



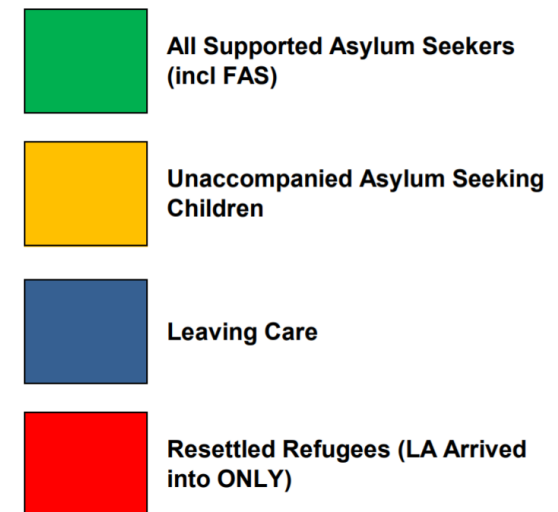
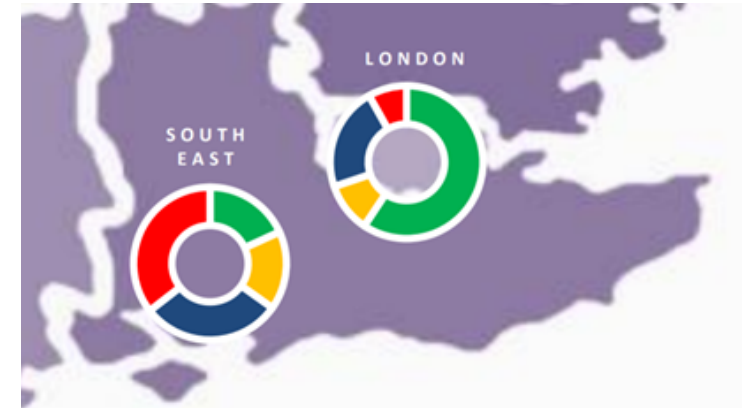
# **South East Strategic Partnership for Migration**

## Migration in South East England

South East APPG 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# Overview of the South East

- Asylum adult and families (1,900, March 2021)
- Asylum children (704)
- Care leavers (1,515)
- Resettled Programmes including:
  - Syrian Resettlement 2015-2020 (2,000)
  - UK Resettlement Scheme (2020-present)
  - Afghan Programmes (present)
- Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas (Est. 19,369 in Year 1)
- EU Migration (641,480 applications)



# South East National Comparison



Source of map data: HO RASI Dec 2020

# Adult Asylum



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# Asylum Issues

## **Widening Dispersal accommodation**

- The difficulty of identifying appropriate accommodation and mitigating any knock on effects on local authorities (increased street homeless following cessations of support).
- Local Authorities priority focus on Afghan response
- Operation Oak time frame for delivery – people in hotels for long periods
- Currently no funding for local authorities

# Child Asylum



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# Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)

- **New National Transfer Model** July 2021 - Voluntary participation
- Fair allocation process across all 12 regions and nations; SE receive an allocation of 30 children per cycle. SE has the highest capacity.
- Each region's Local Authorities to have a maximum **0.07% of their child population as UASC.**
- Local Authorities 0.07% figure based on a **weighting system** of five elements:
  - Child Population (25%)
  - Looked After Child Population (22%)
  - UASC population (10%)
  - Former UASC Care Leaver Population (10%)
  - Supported asylum population ( 33%)
- Hotel accommodation in Hythe and Hove

## Leaving Care

- The SE is home to high numbers of care leavers, Kent in particular supports 1, 075



# UASC Issues

Significant challenges in finding voluntary placements for the allocation in particular:

- LAs receiving significant presentations of age disputes in areas with hotels – this reduces authorities capacity to accommodate and support NTS referrals
- Care Leaver Levels
- Interplay with other migration schemes

# Refugee Resettlement



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# Refugee Resettlement

Date	Scheme
<b>2015 to 2020</b>	Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) 2000 accepted into the South East (10% National pledge)
<b>2020 - Present</b>	Since March 2020 existing resettlement schemes (VPRS, Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme, Mandate and Gateway Schemes) have been consolidated into a new global resettlement scheme the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS)
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Afghan Locally Employed Staff (ALES)
<b>August/ September 2021</b>	Afghan Resettlement, Afghan relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP), Afghan Citizens and Resettlement Schemes (ACRS) 14 bridging hotels in the SE 161 property offers from 55 local authorities 42 families have been placed in accommodation 39 properties have been identified which are awaiting to be matched with families

# Resettlement Schemes Issues

## **Afghan Schemes**

- Rapid procurement of and move on from bridging hotels
- Matching people to LA offers
- Need for more LA offers
- Alignment of ARAP and ACRS
- Interplay with UKRS
- Delegation of people to schemes
- Support provision in hotels

Hong Kong  
British  
Nationals  
Overseas



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# Hong Kong BNOs

- **Path to Citizenship** - Visa initially for 2.5 or 5 years after which point can apply for Settled Status and then Citizenship.
- 3 million eligible plus 2.5 million dependants
- SE anticipated to receive second highest numbers outside of London (est 19,000 year 1)
- **Top areas of arrival** - Reading, Southampton, Portsmouth, Brighton, West Oxfordshire, Guilford, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & Malling, Ashford, Crawley, Wokingham
- **Key areas of support identified** - Employment advice or assistance to start own business, access to good schooling and school placements, accommodation (aspiration to buy property), English language levels (Good Reading/Writing, weaker Speaking & Listening), access to GPs.
- Possible **slight risk of destitution** but likely to be further down the line.
- **4 funding streams created**, National, Regional, Educational and Hate crime. Results about to be announced in October.

# Hong Kong Issues

- Numbers unknown
- Range of needs – potential NRPF impact
- Potential surge of numbers if political ‘event’
- Sensitivities; diaspora groups may have differing political affiliations

EU Settled  
Status



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# EU Settled Status

- The latest stats show that 6,015,400 applications were received by the end of June with 5,446,300 of these concluded.
- Of this number, the SE had 641,480 applications. This indicates multiple applicants from the same person as the ONS data estimates there are only 457,000 EU citizens in the SE or that the EU population are higher than the ONS data anticipated.
- The most pressing concern for the Home Office are children who parents didn't realise needed to apply and perhaps don't have passports. Embassies currently have long waiting times for new passports to be processed.
- EU citizens and family members who make a late application will have their rights protected until their application has been considered (late applications are likely to be accepted for another 3 months after which point it is possible that no additional applications will be allowed).
- People arriving into the UK to join family members with Settled Status will also have temporary protected rights for 3 months whilst their applications are considered.

## EU Settled Status Issues

- Registration of some children and vulnerable adults outstanding
- Potential NRPF issues



Thank you!