



South East
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Our Purpose

To provide independent leadership, co-ordination, advisory functions and programme delivery 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 policy

Our Service Areas

1. Policy

Contribute to developing policy locally, regionally and nationally regarding migration for the benefit of those who live in the South East.

2. Programme Coordination and Delivery

Key areas will include continuing to coordinate the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme for refugees, coordinating and supporting local authorities in the placement of unaccompanied refugee and asylum seeking children, dispersal of asylum seekers and supporting partners to detect and report modern slavery.

3. Trends and Data

The provision of quality, up-to-date information on migration in the South East.

4. Share Best Practice

Provide cross sector partners' research, good practice, experience and expertise, on the impact of migration on delivery of services and on managing integration.

5. Networking and Communication

Facilitate meetings, workshops and ongoing communications on key migration areas. Provide input to stakeholders meetings at local, regional and national levels.

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 Councillors, Chief Executives and lead officers
- Home Office, DfID MHCLG: UK Visas and Immigration, Refugee Resettlement Team, Managed Migration, Interventions and Sanctions Directorate, Gangmasters Labour Abuse Authority, Immigration Compliance and Enforcement, Border Force
- National Police Chiefs Council
- Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Office
- South East 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
- Office for Civil Society
- A range of third 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
- Universities including: Oxford, Kent, Canterbury Christ Church, Reading, Sussex, Southampton
- Clearsprings Ready Homes (contracted Asylum Accommodation Provider in the South East)