

Homes for Ukraine Update Cabinet 21.04.22

Recap of the Schemes:

- Family Scheme (managed by Home Office).
- Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Home Office Visa application and matches/ Local Authority Obligations at a local level).
- No funding available for guests under the family scheme, £10.5k for each guest under the sponsorship scheme, plus education contribution and 'Thank you' sponsor payments.

The data as at 19.04.22:



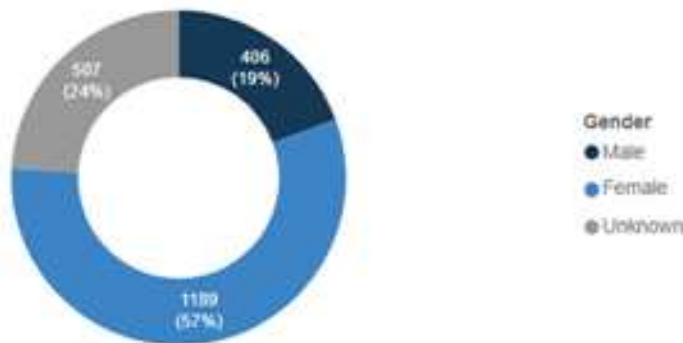
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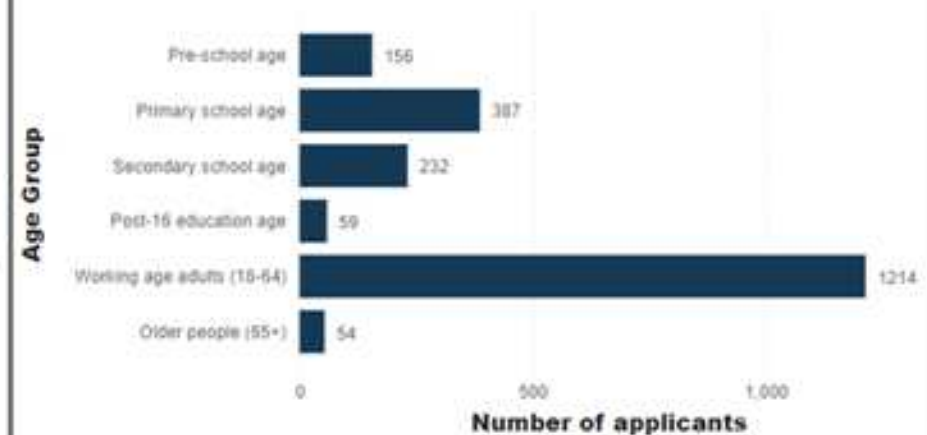
There have been 2102 matched applications relating to 841 sponsors in this period.



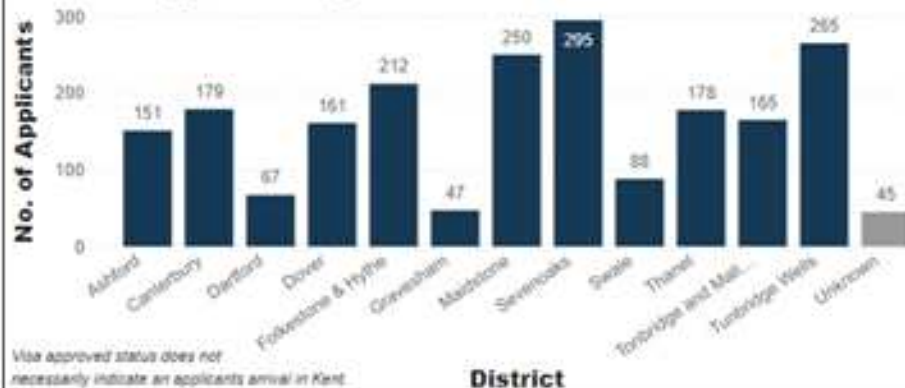
Matched Applicants by Gender



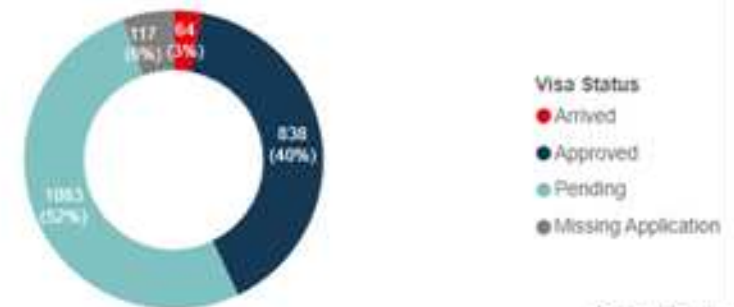
Matched Applicants by Age Group



Matched Applicants by Accommodation District



Visa Status of Matched Applicants



Source: Home Office
Matched applications to the Homes For Ukraine scheme provided to KCC

Local Authority five checks:

- Ascertain the sponsoring address exists and can be used as residential accommodation.
- Visit the address and assess it is suitable to accommodate the proposed guests.
- Initiate DBS checks (basic for over-16's, enhanced if guests include children or vulnerable adults).
- Confirm that the guests have arrived at the accommodation.
- Complete welfare checks and visit the guests to confirm there are no serious concerns.

Check Progress

- DBS Checks being undertaken by KCC, as of the end of last week, 1100 applications in the system, 800 at ID verification, 400 with DBS and 224 returned.
- KCC Home checks – checklist agreed by KHOs and being delivered locally (Part B deals with safeguarding). As at the end of last week, 325 completed checks.
- Mixed approach to welfare support (9 x KCC providers, 2 x district, 1 x hybrid). Referrals being made.
- Districts engaging with local VCS to deliver wraparound support and signpost.
- #KentTogether 24/7 phonenumber up and running and welcome packs available.
- Systemised App to manage data flows is in test to enable work flow across the system.

Payments

- KCC managing £350pcm 'thank you payments' to hosts (workflow being developed).
- £200 per individual payments being made through KSAS/ Paypoint – first payment runs made last week.
- Options being scoped to replace KSAS/ Paypoint in the longer term.

Access to local services

- Access to schools via KCC website and normal application process.
- Linking in with NHS but access via GPs.
- DWP working on UC (talking to banks to resolve issues on bank accounts) and a Kent triage system being established.

Key areas of
focus/ risks
raised with
central
government

- Data (quality and amount of information).
- Lack of oversight of/ insight into Family Scheme.
- Lack of funding associated with Family Scheme.
- Housing pressures and ability to house guests when matches fail or checks fail particularly when guests are already in situ.
- Ambiguity over application of safeguarding legislation.
- Volume of successful matches and ability of public services to cope (for example education, mental health, social services etc..)
- Community tensions.

Any Questions?

