

New Arrivals

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Addressing our Challenges

Hong Kong Settlement programme

- An immigration route opened on 31 January 2021, providing British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders from Hong Kong and their eligible dependants with the opportunity to come to the UK to live, study and work, on a pathway to citizenship.
- Data from the 2021 census indicates that there has been an increase of 817 residents in Trafford born in Hong Kong since 2011. The number is likely to have increased further since the census was carried out.
- We have provided a range of support, through providing school places & a number of jobs fairs targeted at those from Hong Kong and Ukraine.
- They have a wide range of job skills and entrepreneurship, and integrated within our local community.
- Some safeguarding concerns due to different cultural norms

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking children (deemed under 18 when arrived)

- **Trafford Children Social Care have been supporting by fulfilling our statutory duty under the Children Act legal framework**
- **Children's Social Care have 18 Cared for Children who are Unaccompanied and 15 Care Leavers who were formerly Unaccompanied who will be supported to the age of 25 as care leavers**
- **This includes of support to meet their needs such as education, health, employment, accommodation and provide stability through statutory intervention**
- **Our Children's Homes have become experts in this area**

Ukraine: The International and National Context

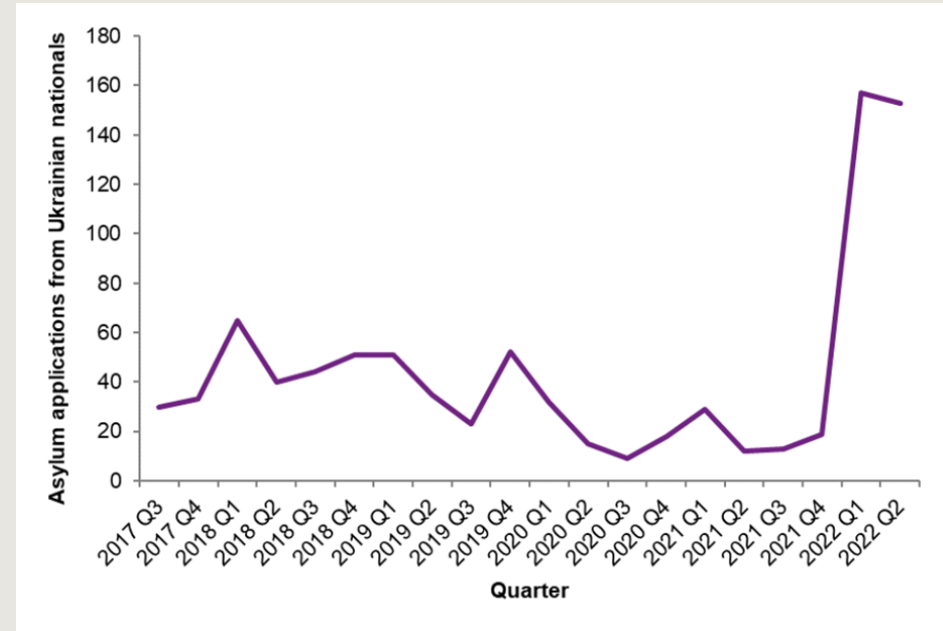
- **Russia's invasion of Ukraine has led to the large-scale displacement of people.**
- **Over 10 million refugees fleeing Ukraine have been recorded across Europe.**
- **As of February 2023 there are approximately 161,400 Ukrainian refugees in the UK.**

National Context

Between January and June 2022, the UK received 310 asylum applications (relating to 484 people) from Ukrainian nationals. Around two-thirds (202) of applications in this period were lodged between the start of the Russian invasion on 24 February 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics>

The Homes for Ukraine scheme allows people seeking sanctuary with no family ties to the UK to be sponsored by individuals or organisations who can offer them a home, such as a spare room or unoccupied residential self-contained unit.

Home Office Asylum applications lodged in the UK by Ukrainian nationals¹, quarterly, from 2017 Q3 to 2022 Q2



Ukraine: Trafford's Position

- The Early Help Hubs Intensive Family Support Team and Trafford Team Together have completed **120 families initial home visit - face to face** since 30th March 2022.
- We have been working closely with home for Ukrainian teams to ensure that the families coming to the UK receive a prompt service.
- The workers completed home conditions checklists and an Early help Assessments for each family
- There are no Ukrainian families currently open to Early Help or Children's Social Care. Families have been given welcome packs and signposted to appropriate service within their locality area.

Ukraine: Trafford's Council's Response

Trafford Council has coordinated a response across all agencies and the community to welcome and support new arrivals from the Ukraine.

Our collective focus has been ensuring that those residing in Trafford have access to all that they need.

Services in Trafford have been working closely with Home for Ukrainian teams to ensure that the families coming to the UK receive a prompt service.

Trafford Community Hubs have contributed by supporting Trafford families to prepare their homes to receive refugees and also facilitating donations.

Ukraine: Trafford Children's Social Care

- The Early Help Hubs, Intensive Family Support Team and Trafford Team Together have collectively completed initial home visits (face to face) since 30th March 2022 to 71 families.
- During those visits practitioners completed home conditions checklists to ensure the welfare of the children and families.
- Where co-ordinated support needs have been identified, early help screening has been undertaken with each family in conjunction with First Response Team.
- In 2 cases the initial host relationships broke down, and Trafford supported in finding new hosts

Feedback from the families

- **Guests have reported receiving high level of support from the team and community such as home visits, signposting and practical help**
- **Positive feedback regarding support through the transition to independent living**

- **Appreciated Prompt response for school admissions**
- **Positive feedback for the talk shop and youth engagement service**
- **Children and young people have benefitted from the direct work and right intervention**

Ukraine: Child Safeguarding:

- 5 children arrived in Trafford who were unaccompanied by an adult or legal guardian (Unaccompanied Minors).
- A qualified Social Worker from Families First has overseen the safeguarding and welfare of the Unaccompanied Minors from Ukraine.
- Welfare visits and suitability assessment in line with Private Fostering assessment framework have been completed with these children.

| Age | Number of Children |
|----------|--------------------|
| 9 years | 1 |
| 15 years | 2 |
| 16 years | 1 |
| 17 years | 1 |

Asylum Seeking Families: Context

Following the national dispersal of Asylum-Seeking Families from the Manston Migrant Centre in Kent, Trafford Council welcomed Asylum-Seeking Families into the borough on Friday 3rd February 2023. Families are residing at the Britannia Ashley Hotel, Hale, Altrincham, which has a capacity of 144 spaces.

As of 10th February 2023, there are a total of 118 Asylum Seeking persons residing in the Britannia Ashley Hotel. This comprises of:

- 34 families, 2 of which are single mothers
- 59 children under 18 years old
- 3 families with children with complex needs
- 1 family with 4 children

| Gender | No. of people | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Female | 65 | |
| Male | 54 | |
| Total no of people | 119 | 59 of them are under 18 |

Serving diverse community with different culture and various spoken languages

Albanian

Arabic

Chinese

English

Kurdish

Pashto, Pushto

Persian (Farsi)

Spanish

Turkish

Ukrainian

Unknown

Urdu

Afghanistan

Albania

Cameroon

Colombia

Honduras

Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China

Iran, Islamic Republic of

Iraq

Kuwait

Nigeria

Pakistan

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and Grenadines

Sudan

Syrian Arab Republic (Syria)

Tunisia

Turkey

Ukraine

Trafford Priorities for supporting Asylum Seeking Families





**Current
Impact
&
Challenges**

Schools across Trafford are full

Stigma and segregation may be created if separate buses are used to transport children to school

Resources, Staffing & Pathways

Cultural and language support to enable them to successfully integrate both in the community, in educational establishments and socially.

The families must reside in the Hotel, and this creates a current challenge in keeping the children of all ages engaged with age appropriate recreational and stimulating activities.

Community Integration and diversity and equality will need to be promoted across the community to ensure the family's safety and wellbeing.

Impact for Education Services

Trafford Admissions Service worked in partnership with schools, to provide a school place at pace. Each local authority must have a Fair Access Protocol (FAP) to ensure that unplaced and vulnerable children, and those who are having difficulty in securing a school place in-year, are allocated a school place as quickly as possible.

Funding has been available for the provision of education and childcare for children ages 2 to 18 who have entered via the Homes for Ukraine visa route. This can be used for:

- a place for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds accessing the 2-year-old, universal or 30 hours entitlements
- the provision of a suitable place for all other children up to the age of 18 (including time for staff resource and travel)
- funding placement of larger clusters of children into schools and registered early years settings, including the costs of additional and specialist teaching, non-teaching and administrative staff
- providing suitable travel arrangements, where necessary, to facilitate a child's attendance at school or suitable provision
- the provision of specialist and bespoke services, such as support for children with additional needs, and resources (this may include education materials for schools)
- free school meals and school uniform (including school bags, provisions for example, water bottles, etc.)
- to provide access to extra-curricular activities for example, sports

Trafford Council ensured that this funding was passed on to the child's education or childcare setting to ensure a smooth transition

Continued Support

- Resources, staffing and pathway have been addressed by multiple agencies working together to address needs and co-ordinate support.
- Regular operational meetings with key professionals to co-ordinate support.
- Further data/ information will be gathered to identify the language, cultural, educational, and social needs.
- There are plans to take further clothes, including the remaining warm clothing packs that were procured for Ukraine families.
- Welcome packs **are being** put together by Altrincham Community Hub and the local Mosque.

Continued Support

- School age children's data is being gathered, and support offered with school and college applications
- Discussions to secure activities for the pre-school children centred around activities and play.
- Altrincham Community Hub are going to lead on securing some prayer mats, and SERCO will lead on arranging a prayer room.
- Altrincham Community Hub will co-ordinate 'Living Room' projects
- Altrincham Community Hub will identify any volunteers who can teach English.
- Early help staff will complete further toy drops

