



South East Strategic Partnership for Migration

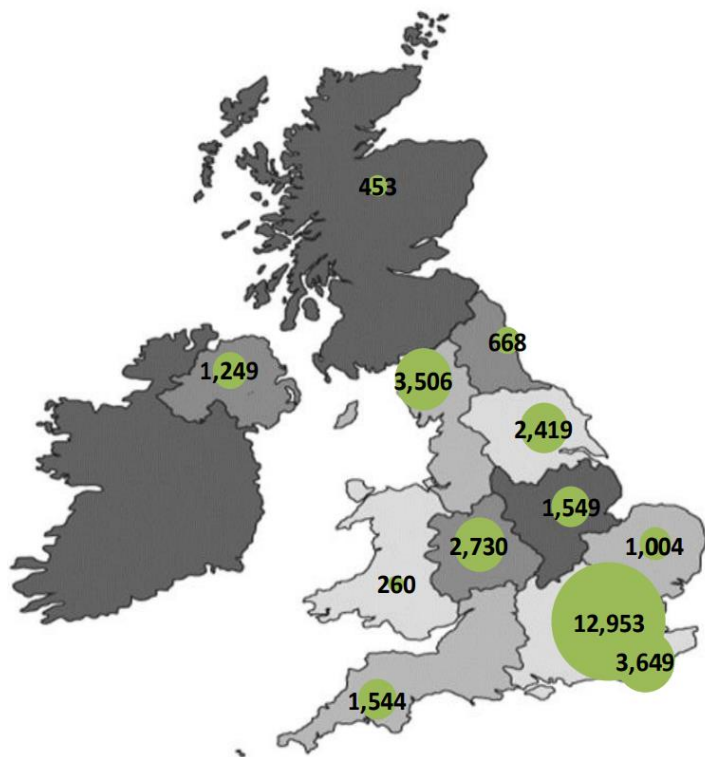
SOUTH EAST MIGRATION

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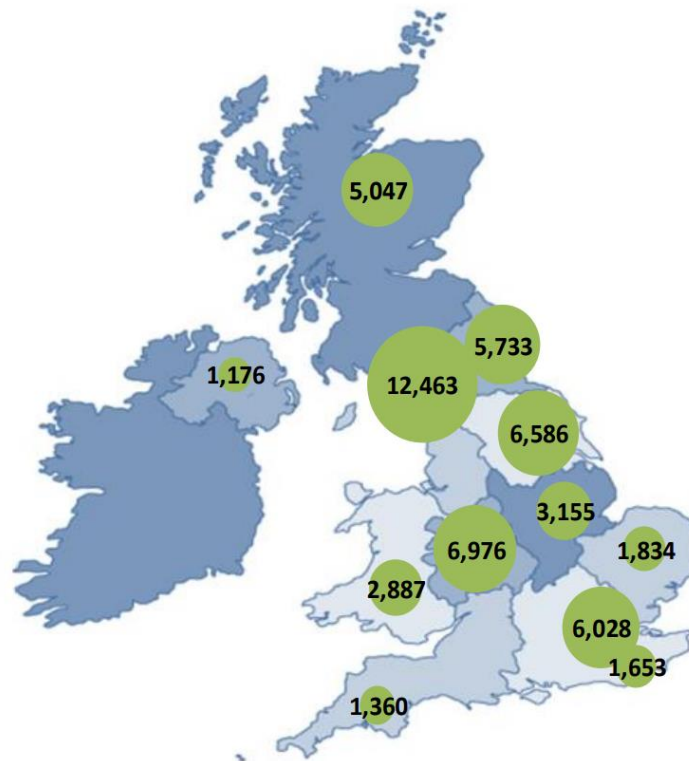
OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH EAST - All Migration

- **Total asylum adults and families** – Circa 5,500 (including contingency)
- **Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC):** Circa 1,000
- **Former UASC Care leavers:** Circa 2,000
- **Resettled Programmes including:**
 - Syrian Resettlement 2015-2020 (2,038)
 - UK Resettlement Scheme (2021-present) 23 families
 - Afghan Programmes (present) 247 families – 1400 people
- **Ukraine** – South East has an estimated Ukrainian population of 5,390 plus approx. 11,500 Home for Ukraine/Family Visa population (26% of national total)
- **Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas** (Est. 19,000 in Year 1)
- **EU Migration** (736,160 applications - Sept 2021)

SOUTH EAST SHARE OF ASYLUM POPULATION



Total IA/Contingency Population by SMP region



Total Dispersed Population by SMP region

South East has:

- 13.65% of UK's population
- 6.1% of UK's accommodated asylum population
- 11.5% of UK's IA & Contingency Population
- 3% of UK's dispersed population

KENT and MEDWAY–Adult and Family Asylum Position

- Manston Processing – 24 hour processing
- Napier Barracks – 326 capacity (Initial Accommodation)
- Asylum Dispersal in Kent = 37 people at end of April
 - Folkestone and Hythe – 16
 - Gravesham – 11
 - Maidstone – 2
 - Medway - 8

IMPLEMENTING 'FULL DISPERSAL'

- April/May 2022 – Full Dispersal Announced
- 'Informal Consultation' runs until 1st July
- Council consent presumed
- Does come with funding for 2022/23 - £3,500 per new bed space
- Funding beyond 2023 is being scoped to inform costs to LAs and inform a New Burdens Assessment
- Aim is to reduce/eliminate contingency asylum hotels (none in Kent) and establish a fairer distribution of asylum seeking adults/families
- Next steps – agree a regional plan following allocation of numbers from the Home Office; existing change plan reflects population ratios
- South East currently has low levels i.e. 3% of national (1,500 people) – if in proportion to UK population the SE figure would be 13.57% = 11,780.
- Maximum figures are 1:200 per population
- IF population ratio applied alone then Kent = approx. 2.78% of UK population. 2.78% of current accommodated asylum population = 2,415 (currently 37)
- Other factors consultation is taking into account:
 - **Short term** - equity, rurality & market availability
 - **Long term** – impact of other schemes, areas of deprivation, funding, impact on council services, access to legal services



SOUTH EAST MIGRATION

REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT

Date	Scheme
2015 to 2020	Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) 2038 accepted into the South East (10% National pledge) Resettlement suspended from March 2020 until November 2021
2021 - Present	Existing resettlement schemes (Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, Vulnerable Children’s Resettlement Scheme, Mandate and Gateway Schemes) were consolidated into a new global resettlement scheme called the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) 47 families so far and some coming from Thailand and Indonesia
From June 2021	Afghan Locally Employed Staff (ALES) Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP)
August 2021 - Present	‘Operation Pitting’ – military evacuation of 15000 people Afghan Resettlement, Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP), Afghan Citizens and Resettlement Schemes (ACRS) 15 bridging hotels in SE – with a programme of closures over the next few months 64 local authorities participating 247 families accepted and resettled in the South East so far circa 1400 people

District/ Borough	Number of families resettled under VPRS/UKRS	Numbers resettled under ARAP/ACRS	Community sponsorship	Comments
Ashford	37	7	0	
Canterbury	9	3	2	
Dartford	3	4	0	
Dover	10	0	0	
Folkestone & Hythe	8	5	1	
Gravesham	3	0	0	
Maidstone	2	2	0	
Sevenoaks	7	2	0	2x ARAP/ACRS families due to arrive in near future
Swale	14	0	1	1x ARAP/ACRS family due to arrive in near future
Thanet	2	0	0	1x ARAP/ACRS family due to arrive in near future
Tonbridge and Malling	9	1	0	
Tunbridge Wells	10	1	0	
Total	114	25	4	

AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT

Bridging Hotels

- **Nationally:** c12,000 in hotels
- **South East** Bridging Hotels (15) c 2,200

Resettled in Local Authorities

- **Nationally** c 6000 people
- **South East** region 247 families (June 22) which is c 1400 people

AFGHAN SCHEMES ISSUES

- Rapid procurement of bridging hotels as Op Pitting families exited managed quarantine
- Wraparound Support provision in bridging hotels
- Matching families to LA accommodation offers – improved process with triage information
- Need for more LA offers especially larger properties
- MOD Service Family Accommodation available at below market rent
- Alignment of ARAP and ACRS schemes
- Inclusion of British citizens in funding
- 3 year funding for all
- Interplay with UKRS



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UNACCOMPANIED
CHILDREN & YOUNG
PEOPLE

REGIONAL UPDATES

- The South East region has achieved each placement within 10 days of allocation.
- The South East region has achieved 100% of referrals for each Tranche of four cycles to date.
- The South East is at 0.059% of the 0.07%- 86%
- Final Figures are due soon and the South East is likely to receive a reduction in allocations.

SE CYCLE UPDATES

- 270 Children and Young People have been placed since the 23rd November..
- Age disputed young people remains high- over 50% of all allocations.
- Despite UASC Hotels being empty in February all four are back in use and are based in the South East Region
- Cycles continue to have low female representation, ages differ across tranches and the current tranche is a mixture of age and nationality





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HONG KONG BRITISH
NATIONALS OVERSEAS

OVERVIEW

- Visa scheme opened January 2021
- Open to a potential 5.5 million HK BNO visa holders and their dependents
- Recently extended to allow those born after 1997 to come to the UK provided they have one parent who is a HK BNO visa holder.
- 103,900 came in Year 1 to the UK
- 300,000 predicted to come in the next 4 years
- Potentially the largest movement of non European into the UK in British history

TOP AREAS OF SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH EAST

Sub-region	Estimated numbers
Thames Valley (Reading)	6,000-8,000 4,000-6,000
Surrey & Sussex (Guilford) (Brighton)	3,500-4,700 (900-1,200) (600- 800)
Hampshire, IOW, Portsmouth & Southampton (Winchester) (Southampton)	2,000-2,700 (600-800) (450-600)
Kent (Tunbridge Wells)	1,800-2,400 (900-1,200)
Total	13,593 – 18,124 DLUHC estimate year 1 – 19,000

PROFILE OF NEW ARRIVALS (SESPM SURVEY OF HK BNOS IN THE SE)

- 26% have found employment and 5% are self employed
- 12% intend to open their own businesses with another 33% considering doing so, this is opposed to only 5% who were self employed back in Hong Kong.
- 28% have already purchased a property with 36% intending to buy within the next 5 years
- Gender mix is equal and most are around 40 years of age with an average of 1.2 children per family.
- NEED - Help entering employment followed by English classes, assistance to purchase property and information on how to start their own business were deemed the most important aspects requested. Additionally, mental health support was also deemed an area of concern.

MENTAL HEALTH

- A recent survey by Hongkonger in Britain found that:
- Potential repercussions from the Chinese/HK SAR government are a key concern for this cohort with 90% saying that campaigns by these governments made them feel unsafe even in the UK.
- 84% fear infiltration of information and secret agents from China.
- 24% reported clinically significant symptoms of PTSD due to the 2019 protests and/or HK National Security Law
- 19% reported clinically significant symptoms of depression

BUT!

- 62% said that moving to the UK had improved their overall mental health.

SESPM'S WORK IN THIS AREA

- An ESOL guide to assist local authorities to know the learning needs of HK BNOs and how to claim this funding.
- A Flow chart – mapping every step to consider from prior to departure, immediately upon arrival all the way up to ILR and Citizenship
- NRPF Training – Specialist training on the NRPF condition for HK BNOs.
- Currently looking at how to create a mental health guide explaining how to access state and non state provided mental health provision in the UK and outlining key safeguarding concerns.
- Coordinate and host meetings for all successful regional and national VCSE organisations operating in the South East.
- Coordinate and host local authority sub-regional HK leads meetings.
- Attend weekly meetings with other RSMPs and DLUHC
- Report on HK BNO activities in quarterly sub regional strategic migration groups, SESPM Executive and 6 monthly NRPF meetings
- Attend other HK network and diaspora meetings.

SOUTH EAST AREA WEIGHTED DELIVERY

- Supported Surrey & Sussex to commission the Workers Education Association to create a bespoke training course for HK BNOs on Business start up and Business English language.
- Supported Kent County Council to assist HK diaspora organisations in Kent and Medway.
- Supported Brighton & Hove, Southampton, Surrey, Kent and other local authorities to purchase library books serving as 'cultural custodians' of diaspora requested books about HK history and culture.
- Supported Reading Borough Council in commissioning private training for parents of HK SEN children.
- Supported RBWM to undertake independent evaluations of SEN of HK children.





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UKRAINE

UKRAINE – NATIONAL-REGIONAL CONTEXT

Numbers of 7th June 2022

- National Applications **154,500** comprised of **47,300** Family Visa and **107,200** Homes for Ukraine (HfU)
- National Visas issued = **124,400** comprised of **41,000** Family Visa and **83,400**

Total arrivals = 70,500 comprised of 24,000 Family Visa and 46,500 HfU

- South East Share = **26%** of English regions
- Kent share of English regions = **16%** (highest of SE)

SOME KEY ISSUES

- Adverse PNC hits delaying visa/travel – rematching process
- Safeguarding
- Sponsors making multiple applications
- Breakdown of relationships – homelessness duty on councils
- Engagement mechanism being refined with experience
- Family visa scheme data – needed to plan services
- Funding: receipts to LAs and distribution to sponsors
- Navigating the Foundry system

THANK YOU

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