

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-04215 Gil Paterson: Clydebank FC Tackles Refugee Integration – That the Parliament commends the work of Clydebank FC for helping to integrate Syrian refugees into the community; understands that the club has been inviting the "new Scots" along to regular football games to both spectate or play, with a view to helping them adapt to their new surroundings; acknowledges the community spirit of Davie McAleer, Clydebank FC Director, along with Eric Makhem, Giffnock Soccer Centre, who have spearheaded the move to help out the refugees who have settled in Clydebank; understands that the effort has been well received by both the Syrian refugees and local football players, and acknowledges Clydebank Co-operative and its chief executive, Fiona McInnes, for sponsoring the kit/equipment, along with Giffnock Soccer Centre and support from members of the local community.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-04215>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Immigration: Documents

Hilary Benn [63688] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations she has received on applicants for further leave to remain, indefinite leave or citizenship losing their jobs on account of not being able to show original documents to support such applications; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Where a person subject to immigration control has made an immigration application before their previous leave to remain expires and is asked to demonstrate their right to work by an employer under the provisions to prevent illegal working in the Immigration Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, the Home Office provides a checking service which will confirm whether the individual has a continued entitlement to work pending a decision on their application.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63688/>

Migrant Workers: Scotland

Stuart McDonald [63159] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) certificates of sponsorship and (b) extensions of stay were issued for people working for Scottish employers for Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 5 visas, by industry, in each year from 2011 to 2015.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Published information/data relating to the issuance of Certificates of Sponsorship can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-july-to-september-2016-data-tables>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-06/63159/>

Skilled Workers: Visas

The following four questions all received the same answer

Steve McCabe [63604] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2017 to Question 61413, on general practitioners: foreign nationals, on how many occasions the Tier 2 (General) category annual limit has been reached only by occupations on the Shortage Occupation List since 2010.

Steve McCabe [63605] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2017 to Question 61413, on general practitioners: foreign nationals, on how many occasions the Tier 2 (General) category annual limit has been reached since 2010.

Steve McCabe [63606] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2017 to Question 61413, on general practitioners: foreign nationals, which occupations are on the Shortage Occupation List.

General Practitioners: Foreign Nationals

Steve McCabe [63607] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 January 2017 to Question 61413, on general practitioners: foreign nationals, whether GPs are on the Shortage Occupation List.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Tier 2 (General) annual limit is divided into monthly quotas. Since its introduction, the monthly quotas have been oversubscribed only during the period of June to October 2015. To-date, the annual limit has not been reached. Places in the limit are prioritised according to whether the job is in a shortage occupation or PhD-level occupation, and by salary. No monthly quota has ever been allocated solely to occupations on the Shortage Occupation List.

The Shortage Occupation List is based on recommendations from the independent Migration Advisory Committee. General Practitioners do not currently appear on the list. The list can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tier-2-shortage-occupation-list>
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63604/>
and
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63605/>
and
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63606/>
and
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63607/>

The answer referred to in the above questions can be read at
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-24/61413/>

Midwives: Migrant Workers

Luciana Berger [63892] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of the number of nationals of other EU countries working in the NHS as midwives; what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the UK leaving the EU on the number of such midwives; and what assessment he has made of the potential effect on NHS productivity of that change in the number of such midwives.

Reply from Philip Dunne: NHS Digital publishes data on the nationality of staff working in the National Health Service in England. Nationality is self-reported within the NHS human resources and payroll system, the electronic staff record.

In October 2016, 1,363 (5.2%) midwives working in NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups declared their nationality as other European Union nationals, excluding the United Kingdom. This is out of a total headcount of 26,099.

The October data is the most recent data available.

The potential effect on nationals and productivity of leaving the EU will be dependent on the outcome of negotiations. The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living here. It is the Government's aim to get the best settlement for the UK in all areas including the healthcare system.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63892/>

Health Visitors: Migrant Workers

The following two questions both received the same answer

Luciana Berger [63894] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of the number of nationals of other EU countries working in the NHS as health visitors; what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the UK leaving the EU on the number of such health visitors; and what assessment he has made of the potential effect on NHS productivity of that change in the number of such health visitors.

Nurses: Migrant Workers

Luciana Berger [63895] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of the number of nationals of other EU countries working in the NHS as nurses; what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the UK leaving the EU on the number of such nurses; and what assessment he has made of the potential effect on NHS productivity of that change in the number of such nurses.

Reply from Philip Dunne: Health visitors are often included as nurses in workforce statistics; therefore for clarity we have provided a breakdown of nurses and health visitors, nurses excluding health visitors and health visitors only.

NHS Digital publishes data on the nationality of staff working in the National

Health Service in England. Nationality is self-reported within the NHS human resources and payroll system, the electronic staff record.

The following table shows the total headcount of nurses and health visitors working in NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups in October 2016, and the number that declared their nationality as other European Union nationals, excluding the United Kingdom.

	Headcount
Qualified nurses and health visitors	321,085
of which:	
EU nationals	22,394
Qualified nurses excluding health visitors	310,006
of which:	
EU nationals	22,181
Health visitors	11,180
of which:	
EU nationals	215

The October data is the most recent data available.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63894/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63895/>

Psychiatry: Migrant Workers

Luciana Berger [63896] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of the number of nationals of other EU countries working in the NHS as psychiatrists; what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the UK leaving the EU on the number of such psychiatrists; and what assessment he has made of the potential effect on NHS productivity of that change in the number of such psychiatrists.

Reply from Philip Dunne: NHS Digital publishes data on the nationality of staff working in the National Health Service in England. Nationality is self-reported within the NHS human resources and payroll system, the electronic staff record. In October 2016, 911 (9.5%) doctors working in the psychiatry group within NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups declared their nationality as other European Union nationals, excluding the United Kingdom. This is out of a total headcount of 9,544.

The October data is the most recent data available.

The potential effect on nationals and productivity of leaving the EU will be dependent on the outcome of negotiations. The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living here. It is the Government's aim to get the best settlement for the UK in all areas including the healthcare system.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63896/>

Entry Clearances

The following two questions both received the same answer

Rosena Allin-Khan [63753] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether UK Visas and Immigration plans to publish guidelines on how earnings and dividends should be presented where the income threshold is met by the sponsor for

entry clearance under Appendix FM applications.

Rosena Allin-Khan [63754] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, where people can receive advice on how to present evidence on earnings and dividends as part of the financial requirement to be considered as part of an entry clearance application for a family member.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The information and evidence required in respect of employment and dividend income relied upon to meet the income threshold for partner entry clearance applications under Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules is set out in part 3 of appendix 2 to the visa application form 4A and in sections 5 and 6 of the Immigration Directorate Instructions for Appendix FM 1.7 Financial Requirement. These documents can be found at www.homeoffice.gov.uk.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63753/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63754/>

Refugees: Children

Catherine West [63727] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 8 February 2017, HCWS467, on immigration, on what date she decided to change the number of unaccompanied child refugees taken by the UK under the Dubs amendment.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: There is no change to the number of unaccompanied children to be transferred to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act. Under the Immigration Act we made a commitment to transfer a specified number of unaccompanied refugee children to the UK, following consultation with local authorities on capacity.

On 8 February, the Government announced that we will transfer the specified number of 350 children to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act. This includes the more than 200 children already transferred from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance.

The UK has contributed significantly to hosting, supporting and protecting the most vulnerable children affected by the migration crisis. In the year ending September 2016, the UK granted asylum or another form of leave to over 8,000 children. By the end of this Parliament, we will have resettled 20,000 Syrian nationals through our Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and a further 3,000 of the most vulnerable children and their families from the Middle East and North Africa region under the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63727/>

The statement referred to in the above question can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-02-08/HCWS467/>

Refugees: Children

Thangam Debbonaire [64076] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to her oral contribution of 9 February 2017 on unaccompanied child refugees, Official Report, columns 637-652, what the evidential basis is for her determination that the need for the scheme arising from the Dubs assessment has ceased.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Under the Immigration Act we made a commitment to transfer a specified number of unaccompanied refugee children to the UK. On February 8, the Government announced that we will transfer the specified number of 350 children to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act following consultation with local authorities on capacity. This includes the more than 200

children already transferred under section 67 from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance.

The Government has a clear strategy for addressing the migration crisis; we invest significantly in upstream interventions and we resettle the most vulnerable directly from the affected regions, including children. It is right to focus our efforts on resettling refugees from the region, and thereby avoiding perilous journeys to Europe, particularly by the most vulnerable children. That is why we have committed to resettle 20,000 Syrian nationals through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and 3,000 of the most vulnerable children and family members under the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme over the course of this Parliament.

We will continue to meet our obligations under the Dublin Regulation. Furthermore, the UK has established a £10 million Refugee Children's Fund to support the needs of vulnerable refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-17/64076/>

Refugees: Children

Stephen Timms [64692] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps her Department is taking to protect child refugees from exploitation, human trafficking and sexual violence.

Reply from Rory Stewart: Through our support to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, we protect children from violence, abuse, and exploitation. DFID also has specific programming targeting displaced children. For example, UK Aid in Syria and the region has provided over 920,000 children with psychosocial support, such as mental health care or psychosocial counselling.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-20/64692/>

Refugees: Females

Tom Brake [63687] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps her Department is taking to protect female refugees against exploitation and sexual violence.

Reply from Rory Stewart: DFID is building on existing work to address new challenges facing female refugees, including a new Women and Girls Protection Fund to protect women and girls on the move in Libya and Europe. The fund will provide over 68,000 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants with psychosocial support, medical care and specialist case-workers for potential victims of gender-based violence and trafficking.

UNHCR leads international action to protect refugees worldwide, and is a signatory to the UK led Call to Action on Preventing Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63687/>

Refugees: Females

Julie Elliott [64258] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps her Department is taking to protect women refugees from exploitation and sexual violence.

Reply from Rory Stewart: DFID is building on existing work to address new challenges facing female refugees, including a new Women and Girls Protection Fund to protect women and girls on the move in Libya and Europe. The fund will provide over 68,000 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants with psychosocial support, medical care and specialist case-workers for potential victims of gender-based violence and trafficking.

UNHCR leads international action to protect refugees worldwide, and is a signatory to the UK led Call to Action on Preventing Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-17/64258/>

Asylum

Anne Main [63970] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that its initial decisions on granting asylum are made accurately and fairly.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: All asylum claims lodged in the UK are carefully considered on their individual merits against a background of relevant case law and up to date country information. We ensure that claimants are given every opportunity to disclose information relevant to their claim before a decision is taken, even where that information may be sensitive or difficult to disclose. We continually work to improve the quality of decision-making to ensure that we properly consider all the evidence provided and get decisions right the first time. UK Visas and Immigration has an internal audit process, consisting of reviews by senior case workers and independent auditors, which assesses whether Home Office policy has been followed.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63970/>

Asylum: Housing

Anne Main [63853] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people granted asylum in the UK in initial accommodation are properly supported for the duration of their stay.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Asylum seekers are usually moved from Initial Accommodation to Dispersed Accommodation before their asylum claim is decided. When a supported asylum seeker is granted leave they are given 28 days accommodation and support to allow them to access mainstream benefits and the labour market and secure accommodation. The Home Office works closely with Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to ensure that claims for mainstream benefits are processed during the 28 day grace period.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63853/>

Asylum: Detainees

The following four questions all received the same answer

Tulip Siddiq [64416] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applicants were detained in each year between 2013 and 2017 whilst appealing a rejection of their application; and how many of those applicants were successful in appealing that decision.

Tulip Siddiq [64461] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time spent in detention by an asylum applicant was in each year from 2013 to 2017.

Tulip Siddiq [64668] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applicants have been detained in each year since 2013, and how many of those applicants were detained in (a) a short-term facility, and (b) an Immigration Removal Centre.

Children: Detainees

Tulip Siddiq [64636] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many children have been detained by UKVI after submitting an asylum application in each year since 2013.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The information requested is not recorded on Home Office systems. We do report on the number of decisions made on asylum claims, and, separately, on the number of persons detained for immigration purposes.

However, we do not have a combined set of data which would allow the question to be answered, and to cross-match these data sets over the period requested (since January 2014) would require a manual data matching exercise.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-20/64416/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-20/64461/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-20/64668/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-20/64636/>

Detention Centres

The following three questions all received the same answer

Caroline Lucas [63654] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on granting hon. Members clearance to visit immigration removal centres outside of their constituency.

Caroline Lucas [63655] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hon. Members have (a) requested and (b) been granted clearance to visit (i) immigration removal centres and (ii) Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre in the last three years for which figures are available.

Caroline Lucas [63656] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time taken is to respond to requests by hon. Members to visit immigration removal centres.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The requirement to obtain the permission of the Secretary of State to view an immigration removal centre (IRC) is set out in the Detention Centre Rules 2001. In addition to security and safety considerations, visits to view IRCs can affect the regime for detainees and are therefore subject to careful consideration and management to minimise disruption and intrusion.

All requests for visits by Honourable Members require the agreement of the Minister for Immigration, with local constituency MPs generally given priority over non-constituency MPs.

Management information shows that over the last 3 years 22 Honourable Members have requested to visit an IRC, including Yarl's Wood, of which 21 were granted clearance to visit. This is provisional management information and has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63654/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63655/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63656/>

Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre

Kate Osamor [63781] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, whether women in Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre are tested for TB, HIV and malaria on arrival from (a)

West Africa, (b) East Africa, (c) South Africa and (d) South-East Asia.

Reply from Nicola Blackwood: Healthcare in Immigration Removal Centres (IRCs) is commissioned by NHS England. Testing for infectious diseases among new entrants to IRCs, including Yarl's Wood, is guided by advice from Public Health England and, where applicable, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance.

New entrants to all IRCs have a symptom-based questionnaire at first reception screening where healthcare staff ascertain whether patients have either signs or symptoms of tuberculosis (TB) or past history of infection or recent contact with someone with TB.

Since 2014, IRCs are advised to offer testing for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C to new entrants as part of an 'opt-out programme' for blood-borne virus testing promoted by Public Health England, NHS England and the Home Office through the National Partnership Agreement.

Testing for malaria is usually done following presentation of symptoms consistent with malaria in someone with a history of travel from endemic countries and is not done routinely on asymptomatic patients.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-09/63781/>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Immigration: EU Nationals

Lord Kinnock [HL5256] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the Prime Minister's Lancaster House speech on 17 January, in which areas of the UK has net EU migration "put pressure on public services, like schools, and stretched infrastructure, especially housing".

Reply from Lord Bridges of Headley: The Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a report based on 2011 census data, on the changing levels of the non-UK born population in every local area, available at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/articles/internationalmigrantsinenglandandwales/2012-12-11#tab-Local-geography-of-non-UK-born-and-non-UK-nationals>

The Home Office also published a research report 'The Social and Public Service Impacts of International Migration at the Local Level' (July 2013) which shows the local authorities that have been particularly affected by international migration, including migration from the European Union Member States. This is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/210324/horr72.pdf

International Migrants in England and Wales: 2011

International Migration at the Local Level

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-06/HL5256/>

Refugees: Children

Lord Alton of Liverpool [HL5328] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will continue to implement section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016, relating to unaccompanied refugee children, beyond the end of March into the next financial year.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Under the Immigration Act we made a commitment to transfer a specified number of unaccompanied refugee children to the UK, following consultation with local authorities on capacity.

On 8 February, the Government announced that we will transfer the specified number of 350 children to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act. This includes the more than 200 children already transferred from France as part of the

UK's support for the Calais camp clearance.

We will announce in due course the basis on which further children will be transferred from Europe to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act to the specified number.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-08/HL5328/>

Asylum: Children

Lord Hylton [HL5356] To ask Her Majesty's Government what support they are offering to unaccompanied children seeking asylum in the UK, who are presently in Calais, Dunkirk and elsewhere in France; and what plans they have to extend the cut-off date for children claiming asylum under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The UK has contributed significantly to hosting, supporting and protecting the most vulnerable children affected by the migration crisis. In the year ending September 2016, the UK granted asylum or another form of leave to over 8,000 children. In 2016, we transferred over 900 unaccompanied minors to the UK from Europe, including more than 750 from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance.

On February 8, the Government announced that we will transfer the specified number of 350 children to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act. This includes the more than 200 children already transferred under section 67 from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance. This number has been agreed following consultation with local authorities on their capacity to accommodate and care for unaccompanied children. We will announce in due course the basis on which further children will be transferred from Europe to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act to the specified number.

The primary responsibility for unaccompanied children in Europe lies with the State in which they are present. It is not possible for a child in France to claim asylum in the UK, and there is no application process under section 67 of the Immigration Act or the Dublin Regulation.

The UK has also established a £10 million Refugee Children's Fund to support the needs of vulnerable refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-08/HL5356/>

Asylum: North Korea

Lord Alton of Liverpool [HL5228] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether any children born to one North Korean parent in China, who have not acquired citizenship of either the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, or the People's Republic of China, have claimed asylum in the United Kingdom; and if so, whether they have been granted refugee status.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Information on claims and decisions is published as part of the Government's Immigration Statistics quarterly release. The relevant data tables can be found in tabs AS_01 and AS_01_q at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572374/asylum1-q3-2016-tables.ods

The tables are also attached to this answer.

[Data Tables](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-06/HL5228/>

Asylum: North Korea

Lord Alton of Liverpool [HL5229] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many individuals born in North Korea who have sought asylum in the United Kingdom have

been deported since the United Kingdom–Republic of Korea Readmission Agreement came into force.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Information on removals is published as part of the Government's Immigration Statistics quarterly release.

These can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572383/returns5-q3-2016-tables.ods

The table is also attached to this answer.

[Asylum Data Table](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-06/HL5229/>

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

Kate Hoey (956) Status of EU nationals in the UK – That this House reiterates its strong commitment that EU nationals living legally in the UK should have their status guaranteed after the UK leaves the EU; celebrates the contribution made by millions of these nationals to the UK's public services, economy, culture and scientific knowledge; acknowledges the concern about their status felt by many people following last year's referendum decision; welcomes the Prime Minister's pledge that addressing this along with the status of UK citizens in the EU is a top priority in negotiations; and urges negotiators on both sides to resolve this as swiftly as possible to give the necessary reassurance that the affected people deserve.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/956>

Press Releases

5,000 refugees arrive since Syrian scheme expanded

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/5000-refugees-arrive-since-syrian-scheme-expanded>

Migrant torture and trauma victims overlooked by Member States

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2017/migrant-torture-and-trauma-victims-overlooked-member-states>

Supreme Court judgment relating to entry requirements for non-EEA applicants to join their spouses or civil partners in the United Kingdom. These included a minimum income requirement ("MIR") of at least £18,600 per annum with additional sums for dependent children, to be satisfied by the sponsoring spouse or civil partner. ...

... the appellants claim that the Rules themselves, and the Immigration Directorate Instruction on family migration giving guidance to entry clearance officers ... are incompatible with the rights protected by the European Convention on Human Rights ... The claims to strike down the Rules partly succeeded in the High Court, but this decision was reversed by the Court of Appeal. ...

The Supreme Court unanimously (i) allows [one applicant's] appeal, restoring the decision of the Upper Tribunal in her case, and (ii) allows the other four appeals to a limited extent. The court holds that the MIR is acceptable in principle but that the Rules and the Instructions unlawfully fail to take proper account of the ... duty [to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children]. The Instructions also require amendment to allow consideration of alternative sources of funding when evaluating a claim ...

Press release

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2015-0011-press-summary.pdf>

Full judgment

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2015-0011-judgment.pdf>

Supreme Court judgment relating to applications made by two foreign nationals residing unlawfully in the UK, for leave to remain in the UK as partners of British citizens with whom they have formed relationships during the period of their unlawful residence. The Secretary of State's decision in each case was that the applicant did not qualify for leave to remain under Immigration Rules. ... The Supreme Court ruled that the Secretary of State's decisions on the facts were lawful.

Press release

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2015-0129-press-summary.pdf>

Full Judgment

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2015-0129-judgment.pdf>

New Publications

Immigration statistics, October to December 2016

Summary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/summary>

About the figures

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/about-the-figures>

Work

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/work>

Study

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/study>

Family

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/family>

Passenger arrivals and visitors

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/passenger-arrivals-and-visitors>

Asylum

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/asylum>

Extensions of stay

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/extensions-of-stay>

Settlement

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/settlement>

Citizenship

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/citizenship>

Detention

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/detention>

Returns

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/returns>

Immigration Enforcement data: February 2017

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593728/Immigration_Enforcement_Transparency_Data_Q4_2016.ods

Route to your Rights project: Preliminary Report

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/publications/RTYRPhaseOne_Final.pdf

An audit of international student mobility to the UK

http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc_working_papers/pdf/2017_WP82_An_audit_of_international_student_mobility_to_the_UK.pdf

Mind the Gap: Immigration Advice for Detainees in Prisons

http://www.biduk.org/sites/default/files/media/docs/Mind%20the%20Gap_1.pdf

Current migration situation in the EU: Torture, trauma and its possible impact on drug use

http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-february-2017-monthly-migration-report-focus-torture-trauma_en.pdf

News: Statistics

Net migration to UK falls by 49,000

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-39062436>

Net long-term migration to UK reaches two-year low of 273,000

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/375261/fresh-uk-immigration-figures-to-be-released/>

Net migration drops to two year low amid Brexit referendum fall out

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/net-migration-drops-two-year-9904846>

More EU migrants came to UK than from all other nations combined after Brexit vote, figures show for first time

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/23/eu-migrants-fuel-near-record-levels-migration-official-figures/>

Net migration to UK falls sharply after Brexit vote

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/23/net-migration-to-uk-falls-by-49000-after-brexit-vote>

Record number of EU migrants to UK expected in latest ONS data

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/23/office-national-statistics-immigration-record-number-eu-migrants-likely>

UK asylum claims drop despite rising Middle East refugee crisis

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-asylum-claims-drop-immigration-middle-east-refugee-crisis-brexit-a7596871.html>

Immigration from Bulgaria and Romania rises to highest level on record following Brexit referendum

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-brexit-uk-eu-up-down-stats-bulgaria-romania-record-high-referendum-a7594851.html>

Poles return home, bringing down net migration

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/net-migration-falls-as-poles-return-home-69rr0x6m5>

Net migration to Britain falls to 273,000 a year in first figures after the Brexit vote but EU nationals make up more than half of inflows with surge from Romania and Bulgaria

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4251868/Net-migration-Britain-FALLS-273-000.html>

Number of EU care workers in UK surges

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/feb/25/brexit-fears-eu-nationals-working-social-care-theresa-may-sarah-wollaston>

News: Supreme Court Judgment

Income rules for foreign spouses upheld

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-39050664>

Immigration income measure does not breach rights legislation – Supreme Court

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/374506/court-ruling-due-on-challenge-to-minimum-income-immigration-requirement/>

Supreme court backs minimum income rule for non-European spouses

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2017/feb/22/supreme-court-backs-minimum-income-rule-for-non-european-spouses>

Supreme court spouse rule: 'In one word, we are devastated'

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/22/supreme-court-spouse-rule-in-one-word-we-are-devastated>

The UK, where falling in love with a foreigner is only for the better off

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2017/feb/23/the-uk-where-falling-in-love-with-a-foreigner-is-only-for-the-better-off>

Minimum income rules stopping British citizens bringing foreign spouses to UK are lawful, says Supreme Court

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/22/supreme-court-ruling-due-challenge-foreign-spouse-income-limit2/>

Judges back income rules for partners

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-02-22/news/judges-back-income-rules-for-partners-w09lzmrbz>

Supreme Court throws out attempt to scrap minimum income rule for British citizens who want to bring their foreign spouses here

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4248506/Supreme-Court-throws-foreign-spouses-case.html>

News: Other Immigration and Asylum

SNP calls for 'moral leadership' in refugee row with Westminster

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/snp-calls-for-moral-leadership-in-refugee-row-with-westminster-1-4370945>

David Mundell rules out devolved immigration meaning Scotland will not have freedom of movement

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15109785.David_Mundell_rules_out_devolved_immigration_meaning_Scotland_will_not_have_freedom_of_movement/?ref=mr&lp=11

Government considers cutting migrant benefits as part of major policy shake up
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrants-benefits-cut-government-visas-brexit-migration-advisory-committee-a7599901.html>

Benefits for migrants face axe
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/benefits-for-migrants-face-the-axe-cwlzd82xz>

Child refugees in France record plea to Theresa May: 'Please let me see my brother in the UK'
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/child-refugees-theresa-may-plea-dubs-scheme-uk-immigration-let-me-see-brother-a7596056.html>

Young refugees urge ministers not to end unaccompanied minors scheme
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/22/young-refugees-urge-ministers-not-to-end-unaccompanied-minors-scheme>

Stop being sentimental about child refugees, says Tory MP
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/23/stop-being-sentimental-about-child-refugees-says-tory-mp>

Calls to hold citizenship ceremonies at 'iconic' venues
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/calls-to-hold-citizenship-ceremonies-at-iconic-venues-1-4373033>

Migrants have helped make Britain. It's time to celebrate us
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/20/migrants-britain-celebrate-markets-football-nhs-one-day-without-us>

UK businesses are already facing recruitment crisis as Polish workers head home
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/brexit-latest-news-uk-businesses-recruitment-crisis-polish-workers-return-home-immigration-eu-a7596956.html>

Syrian refugees to work on Huntly art project inspired by Middle East conflict
<http://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/syrian-refugees-to-work-on-huntly-art-project-inspired-by-middle-east-conflict-1-4372107>

At least 397 Syrian refugees resettled in Wales
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-politics-39065285>

Children's documentary at home with tale of UK's Syrian refugee children
<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/375260/childrens-documentary-at-home-with-tale-of-uks-syrian-refugee-children/>

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Community Relations

News

Christian schools planned for Muslim areas to help fight
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/christian-schools-planned-for-muslim-areas-to-help-fight-segregation-2qbpxl0v5>

Muslim families 'value Christian schools'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-02-21/news/muslim-parents-choose-church-schools-because-of-spiritual-focus-sbf276rkg>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-04099 Mary Fee: United Nations World Day of Social Justice – That the Parliament notes that 20 February 2017 marks the 11th annual UN World Day of Social Justice; considers that the social justice agenda must aim to reduce and eradicate all forms of discrimination and inequality that people face every day regarding their age, culture, ethnicity, disability, gender, race and religion; believes that, in relation to gender equality, the global community must redouble its efforts in order to meet the UN aims of empowering women through reducing poverty and promoting development as, at present, six out of ten of the world's poorest people are women, and notes with regret that the World Economic Forum has estimated that it will take another 118 years to completely eradicate gender inequality across the globe, despite this being a fundamental human right.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-04099>

New Publication

Implementation Approach of the Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016-2030

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00514492.pdf>

News

Met 'trying to gag critics' by defunding its black officers' association

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/23/met-trying-to-gag-critics-by-defunding-its-black-officers-association>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Oral Answers

Tackling Islamophobia

Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle Islamophobia. (S5O-00690)

Reply from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance): We invested more than £500,000 in 2016-17 to promote interfaith relations and engagement between civic Scotland and different faith communities. We are developing an ambitious programme of work following the report of the independent advisory group on hate crime, prejudice and community cohesion, which includes running a hate crime awareness-raising campaign this year. In January, the Minister for Community Safety and Legal

Affairs announced an independent review of hate crime legislation.

Angus MacDonald: I am pleased to hear of the progress that is being made, but the fact remains that Islamophobia continues in my Falkirk East constituency and beyond. It has been suggested to me by groups that have been on the receiving end of Islamophobia in the Falkirk district that a relaunch of the one Scotland, many cultures campaign would help to show Scotland as the diverse, multifaith and multicultural society that it is, committed to promoting one Scotland where many cultures can thrive side by side. Will the cabinet secretary give that some consideration?

Reply from Angela Constance: Yes—absolutely. As I alluded to in my original answer, we are developing an awareness-raising campaign around the impact of hate crime as part of our one Scotland campaign. That campaign continues to have an online presence, but we will look at how we can develop it further. Some of the important recommendations from the independent advisory group on hate crime, prejudice and community cohesion were around public education and how we promote a clearer understanding of hate crime and its impact, and how we really get across the strong message that it must not be tolerated and must be reported at every opportunity. I hope that that gives some reassurance to the member and to the Parliament.

Anas Sarwar: Despite the Government's efforts, Islamophobic hate crime has actually doubled in the past year in Scotland. What specific measures will be taken to support Muslim communities to better report Islamophobic hate crime? How can we set examples through people being convicted for Islamophobic hate crime? Does the Government share any data about Islamophobic hate crime with any organisations that monitor the trends in Islamophobia?

Reply from Angela Constance: Mr Sarwar is absolutely right to point to an increase in Islamophobia in terms of crimes reported. The most recent hate crime statistics, which were published by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, show an increase in the number of charges where conduct was derogatory to Islam from 71 to 134. We know that that is not attributable to a single event pattern; it is due to a general rise in reporting. Any crime is regrettable, and it is particularly important that such crime is reported so that a firm stance can be taken.

A review has been undertaken of the effectiveness of third-party reporting, which was one of the important recommendations in the independent advisory group report. There were also recommendations on data, which we are currently working through. It is important to have good and robust data that gives more granular detail on the causes and conditions in which such crime flourishes.

It might be of some reassurance to Mr Sarwar that we will produce a plan of action in the very near future. As part of our determination to tackle prejudice in all its forms, we have introduced three-year funding for the equality budget, which will support the important work that is undertaken by diverse groups, including groups that work in our communities to tackle hate crime and prejudice in all its forms.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10798&i=98967#ScotParlOR>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Mass Media: Complaints

Nusrat Ghani [60964] To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the progress update to the All-Party Parliamentary Group against Anti-Semitism Inquiry into the rise in the number of anti-Semitic incidents following the Gaza conflict in 2014, published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in December 2016, what the evidential basis is for the statement that there are clear ways to register complaints regarding media content.

Reply from Matt Hancock: The press self-regulators, the Independent Press

Standards Organisation (IPSO) and the Independent Monitor for the Press (IMPRESS) each have a clear process for making complaints regarding the publications they regulate. Information about IPSO's complaints process is available here: <https://www.ipso.co.uk/make-a-complaint/>. Information about IMPRESS's complaints process is available here:

<http://www.impress.press/complaints/>.

Ofcom's process for complaints covers content on television, radio and on demand programme services. The Broadcasting code includes rules designed to protect viewers and listeners from harm and offence – such as what can be screened on TV before the 9pm watershed. Other areas of the Broadcasting Code address issues such as impartiality and accuracy, sponsorship and commercial references as well as fairness and privacy. Information about Ofcom's complaints process is available here <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/how-to-report-a-complaint>

In addition, Government expects social media providers to have robust process in place and act promptly when abuse is reported. The UK has strict laws governing such content, which apply equally online and offline.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-20/60964/>

The progress update referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/576563/16_1212_APPG_-_Progress_Update.pdf

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

Religious Hatred: Christianity

Baroness Berridge [HL5298] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for a Christian hate crimes unit, additional to the Jewish and Muslim hate crimes units in the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Reply from Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth: The Government set out its commitment to reduce the harm caused by all hate crime, including that which is religiously motivated, in '[Action against hate: the UK government's plan for tackling hate crime](#)' which was published in July 2016.

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) does not have specific units for antisemitic or anti-Muslim hate crime. Rather, we support Working Groups to bring members of those communities, where religiously motivated hate crime is at the highest levels, together with Government and other agencies to discuss what more we can do to tackle anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim hate crime. DCLG also supports the cross-Government Hate Crime Programme, which coordinates the response to all forms of hate crime across Whitehall and the Criminal Justice Agencies.

DCLG supports the police website 'True Vision' and, in January 2017, the Communities Secretary announced £25,000 extra funding for True Vision to work with Christian Groups, including Churchwatch. The project will assess the nature and extent of anti-Christian hate crime, reassure affected Christians and raise awareness of reporting mechanisms for hate crime. The findings of the research will help inform our future activity to challenge hate crime, which is unacceptable in any community.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-07/HL5298/>

Press Release

Man sentenced to five years imprisonment for terrorism and hate crime offences

http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/man-sentenced-to-five-years-impriso/

News

Race crime report shows a decrease by 11% to its lowest level since 2004

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15112087.Race_crime_report_shows_a_decrease_by_11_to_its_lowest_level_since_2004/

Manchester racist tram attack: Aaron Cauchi given suspended jail term

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-39053989>

Crackdown on campus anti-Semitism: Vice chancellors are ordered to adopt a 'zero tolerance' approach over fears of growing level of abuse

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4254780/Crackdown-campus-anti-Semitism-university-campuses.html>

Anti-Semitism row at Bristol University as lecturers rally round academic who claimed Jews should stop 'privileging' the Holocaust

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/02/25/anti-semitism-row-bristol-university-lecturers-rally-round-academic/>

Far-right Polish priest detained at Stansted airport

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/25/far-right-polish-priest-jacek-miedlar-detained-at-stansted-airport>

Racist bigot' who called Hitler 'God' and had a swastika tattoo on his chest is jailed for five years for having a 'bomb recipe' on his laptop and posting hundreds of extremist messages online

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4253174/Racist-bigot-swastika-tattoo-chest-jailed.html>

Primark pulls Walking Dead t-shirt after row over racism

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/primark-pulls-walking-dead-t-shirt-after-row-over-racism-1-4372790>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Press Release

Income tax rates set

<http://news.gov.scot/news/income-tax-rates-set>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Judaism: Festivals and Special Occasions

Craig Williams [63566] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what plans the Government has to mark Hanukkah in 2017.

Reply from Marcus Jones: The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has been proud to celebrate religious festivities and significant dates with our faith communities for many years. Our usual practice is to issue a celebratory message, alongside the Prime Minister, and attend community events where feasible. Downing Street and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office mark faith events throughout the year by holding receptions for faith leaders, dignitaries, international guests and community representatives, which DCLG Ministers attend. We will, in partnership with Downing Street and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, consider our detailed plans for Hanukkah later in the year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-08/63566/>

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New Publications

Being a Charity in Scotland

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2541/being-a-charity-in-scotland_digital_version.pdf

Young People and Volunteering in Scotland, 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/jnvzlmh>

National Youth Social Action Survey 2016

<http://www.iwill.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/download-manager-files/National%20Youth%20Social%20Action%20Survey%202016%20Final.pdf>

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Other News

Glasgow's book festival Aye Write! to give away nearly 1000 free tickets

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15114376.Glasgow_39_s_book_festival_Aye_Write_to_give_away_nearly_1000_tickets/

New guide on being a Charity in Scotland

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news/new-guide-on-being-a-charity-in-scotland>

SCVO report finds Scottish charities in 'survival mode'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-39043223>

Jasvinder Sanghera: I ran away to escape a forced marriage

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-38833804>

Plans for first state-funded Islamic primary school in Scotland revealed

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/plans-first-state-funded-islamic-9848520>

Plans for first state-backed Islamic primary school in Scotland

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/education/plans-for-first-state-backed-islamic-primary-school-in-scotland-1-4370842>

'Jamaican stew' lands Cambridge in the soup

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/jamaican-stew-lands-cambridge-in-soup-b3t8tdtjf>

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Bills in Progress

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UK Parliament

Ethnicity Pay Gap Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/ethnicitypaygap.html>

EU Citizens Resident in the United Kingdom (Right to Stay)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/eucitizensresidentintheunitedkingdomrighttostay.html>

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

Student Support (Non-Interest-Bearing Finance) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/studentssupportnoninterestbearingfinance.html>

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Consultations

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Racism at work (closing date 27 February 2017)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RacismAtWork>

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Brexit and Immigration (closing date 28 February 2017)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B22hK1jLWDQKWkg4VkJRLQmo4ajg/view>

Destitution and asylum in Scotland (closing date 8 March 2017)

http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Equal_Opps/Inquiries/Destitution_and_Asylum_Call_for_Evidence_Final_20170125.pdf

Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation: increasing numbers of successful donations (closing date 14 March 2017)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/005111160.pdf>

Draft Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (closing date 17 March 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/equality-unit/draft-gender-representation-on-public-boards/>

Changes to The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) Rules 2014 arising from the Immigration Act 2016 (closing date 23 March 2017)
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/590887/tpc-bail-consultation.pdf

Commission on Parliamentary Reform (closing date 27 March 2017)
<https://parliamentaryreform.scot/have-your-say/>

EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 (closing date 31 March 2017)
http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=54326

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year)
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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Funding Opportunities

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Europe of Diversities

closing date for applications: 28 February 2016

European Union funding for projects to promote unity in diversity, support sharing of good practices in fighting discrimination and promoting diversity at local and regional level, and help to identify and target discriminatory practices at local and regional level and build understanding between majority and minority societies. For information see

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rppi-eudi-ag-2016.html>

Scottish Government Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund

closing date for applications: 17 March 2017

Scottish Government funding for projects that work with, or on behalf of, people who are disadvantaged due to protected characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010: age, disability, gender (sex), gender identity/ reassignment, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation. Applications can be made by incorporated third sector organisations, community interest companies, statutory bodies, and partnerships where the lead applicant must be an incorporated Third Sector organisation. For information see

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/equality-fund/>

Scottish Government Equally Safe (Violence Against Women and Girls) Fund

closing date for applications: 17 March 2017

Scottish Government funding fund for projects to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls, including projects that build capacity in local partnerships to strengthen responses to violence and abuse, the delivery of frontline services, or projects which

focus on prevention and early intervention. Applications can be made by incorporated third sector organisations, community interest companies, statutory bodies, and partnerships where the lead applicant must be an incorporated Third Sector organisation. For information see

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/violence-against-women/>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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The Holocaust: an Introduction - Part 2

Online – second of three sessions: 28 February, and 6 March

Yad Vashem course about the Holocaust, an inconceivable historical event, an idea so inhumanly warped that spread like wildfire through an entire continent, instigating the systematic annihilation of millions of Jews. For information see

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/holocaust-part-2>

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Working with Interpreters

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

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Introduction to Child Protection

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

GCVS session in partnership with Children in Scotland to discuss child protection, your individual and organisation's roles and responsibilities and the steps should you feel a child requires your support. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zqw4ays> or contact 0141 332 2444.

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Integration and Working with Syrian Families

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

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Statelessness determination procedure

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (2.00-6.00)

Asylum Aid, the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association, and Liverpool Law Clinic training session on the UK's statelessness determination procedure. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/hhm87vh>

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Equality and Fair Work – Taking Action in your Workplace

3 March 2017 (registration until 24 February) in Edinburgh (10.00-4.30)

Scottish Union Learning and the Equality and Human Rights Commission event to consider equality legislation such as the Equality Act 2010 and the Fair Work Framework, with an emphasis on how these can be used in the workplace to ensure fairer and more equal workplaces. For information contact Alan White awhite@stuc.org.uk / 0141 337 8153

Your Parliament, Your Voice: The voice of ethnic minorities in the Scottish Parliament

6 March 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

Commission on Parliamentary Reform and CEMVO Scotland event to consider how the Parliament can engage better with the people of Scotland and how its work can be improved to deliver better scrutiny. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jvfo8yl>

Engaging hard to reach groups

8 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about engaging with hard to reach groups. For information please contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Human Rights Tour

8 March 2017 in Aberdeen (9.30)

British Institute for Human Rights event to raise awareness about human rights and their relevance in everyday life. For information see <https://www.bih.org.uk/Event/human-rights-tour-aberdeen>

Leadership Skills for BME Workers

11 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

STUC training to improve or develop leadership skills. For minority workers who hold positions of responsibility in their union, or who would like to become more involved in their union in the future. For information contact Kirsten McTighe kmctighe@stuc.org.uk / 0141 337 8148.

Equality and Human Rights Law after Brexit

13 March 2017 in Edinburgh (9.30-1.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission event to consider what Brexit might mean for equality and human rights in Scotland, and how we can secure strong protection for equalities and fundamental rights following Brexit. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jpq5r6b> or contact Kyle Mulholland 0141 228 5925 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

Honour-Based Violence: Who is Doing What to Whom, and Why?

14 March 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-1.00)

Scottish Women's Aid workshop to discuss the meaning of Honour in the context of Honour-based violence, the influence of family, community, faith, tradition, migration and gender in victims/survivors' experiences, links to domestic abuse and gender-based violence, the long term impact and consequences of Honour-based violence on minority ethnic women children and young people, and appropriate service responses to supporting survivors. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hzeo96f>

Employability & Muslim Women in Scotland

20 March 2017 in Edinburgh (12.00)

Amina event bringing together employability providers to facilitate discussion, create new partnerships and work together to foster best practice, ensuring that services address the needs of Muslim women. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hm4wf4p>

**** Race Equality Framework anniversary**

21 March 2017 in Edinburgh (1.00-4.00)

Scottish Government event one year after the official launch of the Race Equality Framework to explore the story so far with Scottish Government's recently appointed Race Equality Framework Adviser, Kaliani Lyle, and Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities. The outcomes of discussion on the day will help develop future work towards achieving the Framework's goals and visions. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zdx9ndb>

Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training on issues related to EEA nationals' access to services and important changes in regulations. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

Rights of refugees and asylum seekers

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (1.15-4.15)

PAiH course to explore how the asylum system operates, and barriers faced by refugees and asylum seekers. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

Engaging Young Refugees: An equipping day for Youth Workers

23 March 2017 in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Ayr, and Inverurie (1.00-4.30)

Church Response For Refugees online training for those wanting to engage with young refugees and unaccompanied minors in their community. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hbthqpg>

Talking to Young People about Equality

23 March 2017 in Fife (venue tbc) (6.00-9.00)

Youth 1st workshop to help Youth Workers to begin a dialogue about equality with young people and to understand that good knowledge of equality and inclusion will improve their employability. For information contact Gayle Brown 01592 645 355 / gayle@youth1st.co.uk or see <https://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk/news.asp?id=8004>

**** Brexit and its implications for rights**

27 March 2017 in Edinburgh (2.00-4.00)

Human Rights Consortium Scotland seminar to provide information around the structure and law on rights in Europe currently and the Brexit process in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z6csuts> or contact hrcscotland@gmail.com

Refugee Rights to Housing

30 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course about refugee housing rights. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Cultural Competence

25 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course focusing on how culture affects all our lives, and examines the extent to which culture influences and governs our beliefs, attitudes, behaviours and decision-making. It explores our own practice and attitudes to cultural differences, and examines different worldviews, so that participants can confidently work with people no matter where they come from. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jdfkz2> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Separated Children

11 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about supporting separated child refugees. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

7 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

Scottish Government <http://www.gov.scot/>

UK Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

GovUK (links to UK Government Departments) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

UK Government Honours system <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

One Scotland <http://onescotland.org/>

Scottish Refugee Council <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

Equality Advisory Support Service <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

Volunteer Development Scotland <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

Disclosure Scotland <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

BBC News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

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BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



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