

Asylum Dispersal Consultation Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this online survey which is being conducted by the Home Office.

This survey is part of a wider consultation with local authorities and non-governmental organisations to invite views on the future design of a long term, sustainable approach for asylum dispersal. Your feedback will help to inform the build of a sustainable and flexible end-to-end asylum accommodation system.

The consultation is open for 8 weeks and will close on 1 July 2022.

All the information we collect will be kept in the strictest confidence. The data you provide will be anonymised; we will not analyse or report findings in a way that will identify you.

For further information please see our [privacy notice](#).

Q Please indicate the type of organisation you represent

- Local authority
- Strategic migration partner
- Non-governmental organisation
- Devolved administration
- Other (please specify)

Q What is the name of your organisation?

Providing us with the name of your organisation will help us to draw out themes which may be common across specific sectors. Your organisation name will not be referenced in the reporting of results/findings.

Q In which region/nation is your local authority/organisation located?

- London
- South East
- South West
- East of England
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- Wales
- North West
- North East
- Scotland
- Yorkshire & Humber
- National
- Not applicable

Q Have you previously provided support or services to asylum seekers accommodated through the asylum dispersal process?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q What local service provision do dispersed asylum seekers access in your area? Please select all that apply.

Please consider all forms of support such as wrap-around services and statutory services.

- Prevention of Homelessness
- Social care (adult or children's services)
- Education
- General Advice
- Legal advice (both Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner accredited and non-Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner accredited)
- Move on support
- Integration
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Community cohesion and development
- Informal buddying
- Mental health and trauma related services
- Coordination of local services
- Casework support
- Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

Q Please indicate how each of the below services are funded for dispersed asylum seekers.

	Centrally funded	Local authority funded	Funded by a voluntary organisation	Other	Don't know
Prevention of Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social care (adult or children's services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Advice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal advice (both Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner accredited and non-Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner accredited)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Move on support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
English for Speakers of Other Languages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community cohesion and development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informal buddying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental health and trauma related services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coordination of local services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Casework support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q Please indicate whether the below services are mandatory or non-mandatory for dispersed asylum seekers.

	Mandatory service provision	Non-mandatory service provision	Don't know
Prevention of Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social care (adult or children's services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Advice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Integration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
English for Speakers of Other Languages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community cohesion and development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informal buddying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Coordination of local services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Casework support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q Are there any gaps in the service provision for dispersed asylum seekers in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q Please tell us where there are gaps in the service provision for dispersed asylum seekers in your area.

Q

The New Burdens Doctrine states all new burdens on local authorities must be properly assessed. To support the implementation of a full dispersal model, as part of the consultation process, the Home Office will undertake a New Burdens assessment. This will be an opportunity to better understand the costs associated with asylum dispersal and engage with the local government sector.

As part of this assessment, we will run a local authority-borne asylum dispersal services costs data gathering project, which seeks to gather local authority-held cost data, in order to improve the Home Office understanding of the nature and size of the local authority-borne costs of asylum dispersal services on a per service user per annum basis.

Are you willing to be contacted to support the collection of evidence to inform future funding considerations?

- Yes
- No

Q Thank you for agreeing to be contacted for one or more of the following reasons:

- To contribute towards the collection of evidence to inform future funding considerations.
- To work with us to develop our understanding of your data requirements.
- To discuss how areas can work together to cooperate, either nationally or regionally, to allow specialisation or to support a wider mix of people coming through different protection routes in an area.

Please be assured that your contact details will not be disclosed, and your responses will be reported anonymously. The Home Office will retain your contact details for a maximum of 6 months and may, in that time, contact you for one or more of the purposes outlined above. If you do not

wish to share your contact details, leave the below blank and click the arrow to take you to the end of the survey.

Name _____

Email address _____

Telephone number _____

Q What elements of the current asylum dispersal system would you like to see retained?

- Initial engagement between the Home Office and new Local Authorities
- Procurement meetings to plan and guide procurement
- Consultation on individual properties.
- Upper limit on dispersal
- Dedicated point of contact within the Home Office (Service Delivery Manager)
- Multi-Agency Forums
- Strategic Migration Partnership meetings
- Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

Q What elements of the current asylum dispersal system do you think should be removed / replaced?

- Initial engagement between the Home Office and new Local Authorities
- Procurement meetings to plan and guide procurement
- Consultation on individual properties
- Upper limit on dispersal
- Dedicated point of contact within the Home Office (SDM)
- Multi-Agency Forums
- Strategic Migration Partnership meeting
- Other, please state _____
- Don't know

Q What would you like to be included in a new asylum dispersal system?

Q What innovative approaches to accommodation provision would create capacity, thinking of options outside of the traditional private rental sector?

We have listed a few options below, but we are keen to hear your views.

- Renovation/regeneration of Empty Homes that could be used for asylum dispersal
- Modular builds
- Repurposing of non-residential properties
- Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

Q

We want to better understand the data that you need to help you plan for service delivery in your area. As part of the consultation process, we will be hosting engagement workshops to understand your data requirements and the justification for those requirements, in line with GDPR and data sharing protocols.

Are you willing to be contacted to work with us to develop our understanding of your data requirements?

Yes

No

Q Local Authorities have indicated that the current dispersal process could be more fair and equitable. What would a fair and equitable process look like?

A process that disperses equal shares of Asylum Seekers across the UK

A process that considers asylum population share with national population share in an area

A process that considers all Asylum (including UASC) and Resettlement populations in an area

Other (please specify) _____

Don't know

Q How important are the below factors when considering your regional/nation allocation plans?
Please rate from 'not at all important' to 'extremely important'

Housing cost	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The level of funding received through the Local Government Finance Settlement by the LA each year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q How can the Home Office support you to develop regional/nation allocation plans?

Please provide specific details of the support you will require and the reasons why.

Q How can we best measure capacity in a local authority area to enable forward planning and build resilience into the system?

- Ratio to the LA population (formulaic basis)
- Percentage share related to LA's national population share
- Regional/Nation quotas
- Capacity of the housing market in a particular area
- Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

Q Do you think other protection-based immigration pressures should be weighted to develop a fair and equitable place-based system?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q How would you rate the impact of the following on a local area?

Please rate from 'no impact' to 'significant impact'

	No impact	Minor impact	Moderate impact	Significant impact	Don't know/not applicable
Existing asylum dispersal populations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UK Resettlement Scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UASC accommodated through NTS Scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UASC Care leavers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Failed Asylum seekers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ukraine schemes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hong Kong BNO	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gateway refugees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please
specify)

Q Would you be willing to be contacted to discuss how areas can work together to cooperate, either nationally or regionally, to allow specialisation or to support a wider mix of people coming through different protection routes in an area?

Yes

No

Q

The current asylum dispersal system is coordinated through Strategic Migration Partnerships, which are local government led partnerships funded by, but independent, of the Home Office, whose role is to coordinate and support delivery of national programmes in asylum and refugee schemes, as well as regional/nation and devolved migration priorities.

In your opinion, how important are the following factors in a coordination role for asylum dispersal?

Please rate from 'not at all important' to 'extremely important'

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know/not applicable
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interpersonal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Problem-solving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Critical thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adaptability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Efficiency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negotiation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q If you have selected 'other' for any of the above services, please tell us how those services are funded..

Q Have you previously accommodated resettled refugees through any of the Home Office resettlement programmes?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q What local service provision do resettled refugees access in your area? Please select all that apply.

To answer this question, consider all forms of support such as wrap-around services and statutory services.

- Prevention of Homelessness
- Social care (adult or children's services)
- Education
- General Advice
- Legal advice (both Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner accredited and non-Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner accredited)
- Move on support
- Integration
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Community cohesion and development
- Informal buddying
- Mental health and trauma related services
- Coordination of local services
- Casework support
- Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

Q Please indicate how each of the below services are funded for resettled refugees.

	Centrally funded	Local authority funded	Funded by voluntary organisation	Other	Don't know
Prevention of Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social care (adult or children's services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Casework support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q Please indicate whether the below resettled refugee services are mandatory or non-mandatory.

	Mandatory service provision	Non-mandatory service provision	Don't know
Prevention of Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social care (adult or children's services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Coordination of local services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Casework support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q Are there any gaps in the service provision for resettled refugees in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q Please tell us where there are gaps in the service provision for resettled refugees in your area.

Q If you have selected 'other' for any of the above services, please tell us how those services are funded.

Q Which local authority do you represent?

Providing us with the name of your local authority will help us to draw out themes relevant to the context/characteristics of local authorities. Your local authority name will not be referenced in the reporting of results/findings.