



Request

1. Total Number of Resettlers - How many resettlers are currently living within your council's jurisdiction?
2. Demographic Breakdown - Please provide the ethnicity, average age within each ethnic group, and the sex distribution of resettlers.
3. Accommodation Details - What type of accommodation is being provided to resettlers? Please distinguish between those currently awaiting a decision on their right to remain, and those who have been granted leave to stay.(e.g., "*Albanian asylum seeker – 2-bedroom flat*").
4. Housing Costs - What is the total cost of housing resettlers? Please also provide a breakdown of costs by ethnic group and/or country of origin.
5. Time to Accommodation - What has been the average time taken to provide accommodation for each resettler? Please include breakdowns by ethnicity. (e.g., "*Iranian – 5 months*")
6. Occupancy Rates - How many individuals are living in each resettler accommodation unit? Are all bedrooms fully occupied?
7. Proximity to Schools - How many resettlers are currently living within a 10-minute walk of a school?
8. Arrests - How many resettlers have been arrested during their time in the UK?
9. Background Information - For how many resettlers does the council (or relevant authority) hold complete background information, including any prior criminal records?
10. Illegal Employment Cases - How many businesses within your jurisdiction have been found employing individuals without the legal right to work in the UK?
11. Identified Businesses - Please list the names of all businesses found to have employed or paid individuals without the right to work.
12. Repeat Offences by Businesses - How many times has each of these businesses been found in violation? *Please include the number of individuals involved and the number of separate incidents.*

Response

Although we don't hold the number of "resettlers" in Wigan, there are approximately 1200 asylum seekers living in the Wigan borough, housed by the Home Office. We don't hold any further details on these individuals.

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Asylum seekers are housed by the Home Office. Once an asylum seeker has been granted Refugee status/Humanitarian Protection they are legally entitled to remain in the UK and settle wherever they choose. The Council does not collect data on this.

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| <p>13. Enforcement Resources - Does the council have a department dedicated to investigating illegal employment of resettlers or migrants? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the annual cost of operating this department? b. How many staff are employed? | <p>No. Right to work is enforced by the Home Office</p> |
| <p>14. Fines and Penalties - What financial penalties have been issued to businesses employing individuals without the right to work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the penalty amount increased for repeat offenders? b. Have any businesses been shut down as a result? | <p>Information not held. Such fines are issued by HMRC</p> |
| <p>15. Under-18 Resettlers - How many resettlers under the age of 18 have arrived in your council area in the past 10 years?</p> | <p>The number of young people with a referral and a relevant immigration status that would meet the criteria is 290 young people; for us to review each record at a conservative 5 mins per case this would take over 24 hours. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations which equates to 18 hours; this clearly applies in this case.</p> |
| <p>16. Cost of Care for Under-18s - What has been the total cost of supporting resettlers under the age of 18 during this period?</p> | <p>Our financial ledger reports on a combination of all expenditure and grant income for all age categories of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. It would take longer than 18 hours to look at each year to extract those cases under 18 years. For the 6 years data provided there are over 6085 transactions within the ledger to pull out and look to see if the costs are attributed to cases under or over 18 years. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations which equates to 18 hours; this clearly applies in this case.</p> |
| <p>17. Fines to Business - What fines have been issued to each business found to have employed individuals without the legal right to work in the UK? <i>Please provide the number of separate businesses that have been fined for employing or paying those without the right to work in the UK. Please provide the name of the business and its owners name.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What has been the fine amount issued on each occasion per business. Please put the fine next to the business name, And the number of illegally working people the business was found to have working for them on each separate occasion? b. Have fines increased for businesses with repeat offences. State the business and the number of times it has been found to be in contempt of the law, state the increase, and the business/owner name for the fines? c. Have any businesses been closed down as a result of these violations, if yes please give full details? | <p>Information not held. Such fines are issued by HMRC</p> |