

WHAT'S
YOUR STEP?



Now is the time to act.






Migrant Community Action Plan







**People at the Heart
of Everything We Do**


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	Action area	Actions
	1. Cost benefit of working upstream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce best possible model to illustrate cost benefits of working upstream
	2. No recourse to public funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on identifying and working with NRPF children and families (Immigration – Bitesize sessions) Awareness raising across council services (guidance infographics, regularly updated) Referral pathways for those with NRPF to move towards recourse - infographic and as part of training Advice point for local authority staff members/VCFS on NRPF – call line + email address
	3. Undocumented Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise an all systems response to the Home Office placement of Section 95 asylum seekers in dispersal accommodation in Newham that triggers speedy connections into services and secure school admissions for children ASAP Pilot referral pathways for immigration advice for undocumented children accessible through schools Share approach with headteachers forum and scale Training on identifying and working with undocumented families for schools – pilot session – commission as part of Bitesize sessions Full court press to support NRPF families complete online forms to apply for FSM




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	4. Asylum seekers and refugees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure adequate ESOL provision for AS and Refugees • Ensure newly-granted refugees have pathways into accommodation • Devise a 'Navigators Programme' for newly-granted refugees to negotiate benefit and other systems, move towards employment etc. May even be a volunteer's programme?
	5. Pandemic response/Access to healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners who support migrant communities to mitigate against vaccine hesitancy • Offer convenient pop up vaccination opportunities that piggy back onto reaching easily missed residents such as the Roma Community, Somali Community, and international students via the Newham Community Project • Promote Safer Surgeries as the flagship method to attract residents into primary care support • Provide training for GP surgery staff on rights and entitlements to healthcare – Commission as part of Bitesize sessions in the Social Welfare Alliance • Ensure adequate provision of specialist interpreting across health settings • Investigate the possibility to identify a 'safer hospital'
	6. Homelessness and rough sleeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for frontline homelessness workers on identifying and triaging immigration issues • Make immigration advice and casework a key element of all homelessness prevention and rough sleeping commissioning • Undertake research on viability of homelessness prevention initiatives with migrant communities
	7. Domestic abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for Children's Centre staff, community midwives etc., on interaction between immigration & domestic abuse • Funding for NRPF refuge spaces • Work with local police to establish a 'firewall' around reporting of crime for those with insecure immigration status

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	8. Build capacity of VCFS front line workers	<p>Training sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programme delivery 2020• Immigration – Bitesize sessions -- ‘Key questions presenting to frontline workers on immigration’• 3 hour modules - potential themes below (Bethan to confirm) delivered from 21/2:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No recourse to public funds○ Undocumented Children (relates to Action Area 3)○ Access to Health (relates to Action Area 4)○ Asylum seeker and Refugees• Evidence collecting toolkit for front line staff - to be created to collect documents and evidence that is simple for frontline staff to use e.g. spreadsheet where only certain cells can be edited with pre- set formulas <p>Wider capacity building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 x VCSF partners to go through process to become Level 1 and 2 certified with Refugee Action• 1 x VCFS partner to secure a level 3 qualified immigration advisor

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	9. International students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide immediate support to the Newham Community Project to support current situation with international students• Work with International Students UK and support the International Students Taskforce to find answers to the systemic issues of recruitment and placement in the UK
	10. EU Settled Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co design and implement a plan to ensure as many EU residents as possible successfully navigate the EU Settlement Scheme and meet the deadline of 30 June 2021
	11. Cross-cutting measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor post of Migrant Champion• Review council services to ensure they are genuinely open to migrants• Flag immigration-based barriers as an issue in Equalities Impact Assessments