers Managers Network</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Status – rights to access employment and learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniel Mundet, PATH Yorkshire</li> <li>Roger Nyatou, Refugee Employment Training Advice Service</li> <li>Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
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