



NEW MIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN THE UK

A research project at the Social Policy Research Centre, Middlesex University, commissioned by the Refugee Housing Association

This research seeks firstly to map new migrant communities in selected areas, reviewing available information about demographics, needs, services used and available, and likely future developments and, secondly, to identify possible opportunities for RHA to develop services with these communities.

The project focuses on specific localities within Yorkshire and Humberside (Doncaster, Leeds, Sheffield), London (Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Redbridge), East Midlands (Boston, Leicester, Nottingham) and East of England (Peterborough). These places include diverse types of local authorities (district council, city councils, London boroughs), political composition and varying percentages of non-UK born, major nationalities amongst their top ten, and non-white populations.

The project looks at new communities that have arrived in these areas since 2000, as refugees, migrant workers, family migrants or for other reasons. We are collecting available national data about new arrivals such as the census, national insurance allocations, Immigration and Nationality Department data on refugee statuses and asylum support in particular localities, and at the regional level, International Passenger Surveys and Worker Registration Scheme figures for Eastern European migrants. We are contacting local authorities and other service providers (statutory, voluntary and community) in relation to the following areas of service provision and advice:

- Education and Employment
- Housing and housing-related support
- Health
- Advice services
- External partnerships
- Work on citizenship, cohesion and integration.
- Emergency provision for destitute migrants and asylum seekers
- Community care provision

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