

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament Questions

#### British Nationality

**Mike Crockart** [219526] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what external agencies are carrying out character enquiries on behalf of UK Visas and Immigration as part of the application process for British Citizenship; and what the (a) mean, (b) median and (c) longest time taken to complete such enquiries by each such agency was in the last year for which information is available.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** No external agencies currently carry out specific character enquiries on behalf of UK Visas and Immigration as part of the application process. UK Visas and Immigration routinely completes robust checks itself to inform its assessment of character, accessing information collated by other Government departments and agencies for their own purposes. No

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information is aggregated in national reporting systems to enable reporting on the time taken for these checks to be returned.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-12-18/219526/>

#### British Nationality

**Nicholas Soame** [218768] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will introduce legislative proposals to prevent anyone who has entered or stayed illegally in the UK being granted British citizenship.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Applicants for naturalisation need to meet the statutory requirements in the British Nationality Act 1981 which specify that a person must not have been in breach of the Immigration Rules during the required residential qualifying period.

In addition, a person is required to be of good character. If a person meets these requirements, the Home Secretary may, if she thinks fit, grant a certificate of naturalisation.

We have recently substantially strengthened our policy on both the good character and residence requirements. Our revised policy on good character makes it clear that entering the UK illegally or evading immigration control will usually mean that a person is prevented from acquiring citizenship for a period of 10 years. In terms of assessing the residence requirements, new guidance has been published on how the Home Secretary will exercise her discretion. We will no longer overlook lengthy periods of unlawful residence, as was the case under previous governments. Whereas previously discretion would have been exercised in cases where a person who deliberately entered or remained in the UK without permission had attempted to regularise their stay by making an application to the Home Office, we will no longer tolerate this. We will normally only exercise discretion to overlook periods of unlawful residence if they are short and genuinely inadvertent or outside the applicant's control.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-12-15/218768/>

#### Entry Clearances

**Paul Blomfield** [220366] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the costs and benefits of the electronic visa waiver scheme.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Home Secretary made a statement on the electronic visa waiver (EVW) scheme on 9 December 2013 (HC Deb, 9 December 2013, c4WS).

We keep the UK's visa regime including the EVW scheme under constant review and in light of a range of border security factors which are balanced against the costs of delivery as well as the benefits to the UK's prosperity and bilateral relations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-12/220366/>

#### Entry Clearances

**Paul Blomfield** [220354] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the top 10 nationalities granted study visas, other than student visitors, were in each year since 2009.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The information requested is given in the table below:

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<b>Top 10 nationalities in 2013</b>	<b>Rank</b>
China	1
United States	2
India	3
Nigeria	4
Malaysia	5
Hong Kong	6
Saudi Arabia	7
Pakistan	8
Thailand	9
Russia	10
<b>Top 10 nationalities in 2012</b>	<b>Rank</b>
China	1
India	2
United States	3
Nigeria	4
Pakistan	5
Saudi Arabia	6
Hong Kong	7
Malaysia	8
Thailand	9
Russia	10
<b>Top 10 nationalities in 2011</b>	<b>Rank</b>
China	1
Pakistan	2
India	3
United States	4
Nigeria	5
Saudi Arabia	6
Hong Kong	7
Malaysia	8
Bangladesh	9
Korea (South)	10
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Nigeria	6
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Table notes: Source: *Immigration Statistics, July - September 2014*, table vi\_06\_q\_s, Visas Volume 3.

- 1) The top 10 nationalities in each year are listed in rank order.
- 2) Dependants were included in the figures on which the lists are based.
- 3) Student visitor visas were not included. Student visitors may come to the UK for up to 6 months (or 11 months for an English language course) and cannot extend their stay.
- 4) The figures used refer to entry clearance visas applied for outside the UK. The latest Home Office immigration statistics are published in the Immigration Statistics July – September 2014 (Entry clearance visas granted outside the UK tables, volume 3, table vi\_06\_q\_s), which is available from the Library of the House and on the Department's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

It is planned to publish information for 2014 on 26 February.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-12/220354/>

#### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Lord Storey** [HL3940] To ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to the concept of a visa on arrival for students from outside the European Union with a confirmed place at a United Kingdom higher education institution.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The purpose of the visa system is to screen applicants before they make their journey to the UK. It is an effective tool for the UK in reducing illegal immigration, tackling organised crime and protecting national security. The current system of screening applicants before they arrive also speeds up processing at the port of arrival.

When applying for a visa, students are required to show that they have been accepted to study at an education provider in the UK. They must also demonstrate they have a sufficient level of English, funds to maintain themselves, relevant qualifications and a genuine intention to study.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-06/HL3940/>

#### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Jonathan Ashworth** [219051] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many international students living and studying in the UK have not had their passports returned to them by the Passport Office in time to travel abroad before Christmas 2014.

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**Reply from James Brokenshire:** In January 2014 UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) introduced a new set of service standards for fee-paying in-country applications.

Applications from Tier 4 students will be completed within 8 weeks of application provided that the customer has complied with application requirements and has provided the necessary documentation.

Since January, UKVI has processed over 98% of in-country Tier 4 student applications within the 8 week service standard.

Students that applied in good time and complied with all application requirements could therefore have expected to receive their passports back before Christmas 2014.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-12-16/219051/>

#### Immigration: Eastern Europe

**William McCrea** [220596] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the number of citizens of EU member states in Eastern Europe who are resident in the UK.

**Reply from Rob Wilson:** The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply.

Glen Watson, Director General for ONS: As Director General for the Office for National Statistics (ONS), I have been asked to reply to your Parliamentary Question ...

ONS collects data on country of birth and nationality from the Annual Population Survey (APS). The APS is the Labour Force Survey (LFS) plus various sample boosts. It is a household survey and so does not include people living in most types of communal establishment.

The table shows estimates of the number of EU nationals resident in the UK, for the latest 12 month period for which data is available, which is between January and December 2013. Estimates are shown in the table alongside their margin of error. This refers to the 95 per cent confidence interval and is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample survey.

*To read the table, see*

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/173430/original/PQ%20220596%20ONS%205.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-13/220596/>

#### Asylum

**Frank Field** [219902] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which datasets her Department draws upon in checking if asylum seekers have criminal records; what improvements she is requiring in those datasets; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Everyone claiming asylum in the UK undergoes a series of checks against immigration and police databases. Asylum claims are screened to identify individuals who may have been involved in serious criminality outside of the UK. This includes (but is not limited to) war crimes, crimes against humanity and terrorism.

Asylum claims are also screened for indicators of national security interest and, where identified, further checks and investigations are undertaken. We now run more checks than were carried out under the previous government and the process is clearer and more consistent.



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The UK holds a watchlist of adverse information and intelligence drawn from a variety of sources, including Security and Intelligence Agencies and the police. The system is used by Home Office staff for the purposes of national security and the detection and prevention of crime. Checking against the watchlist provides the means of intervention through pre-entry checks (when applicants apply for visas), at the border (when they enter or leave the UK) and in-country applications for extensions of stay and Indefinite Leave to Remain. It is longstanding policy not to discuss either the specific data held on the watchlist, the source of the data or how it is used as to do so would be counterproductive.

All checks are now mandated for every asylum claim at point of claim, in addition all claimants who apply for asylum support are checked against the asylum support database( ASYS) and undergo a credit reference check. There is a clear record of all checks made, with a disciplinary procedure in place if staff fail to undertake them.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-06/219902/>

#### **Asylum: Syria**

*The following four questions all received the same answer.*

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead [HL3878]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage local authorities to sign up to the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme.

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead [HL3879]** To ask Her Majesty's Government on what criteria they based their estimate that the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme would support several hundred refugees over three years.

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead [HL3880]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme in the light of the call by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for 100,000 further humanitarian admission places in 2015 and 2016.

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead [HL3881]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking regularly to review the number of people offered resettlement places in the United Kingdom under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme to ensure that the scheme is responsive to need.

**Lord Bates:** When we launched the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPR) scheme from January 2014, we wrote to local authorities to invite them to participate. As the scheme has progressed, we have continued to engage closely with local authorities who have expressed an interest in participation. Following the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) pledging conference in Geneva on 9 December 2014, a number of additional local authorities have also expressed an interest, and we are in discussions with them. We are grateful to the local authorities who are supporting the scheme, and we remain confident that we can continue to meet the needs of arrivals in the UK under the scheme as planned. We expect the scheme to help several hundred Syrians over three years, and we welcome further offers of support from local authorities as the scheme progresses.

With millions of Syrians displaced by the conflict, the Government strongly believes that the UK can have the greatest impact and help the most people in need through humanitarian aid in the region and actively seeking an end to the crisis. We have committed £700 million in response to the humanitarian crisis, making the UK the second largest bilateral donor after the USA, and this funding is helping to support hundred of thousands of people. Compared with aid,

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resettlement can only ever help a minority of those in need. However, we recognise that some very vulnerable people cannot be supported effectively in the region, and we launched the VPR scheme to complement our aid by offering protection in the UK to particularly vulnerable individuals and their families, prioritising women and children at risk, those in need of medical care and survivors of violence and torture. Potential beneficiaries of the scheme are identified and referred to us by UNHCR on this basis. The VPR scheme is therefore based on need rather than fulfilling a quota. However, it was necessary for planning purposes to estimate the scale of potential arrivals under the scheme, bearing in mind the purpose of the scheme, UNHCR's capacity and the need to have suitable care and support in place for these very vulnerable individuals as soon as they arrive in the UK.

We believe that substantial aid, actively seeking an end to the crisis and providing protection for some of the most vulnerable people are the most effective ways for the UK to help those displaced by the crisis and their host countries, rather than larger scale resettlement. We therefore have no current plans to expand the VPR scheme, and we made our position clear at the UNHCR pledging conference on 9 December. However, we continue to monitor the situation in Syria and the surrounding region and work closely with UNHCR to identify the most vulnerable people displaced by the conflict to ensure that the scheme remains appropriate.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-06/HL3878/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-06/HL3879/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-06/HL3880/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-06/HL3881/>

#### Immigrants: Detainees

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL3991] To ask Her Majesty's Government on what ground an individual can be detained for immigration purpose for periods in excess of 30 days.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** Individuals may be detained to effect their removal from the UK, to establish their identity or basis of claim, or where there is reason to believe that they will fail to comply with any conditions attached to the grant of temporary admission or temporary release. In addition, asylum applicants whose claims are considered to be straightforward and capable of speedy resolution may be detained under the asylum fast track process.

Immigration detention is not subject to a fixed time limit but it must comply with the principles established in leading case law. These broadly provide that: the power to detain can only be exercised for a permitted purpose; detention is limited to a period that is reasonably necessary for the purpose for which it was authorised; what is a reasonable period will depend on all the circumstances of the case; and, if it becomes apparent that the purpose of detention cannot be achieved within that reasonable period, detention should be brought to an end.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-07/HL3991/>

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### UK Parliament Questions (continued)

#### Immigrants: Detainees

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL3992] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to place time limits on detention for immigration purposes.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The Government has no intention of introducing a fixed time limit on immigration detention in the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-07/HL3992/>

#### Immigrants: Detainees

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL3989] To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce the time some people are held in immigration detention.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The Home Office only detains people as a last resort and for the shortest period necessary. The Immigration Act 2014 has introduced changes to streamline the immigration system, most notably the single removal decision, which are intended to reduce the length of time individuals spend in detention. Separately, operational changes in the Home Office case working areas responsible for managing detained cases have introduced improved assurance measures and oversight of detention decisions and reviews, which will ensure that cases are progressed as speedily as possible and thus likely to lead to a reduction in length of detention periods.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-01-07/HL3989/>

#### Deportation

**Frank Field** [218023] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department has spent on removing foreign nationals in each year since 1997.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Home Office spend on removing foreign nationals includes the costs incurred in transporting foreign nationals to their country of origin, and third party cost incurred as part of the Facilitated Removals and Assisted Voluntary Returns

(AVR) removal programmes. It includes associated flight costs, and the costs of escorts used when removing foreign nationals from the country.

£m Total

2009-10 - 68.0

2010-11 - 71.8

2011-12 - 54.2

2012-13 - 57.3

2013-14 - 55.3

Notes:

1. The following costs are excluded from the figures given above: Home Office staff costs; overheads; any related EU funding; areas of expenditure where costs could only be attributed to the removals process at disproportionate cost; and the cost of escorting foreign nationals within the UK to a port of departure where such costs could only be identified at disproportionate cost.

2. Due to changes in the structure of the Home Office group (the Departmental boundary), data prior to 2009-10 is not available except at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-12-10/218023/>



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### UK Parliament Petition

#### Immigration checks in the UK

The Petition of residents of the UK, Declares that the Petitioners believe that current immigration checks in the UK are not tough enough; further that the Petitioners believe that the checks should mean that if an individual has no job, no money and a criminal record, they should be denied entry to the UK; and further that a Petition in the Rutherglen and Hamilton West Constituency on this matter has received over 800 signatures.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges the Government to enforce stringent checks on immigration to stop criminals from entering the UK and breaking laws.

And the Petitioners remain, etc.—[Presented by **Tom Greatrex**, *Official Report*, 10 November 2014; Vol. 587, c. 1272.] [P001397]

**Observations from the Secretary of State for the Home Department:** The Government have detailed arrangements in place to identify people of concern who are attempting to enter the UK. All passengers are checked against police, security and immigration watchlists upon arrival and, where the Government are aware of individuals who pose a risk, Border Force officers can—and do—refuse them entry.

The Government operate a framework of mandatory bans on non European Economic Area (EEA) foreign criminals entering the UK, where the Government are aware of their offending.

For those sentenced to up to 12 months imprisonment it is mandatory to refuse any application for entry to the UK made for five years from the end of sentence, for those sentenced to between 12 months and four years imprisonment it is mandatory to refuse any application for entry to the UK made for 10 years from the end of the sentence and for those sentenced to four or more years imprisonment any application to enter the UK is a permanent mandatory refusal.

In addition to decisions being made on the basis of convictions, a non EEA foreign national is also liable to be refused entry on discretionary grounds due to their character, conduct and associations.

All non EEA nationals who are applying to come and stay in the UK for six months or longer are required to disclose any criminal convictions. Where someone has failed to disclose a criminal conviction and the conviction is subsequently discovered, action can be taken to curtail their immigration status because of the deception.

The Government are working with a number of countries to improve the exchange of information about offenders and has signed information sharing agreements with Albania, Australia, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, New Zealand and the United States.

Where the Government receive information that a European economic area national presents a genuine threat to society, the Government are able to take action to prevent entry to the UK. A criminal conviction, depending on the circumstances, may be enough evidence to show that an EEA national is a present and genuine threat to society.

The onus for flagging such individuals lies with the authorities in their home country and the Government are leading the way in Europe on improving the exchange of information in cases involving dangerous criminals. The Government are one of the biggest users of the European criminal record information system (ECRIS) and is finalising preparations to connect to the second generation Schengen information system (SIS II) which will allow us to identify individuals wanted by other European law enforcement agencies at our borders, including those subject to a European arrest warrant (EAW).

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm150112/petntext/150112p0001.htm#15011228000021>

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### **New Publication**

**I am human: refugee women's experiences of detention in the UK**

[http://refugeewomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WRW\\_IamHuman\\_report-for-web.pdf](http://refugeewomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WRW_IamHuman_report-for-web.pdf)

### **News**

**Scots conference looks at 'dire' refugee crisis**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-30840673>

**30 years working with refugees in Scotland**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/latest\\_blogs/2556\\_30\\_years\\_working\\_with\\_refugees\\_in\\_scotland](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_blogs/2556_30_years_working_with_refugees_in_scotland)

**Asylum seekers fighting to stay must travel to England**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/asylum-seekers-fighting-to-stay-must-travel-to-england.26263025>

**Fewer migrants returned to France**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/fewer-migrants-returned-to-france-1.790020>

**Fewer than 50 migrants returned to France every year**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11349724/Fewer-than-50-migrants-returned-to-France-every-year.html>

**Less than one migrant a week sent back to Calais: As new centre opens to handle thousands heading to Britain, a shocking statistic shows as only 49 were returned to France after being caught**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2912098/Hundreds-migrants-determined-reach-Britain-arrive-new-Calais-welcome-centre-funded-UK-taxpayers.html>

**UK 'failing on immigration basics' says former borders chief**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-30854525>

**Number of immigrants arriving in Britain rises three-fold in 30 years, with most coming in search of work**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2911762/Number-immigrants-coming-Britain-rises-three-fold-30-years-coming-search-work.html>

**Immigration adds a city a year to Britain's population**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11349287/Immigration-adds-a-city-a-year-to-Britains-population.html>

**Immigration debate has descended into 'jingoistic nonsense', says Archbishop of York**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11347963/Immigration-debate-has-descended-into-jingoistic-nonsense-says-Archbishop-of-York.html>

**Conference makes case for ending detention of female asylum seekers**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jan/14/detention-female-asylum-seekers>

**Kicking students out of the country is hugely short-sighted**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/student-life/kicking-students-out-of-the-country-is-hugely-shortsighted-9982602.html?origin=internalSearch>

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**Female detainees at Yarl's Wood routinely humiliated, claims report**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jan/14/female-detainees-yarls-wood-report-privacy-immigration-detention-centre-sexual-abuse>

**Women held at Yarl's Wood immigration removal centre 'treated like animals', says report**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/women-held-at-yarls-wood-immigration-removal-centre-treated-like-animals-says-report-9976225.html?origin=internalSearch>

**I want to give asylum seekers in Britain the chance to tell their own story**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jan/14/asylum-seekers-britain-insular-suspicious-cultural-ignorance>

**British woman with terminal cancer faces being separated from her American husband after immigration officials say he can only stay in UK if she gets a job**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2911390/British-woman-terminal-cancer-faces-separated-American-husband-immigration-officials-say-stay-UK-gets-job.html>

**Family face being torn apart by visa wrangle which could see Panamanian wife and mother deported because her British husband 'doesn't earn enough'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2908228/Family-face-torn-apart-visa-wrangle-British-father-doesn-t-earn-enough.html>

**Election focus on immigration 'threatens to deepen social rifts'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/jan/18/britons-expect-tories-to-win-may-election>

**Why do some people dislike hearing foreign languages in the street?**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-30708247>

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## Community Relations

### New Publication

**Letter from the Minister for Communities and Local Government (*UK Government*) to mosques in England regarding terrorist attacks**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/396312/160115\\_Final\\_Draft\\_Letter\\_to\\_Mosques\\_PDF.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/396312/160115_Final_Draft_Letter_to_Mosques_PDF.pdf)

### News

**I love Birmingham because of its multiculturalism — not in spite of it**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/heres-a-fact-fox-news-i-love-birmingham-because-of-its-multiculturalism--not-in-spite-of-it-9973311.html?origin=internalSearch>

**How welcome do Muslims feel in Northern Ireland?**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-29748565>

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## UK Parliament Questions

### Cancer: Ethnic Groups

**Virendra Sharma** [219751] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what outcomes are expected from the refreshed Equality Delivery System in relation to reductions in inequalities among BME communities disproportionately affected by cancer.

**Reply from Jane Ellison:** The refreshed Equality Delivery System (EDS2) is a tool designed to support National Health Service organisations, in discussion with local partners, including local communities, to review and improve their equality performance for characteristics given protection under the Equality Act 2010, and to select equality objectives and priorities for the organisation's next business period.

The equality objectives selected focus upon the most urgent challenges for the local NHS organisation. Indeed, if access to and experience of cancer services for local black, minority and ethnic (BME) communities, or cancer outcomes for the local BME communities, are the identified challenges, then these are likely to be the focus of the organisation's equality objectives and their immediate plans.

EDS2 helps NHS organisations to recognise that every patient has different needs and circumstances, and that we can best meet those needs by delivering a personal form of care.

In helping to facilitate the development of local interventions and actions to tackle trends of health inequities, such as poorer cancer outcomes amongst some BME communities, EDS2 can contribute towards the reduction of health inequalities between diverse population groups.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-05/219751/>

### Kidney Diseases: Ethnic Groups

**Luciana Berger** [220499] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what his Department's strategy is for addressing the disproportionately higher incidence of kidney disease from BAME communities.

**Reply from Jane Ellison:** The National Health Service Health Check programme raises awareness of kidney disease among participants by assessing and discussing, among others, the risk factors for this disease with participants. Local authorities can commission the programme to target those populations most at risk of developing cardiovascular diseases such as black and ethnic minority groups.

Public Health England's (PHE's) recent publication [\*Tackling high blood pressure: from evidence into action\*](#) highlights the links between hypertension and kidney disease and sets out PHE's ambition for improving the prevention, detection and management of high blood pressure across England.

A Renal Specialised Commissioning Intelligence Dataset is being produced and will focus on indicators along the pathway for renal disease, including lifestyle and clinical risk factors, such as the better control of high blood pressure.

The Dataset will enable the assessment of local variation in outcomes, highlighting the necessity for local healthcare providers to allocate resources according to their population needs.

The NHS Choices website includes a page providing awareness of kidney health, specifically for black and Asian communities. It is available at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Kidneyhealth/Pages/BlackandAsiankidneyhealth.aspx>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-12/220499/>

## Equality (continued) News

### **Police launch recruitment drive**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/u/police-launch-recruitment-drive.1421061196>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Press Releases

#### **European Parliament pays tribute to victims of Paris terrorist attack**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20150109IPR06302/html/EP-pays-tribute-to-victims-of-Paris-terrorist-attacks>

#### **At NY synagogue, UN deputy chief says uprooting seeds of racism, hatred vital to prevent genocide**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=49827#.VLvbFS57j3o>

### New Publication

#### **Annual Antisemitism Barometer 2015 Full Report**

<http://antisemitism.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Annual-Antisemitism-Barometer-Report.pdf>

### News

#### **Anti-Islam rally planned for capital**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/anti-islam-rally-planned-for-capital.26263343>

#### **London mosques sent death threats and Prophet Mohamed drawings after Charlie Hebdo attack**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/london-mosques-sent-death-threats-and-prophet-mohamed-drawings-after-charlie-hebdo-attack-9985127.html>

#### **Work harder to end anti-Semitism - May**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-30870537>

#### **Many 'hold anti-Semitic views'**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/many-hold-anti-semitic-views-1.785976>

#### **Annual Antisemitism Barometer Published**

<http://antisemitism.uk/annual-antisemitism-barometer-published/>

#### **Almost half of Britons hold antisemitic view, poll suggests**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/14/uk-jewish-antisemitism-rise-yougov-poll>

#### **This UK antisemitism survey would have shocked my great uncle Alex**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jan/14/uk-antisemitism-survey-holocaust-france-jewish-britain>



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### **News** (continued)

**The new anti-Semitism: Majority of British Jews feel they have no future in UK, says new study**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/the-new-antisemitism-majority-of-british-jews-feel-they-have-no-future-in-uk-says-new-study-9976310.html>

**The new anti-Semitism: Young British neo-Nazis are on the rise, campaigners warn**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/the-new-antisemitism-young-british-neonazis-are-on-the-rise-campaigners-warn-9976289.html>

**The new anti-Semitism: 'I looked at his shirt and saw 'Kill the Jews' and was truly shocked'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/the-new-antisemitism-i-looked-at-his-shirt-and-saw-kill-the-jews-and-was-truly-shocked-9976303.html>

**Warning over rising tide of anti-Semitism in Britain with one in eight people claiming that Jews talk about the Holocaust to get sympathy**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2909151/Warning-rising-tide-anti-Semitism-Britain-one-eight-people-claiming-Jews-talk-Holocaust-sympathy.html>

**Anti-Semitism -- The Facts and the Hope**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-gerzema/antisemitism-poll\\_b\\_6467774.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=israel](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-gerzema/antisemitism-poll_b_6467774.html?utm_hp_ref=israel)

**Apprentice star Lord Sugar reports Twitter users to police over anti-Semitic messages**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2910388/Apprentice-star-Lord-Sugar-reports-Twitter-users-police-anti-Semitic-messages.html>

**Ukip MEP James Carver contacts police over 'racist Romany Gypsy abuse'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/ukip-mep-james-carver-contacts-police-over-racist-romany-gypsy-abuse-9979298.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Black entertainment industry condemns 'appalling' Hollywood racial bias**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/11351728/Oscars-2015-Black-entertainment-industry-condemns-appalling-Hollywood-racial-bias.html>

**Oscars president criticises all-white actors list**

<http://www.scotsman.com/what-s-on/film/oscars-president-criticises-all-white-actors-list-1-3664741>

**Manchester United sack European scout over racial slurs on Facebook**

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2015/jan/14/manchester-united-suspend-european-scout-torben-aakjaer-facebook>

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## **Scottish Devolution**

### **UK Parliament Questions**

#### **Smith Commission**

**Lorraine Fullbrook:** What the next steps are for implementation of the Smith commission proposals. [906924]

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**Reply from the Secretary of State for Scotland (Alistair Carmichael):** The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister have made it clear that the Government are committed to delivering draft clauses by 25 January.

**Lorraine Fullbrook:** Following the Prime Minister's meeting with the new First Minister, does the Secretary of State expect full support from the Scottish Government in ensuring a speedy delivery of the proposals in the draft Bill?

**Reply from Alistair Carmichael:** I have learned over the years not to expect too much when working with the Scottish Government, but I am hopeful that that will be the case. One way or the other, however, we shall deliver on the undertakings that were given.

[906929] **Iain McKenzie:** The Smith commission agreement contained a strong desire to see devolution extend to local government. Will the Secretary of State impress upon the SNP Scottish Government the need to embrace that desire, release their iron grip on power and devolve to local government?

**Reply from Alistair Carmichael:** Indeed. This is something we hear from communities across the country in Scotland. Power in Scotland has been sucked up, particularly from local councils, and exercised at the centre by the Scottish Government. That was not how devolution was ever intended to work, and they need to change their approach.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm150114/debtext/150114-0001.htm#15011440000017>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Press Releases

**Ministers to tour Scotland**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Ministers-to-tour-Scotland-1485.aspx>

**First-time voters were enthusiastic and informed, Committee survey finds**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/85740.aspx>

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### Parliamentary Question

**Organs: Donors**

**Luciana Berger** [220527] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what plans he has for NHS Blood and Transplant to extend the collection of ethnic origin data to all sources of organ donation registration.

**Reply from Jane Ellison:** It is not mandatory for an individual to specify their ethnicity when joining the NHS Organ Donor Register (ODR). However, all registration routes operated by NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) ask individuals for their ethnic origin. In addition, NHSBT encourages new and existing registration partners to capture ethnicity where possible, but this can be difficult to implement when ethnicity is not recorded as part of the transaction, such as

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applications for a driving licence or registration through the Boots Advantage Card.

NHSBT is currently redesigning the ODR from June 2015. This will then enable the capture of the religious affiliation of registrants through its own registration routes. The new ODR will also enable NHSBT to capture ethnicity data in line with classifications of ethnic group used by the Office for National Statistics.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-13/220527/>

## Press Release

**Review into possible warnings on extremism in Birmingham schools**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/review-into-possible-warnings-on-extremism-in-birmingham-schools>

## New Publication

**Review into possible warnings to Department for Education relating to extremism in Birmingham schools**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/396211/Review\\_into\\_possible\\_warnings\\_to\\_DfE\\_relating\\_to\\_extremism\\_in\\_Birmingham\\_schools.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/396211/Review_into_possible_warnings_to_DfE_relating_to_extremism_in_Birmingham_schools.pdf)

## News

**Theresa May's new FGM reporting rules 'will stop families seeking help'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jan/17/theresa-may-fgm-rules-doctors-stop-victims-seeking-help>

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## Other News

**BBC scraps ban on depicting Prophet Mohammed**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11340408/BBC-scraps-ban-on-depicting-Prophet-Mohammed.html>

**Girl victims of 'great evil' of FGM to be put in care**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/article4323576.ece>

**OUP authors told not to write about sausages or pigs in children's books to 'avoid offence'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/news/authors-of-school-books-advised-not-to-write-about-pork-9976620.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Pork has no place in children's books, publisher warns authors**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/arts/books/article4323698.ece>

## Other News (continued)

**Oxford University Press bans sausages and pigs from children's books in effort 'to avoid offence': Bizarre clampdown branded 'nonsensical political correctness'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2908910/Oxford-University-Press-bans-sausages-pigs-children-s-books-avoid-offending-Jews-Muslims.html>

**Equality Commission publishes Guide to Establishing Gypsy Traveller Sites**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/equality-commission-publishes-guide-establishing-gypsy-traveller-sites>

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## Bills in Progress

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**\*\* Assisted Suicide Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/69604.aspx>

Health and Sport Committee, Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9717&i=88991>

**Community Empowerment Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/77926.aspx>

**Criminal Justice Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/65155.aspx>

**Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/84356.aspx>

### Bills in Progress UK Parliament

**Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/arbitrationandmediationservicesequality.html>

**\*\* Assisted Dying Bill** (England and Wales only)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/assisteddying.html>

Committee Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/150116-0001.htm#15011659001145>

**\*\* Asylum (Time Limit) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/asylumtimelimit.html>

Second Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm150116/debtext/150116-0002.htm#15011660000006>

**\*\* Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill 2014-15**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/counterterrorismmandsecurity.html>

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Second Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/150113-0001.htm#15011360000366>

Select Committee on the Constitution Report

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldselect/ldconst/92/92.pdf>

Joint Committee on Human Rights Report

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt201415/jtselect/jtrights/86/86.pdf>

#### **Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

#### **Modern Slavery Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/modernslavery.html>

#### **UK Borders Control Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/ukborderscontrol.html>

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## Consultations

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**Connecting Scotland - how the Scottish Government and its agencies engage internationally** (closing date 30 January 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/84816.aspx>

**\*\* Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 24 February 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/85581.aspx>

**Community Empowerment Bill** (no closing date given)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVglCS\\_Rgro&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVglCS_Rgro&feature=youtu.be)

**Experiences of Race and Religion-Related Hate Speech in the UK** (no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR7RBZ3>

**Advancing Migrant Access to health Services in Europe** (no closing date given)

<http://www.amase.eu/wp/be-part-of-amase/>

**Inquiry into the recruitment and appointment practices on company boards**

(no closing date given)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/our-legal-work/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-recruitment-and-appointment-practices-company-boards>

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### **Postcode Community Trust Community Grants Programme**

*closing date for applications: 30 January 2015*

Grants of between £500 and £20,000 for charities and community groups that support environmental protection, community development, engagement in sport, advancement of health, promotion of human rights and prevention of poverty. For information see <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/community-grants.htm>

### **SCVO Digital Challenge Fund**

*Closing date for applications: 13 February 2015*

Grants of between £200 and £10,000 to enable groups and organisations to digitise content, build digital networks and improve the digital skills of their members, so that they can continue to thrive in the digital world. For information see <http://digital.scvo.org.uk/challenge/>

### **Volunteering Support Grant**

*Closing date for applications: 27 February 2015*

The Volunteering Support Grant offers funding to third sector organisations to create new or enhanced volunteering projects, increasing the diversity of volunteers, especially those from disadvantaged groups, and improving opportunities, skills and personal development through volunteering.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/volunteering-development-grants/volunteering-support-grant/>

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### **Discrimination Law in 2015**

26 January 2015 in Glasgow

Equalities and Human Rights Commission conference to explore recent changes in employment law and equal opportunities, and their practical implications. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/lm5cgyd>

### **Essentials of Asylum**

28 January 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

6 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide information about the UK asylum process, including the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee, asylum support, and rights and entitlements. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Bringing women together with different religions, faiths and personal beliefs**

28 January 2015 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

The issues of religious, faith and personal beliefs can be complex, challenging, inspiring and often confusing. This Open Space event will bring women together with different faiths, religions and personal beliefs to address some of these issues in a safe and respectful environment. For information contact 0141 550 7557; to book see [http://www.wisewomen.org.uk/gwvsn\\_form1.html](http://www.wisewomen.org.uk/gwvsn_form1.html)

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### **As Seen Through These Eyes: A Holocaust Memorial Day Event**

30 January 2015 at the St Mungo Museum of Religious Life in Glasgow (12.30 – 2.30)

Film, followed by presentations from Ela Weissberger who used art as a means of survival in Theresienstadt, Marian Grant, credits her love of art with saving her life in the death camps, and Morag Reid, who will speak about Jane Haining. The event is free but please book in advance. For information contact [mungobookings@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:mungobookings@glasgowlife.org.uk) / 0141 276 1625.

### **Supporting Refugee Women**

4 February 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

28 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of the issues and legal systems impact specifically on refugee women. This includes discussing issues of FGM and sexual violence. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Working With People Affected By Forced Marriage**

11 February 2015 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Women's Aid seminar to demystify forced marriage and help delegates to gain the knowledge they need to provide appropriate support to those affected. For information contact [booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk) / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ovxofgs>.

### **\*\* Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children, and Young People**

18 (9.30-4.30pm) & 19 (9.30-12.30pm) Feb 2015 in Edinburgh

25 (9.30-4.30pm) & 26 (9.30-12.30pm) March 2015 in Edinburgh

15 (9.30-4.30pm) & 16 (9.30-12.30pm) April 2015 in Edinburgh

13 (9.30-4.30pm) & 14 (9.30-12.30pm) May 2015 in Edinburgh

10 (9.30-4.30pm) & 11 (9.30-12.30pm) June 2015 in Edinburgh

15 (9.30-4.30pm) & 16 (9.30-12.30pm) July 2015 in Edinburgh

Shakti Women's Aid course to raise awareness and understanding of issues facing minority ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jwxqq3> or contact Ola or Mridul 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

### **New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

18 February 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

25 February 2015 in Glasgow (volunteers only) (9.30 – 4.00)

3 March 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

15 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

20 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

28 May 2015 in Glasgow (volunteers only) (9.30 – 4.00)

2 June 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an introduction to the issues and legal systems affecting people seeking safety in Scotland. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Working with Interpreters**

18 March 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

14 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of how to communicate

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clearly and effectively with people when working with interpreters. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

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**Scottish Parliament** <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

**Scottish Government** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

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

**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](http://www.acas.org.uk)

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

**Volunteer Development Scotland** [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk)

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

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

**Disclosure Scotland** <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

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

**BBC Democracy Live** [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc\\_parliament/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm)

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



**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. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://onescotland.org/>

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