



South East
Strategic Partnership
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Our Purpose

To provide an independent leadership, co-ordination and advisory function for migration in the South East.

We aim to achieve this by:

- Creating and maintaining awareness of the reasons for, the nature of and the effects of migration to and from the South East
- Monitoring trends including economic and social issues
- Identifying and addressing challenges
- Maximising opportunities such as identifying appropriate funding streams
- Informing and influencing policy

Our Service Areas 2016-17

1. Policy

Providing advice on developing policies, critique of policy proposals and pro-actively seeking to influence local, regional and national policies regarding migration for the benefit of those who live in the South East.

2. Information

The provision of quality, up-to-date information on migration in the South East and appropriate analysis to enable more effective delivery at local level.

3. Advice and Information

To our partners from the public, private and voluntary sectors based on research, good practice, experience and expertise, on the impact of delivery of services and on managing integration.

4. Networking and Communication

Facilitating interaction where joint working will enhance partners' respective roles vis a vis migration; and to promote awareness of all aspects of migration and integration in the South East.

Geography

The Partnership covers all 74 local authorities in the South East and other key regional bodies.

Strategic Connections

We are hosted by the South East England Councils.

The partnership sits on the Local Government Association Task Group on Migration, Association of Directors of Children's Services Asylum Task Force, Assisted Voluntary Returns Steering Group and the No Recourse to Public Funds Network

Our Executive and Partners include:

- Local Authority Chief Executives and lead officers
- Home Office: UK visa's and Immigration, Managed Migration, Interventions and Sanctions, Gangmasters Licencing Authority, Immigration Compliance and Enforcement, Refugee Resettlement Team
- South East Police Forces and Regional Organised Crime Unit
- Association of Directors of Children and Adult Services
- South East Fire & Rescue Services
- South East England Councils
- Health: Department of Health, Public Health, Health and Well Being Boards, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Health Watch(s), South East Ambulance services
- Department of Work and Pensions
- A range of NGOS national voluntary and community sector partners including but not limited to; International Organisation for Migration, Barnardo's, UNHCR, British Red Cross, Refugee Council, Migrant Help, Refugee Action.
- Skills Funding Agency
- Association of South East Colleges
- Gangmasters Licensing Authority
- Universities including: Oxford, Kent, Canterbury Christ Church, Reading, Sussex, Southampton
- Clearsprings Ready Homes (contracted Asylum Accommodation Provider in the South East)