



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, and Employment and Learning.**

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?	Key contacts	Meetings attended
Health charging – still no clear public messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup have this as a priority 	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Health and Well Being Board Subgroup to try and help to Produce clearer messages about charging Document the negative impact of health charging Support work to decrease the negative impact of charging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Rose McCarthy, Refugee Council Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup Regional City of Sanctuary Health Stream
Access to Health – GP registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Campaigns by NHS England Health Access Refugees Project by Refugee Council Migration Yorkshire delivering GP registration training 	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Health and Well Being Board Subgroup to try and help to Produce clearer public messages about GP registration Document the negative impact of problems with registration Promote consistent use of advocacy and interpreting services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Rose McCarthy, Refugee Council Migration Yorkshire Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup Regional City of Sanctuary Health Stream

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Uptake of Screening and Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health campaigns (HIV, BCG, TB, HPV etc) Outreach by BHA Skyline, MAP and MAPP 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improve engagement with Public Health, to help make their engagement with migrant communities more effective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin McGready, Leeds City Council Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup
Understanding changes within healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Access Refugees project by Refugee Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will make sure we pass on information about changes to key health services through the Blog and discussed in Meetings. Helpinleeds.com and transitionguide.org.uk will be kept updated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Rose McCarthy, Refugee Council Migration Yorkshire Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Well Being Board Migration Subgroup Regional City of Sanctuary Health Stream
Mental Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee and Asylum Seekers Mental Health Group Leeds and York NHS Foundation Trust are looking at detention rates 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend and report back from mainstream Mental Health forums Ensure the needs and perspectives of refugee and asylum seekers are represented there Focus on preventative approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Pearse, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Kathryn Ashworth, Solace Touchstone Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee and Asylum Seekers Mental Health Group

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	of BME people accessing mental health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and support access to mental health and mental health first aid training for to our members Provide clear information on effective referral pathways through the Blog and in meetings. Influence the development of the Mental Health Strategy currently being developed – ensuring Asylum Seekers and Refugees are specifically mentioned 		
Access to health and wellbeing activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Housing Priorities

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Influence standards and share good practice with key organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds City Council Selective Licensing Migration Yorkshire liaising with Mears over new housing contract Mears engaging with people with lived experience 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with Mears Management and staff by offering local information, training and support Invite Mears to share with members through Strategy/Operations meetings and celebrate success and positive actions through the Blog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration Yorkshire Shazia Azam, Leeds City Council Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Strategic Migration Board Leeds Homeless Charter Meetings (inc Migration Sub Group) No Accommodation West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seeker Network meetings West Yorkshire Sub Regional Migration Group
Preventing and managing Destitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee Employment Training Advice Service and Local Authority Asylum Seekers Liaison Officers (LAASLO) projects Some work around Domestic Violence and Refuge places 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help to produce accurate statistics and intelligence on migrant destitution, and consistent messages Help to agree and implement a shared pathway out of destitution for migrants in Leeds – drawing on support from The No Accommodation Network (NACCOM). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration Yorkshire Paul Catterall, NACCOM Shazia Azam, Leeds City Council Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Strategic Migration Board Leeds Homeless Charter Meetings (including the Migration Sub Group) Leeds Homeless Forum Meetings No Accommodation West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seeker Network meetings

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby for a more effective and consistent local response to the housing and support needs of people fleeing domestic violence. 		
Lobbying to extend 28 days move on period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee Education Training Advice Service (Refugee Employment Training Advice Service) and Leeds City Council Place Based Approach 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help to gather information for organisations running campaigns to extend the notice period Promote these campaigns through the Blog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration Yorkshire Roger Nyatou, Refugee Employment Training Advice Service Shazia Azam, Leeds City Council Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Strategic Migration Board No Accommodation West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seeker Network meetings West Yorkshire Sub Regional Migration Group
Engagement with mainstream Homeless Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homelessness forum Leeds Homeless Charter 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend and report back from mainstream Homeless forums Ensure the needs and perspectives of homeless migrants (especially those with no recourse to public funds) are represented there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration Yorkshire Shazia Azam, Leeds City Council Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network Mary Brandon, Asylum Matters Dave Paterson, Unity in Poverty Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Homeless Charter Meetings (inc Migration Sub Group) Leeds Homeless Forum Meetings No Accommodation West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seeker Network meetings

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on preventative approaches • Connect with NRPF Network coordinated by Bradford City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Manager Refugee Support, British Red Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional No Recourse to Public Funds Meetings

Safety and Inclusion

Urgent Concerns	What else is happening?	How can LMP add value?	Key LMP Contacts	Meetings attended
Domestic Violence for women with no recourse to public funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Domestic Violence Forum No Recourse to Public Funds Network established in Bradford 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure representatives attend Leeds Domestic Violence Forum Seek greater clarity on availability/access to use of Refuge Spaces Promoting Leeds Domestic Violence Service Quality Mark to members via Blog and meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Pearce, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Domestic Violence Forum Leeds Domestic Violence Service Quality Mark Ad hoc meetings with Adult Social Care and Safeguarding
Access and uptake of Sexual Health support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BHA Skyline Leeds City Council Community Safety activities Support After Rape and Sexual Violence in Leeds (SARSVIL) 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage members to better network with existing Sexual Health and Women's groups via the Blog and LMP Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ali Mahgoub, Leeds Refugee Forum Karen Pearce, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board Migrant Sub group

Reduce incidence and impact of Hate Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hate Crime Strategy Meetings • Leeds City Council Community Safety activities • Community Development workers at Refugee Council • Basis Yorkshire – linked into Human trafficking work 	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Hate Crime Strategy Meetings • Promote increased knowledge and awareness of Hate Crime reporting mechanisms via the Blog and LMP meetings • Support Community Safety by encouraging members and individuals they work with to report of Hate incidents and crimes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Mahgoub, Leeds Refugee Forum • Roger Nyatou, Refugee Employment Training Advice Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hate Crime Strategy Meetings • Leeds Strategic Migration Board
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Employment and Learning

Urgent Concerns	What else is happening?	How can LMP add value?	Key LMP Contacts	Meetings attended
Universal Credit - barrier to employment (zero hour contracts)	Chapelton CAB, Job Centre Plus (DWP) and St Vincent's support and advise people DWP awareness raising sessions	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote DWP awareness raising sessions to Members and share information through the Blog and Meetings Feedback concerns to DWP via the relationship manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Morgan Chapelton Citizens Advice Simon Betts, Job Centre Plus (DWP) Julie Lindley, St Vincent's Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice forum
English as a Second Language (ESOL)	The Migrant English Support Hub (MESH) website to be launched September 2019 An ESOL Strategy for Leeds	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempt to influence funders to develop sustainable provision Attempt to engage with employers to provide/encourage access to ESOL Help Migrant English Support Hub gather info to help develop new provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migrant English Support Hub Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network Migration Yorkshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migrant English Support Hub steering group
Skills and Training	Voluntary Action Leeds Volunteering Quality Mark Widespread use of volunteers by LMP	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote best practice in volunteering, in line with VAL's Volunteering Quality Mark Find ways of helping migrant volunteers to access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary Blake, Voluntary Action Leeds Volunteering Quality Mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers Managers Network

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	member organisations EU funded programmes focusing on migrant employment	opportunities that will best equip them to find work		
Personal Status – rights to access employment and learning	LMP Blog posts Info on transitionguide.org.uk and newtoleeds.org.uk	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate info via Blog and Meetings on funding/bursaries for Further/Higher Education for people with all kinds of immigration status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education	Youth Obligation by the DWP There is a European Social Fund by Leeds City Council	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share information through the Blog and Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Mundet, PATH Yorkshire • Roger Nyatou, Refugee Employment Training Advice Service • Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Employment Rights	Chapelton CAB Job Centre Plus	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find ways to engage with trade unions, to help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Morgan Chapelton Citizens Advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Forum

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		migrant workers know and assert their rights and avoid exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Betts, Job Centre Plus • Jon Beech, Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network 	