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State Opening of Parliament that begins the next session.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Debate

**Immigration Policy (Universities and Scientific Research)**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12240&i=110607#ScotParlOR>

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**S5M-18767 Richard Lochhead (SNP): The Impact of the UK Government's Planned**

**Immigration Policy and Mobility Restrictions on Scotland's University and Scientific Research Sectors** – That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's proposed immigration policies will be deeply damaging to Scotland's further education, higher education and research sectors; joins with Scottish institutions and the Russell Group in raising serious concerns about the impact of the three-year European Temporary Leave to Remain policy, which was announced in September 2019, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, which discriminates against Scottish institutions and students in Scotland studying for four-year degrees; welcomes the huge contribution that international staff and students make to Scotland's universities, colleges and research institutions, as well as the country's economy and communities; notes the success of the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland scheme, which benefited more than 8,000 graduates between 2005 and 2008; further notes the consensus across parties and with sector bodies such as Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland on the benefits of a flexible post-study work route for Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to urgently amend its proposed policies to ensure that they respect Scotland's unique education system and its population needs, including by extending leave to remain to a minimum of four years and reintroducing a two-year post-study work visa for students at universities and colleges in Scotland.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-18767>

**S5M-18767.1 Oliver Mundell (Conservative): The Impact of the UK Government's Planned Immigration Policy and Mobility Restrictions on Scotland's University and Scientific Research Sectors** – As an amendment to motion S5M-18767 in the name of Richard Lochhead (The Impact of the UK Government's Planned Immigration Policy and Mobility Restrictions of Scotland's University and Scientific Research Sectors), leave out from "that the UK Government's" to end and insert "the UK Government's proposed immigration policies and joins with Scottish further education, higher education and research institutions and the Russell Group in raising serious concerns about the impact of the three-year European Temporary Leave to Remain policy, which was announced in September 2019, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, which presents challenges for Scottish institutions and students in Scotland studying for four-year degrees; welcomes the huge contribution that international staff and students make to Scotland's universities, colleges and research institutions, as well as the country's economy and communities; notes the success of the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland scheme, which benefited more than 8,000 graduates between 2005 and 2008; further notes the consensus across parties and with sector bodies such as Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland on the benefits of a flexible post-study work route for Scotland; calls on the UK Government to review its proposed policies to ensure they work well for Scotland's unique education system and its population needs, including by extending leave to remain to a minimum of four years and reintroducing a two-year post-study work visa for students at universities and colleges in Scotland; recognises that leaving the EU with a negotiated deal will help bring much needed certainty, and calls on all parties to support the UK Government's efforts to do so."

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-18767.1>

## UK Parliament, Ministerial Statement

### Immigration Rules: Statement of Changes

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (Seema Kennedy) [HCWS1823]** ... I have made a change to the immigration rules which will reduce costs and bureaucracy for doctors, dentists, nurses and midwives looking to come

and work in the UK and support our NHS. This change will ensure that these medical professionals, who have passed a robust English language test, which includes identity checks, and are required to register with their regulatory body, do not have to sit a separate, lower level immigration English language test. This will support the Government's desire to continue to attract the best and brightest global talent to the UK and to encourage migrants to integrate into society, without compromising the safety of those using our health services.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing protection to those who need it, in accordance with its international obligations. Those who fear persecution should however claim asylum in the first safe country they reach and not put their lives at risk by making unnecessary and dangerous journeys to the UK. Illegal migration from safe countries undermines our efforts to help those most in need.

To support these principles, the immigration rules already provide for inadmissibility processes, under which we can decline to substantively consider the asylum claim of a claimant in the UK and remove them to a safe third country, provided the claimant has, or could have claimed asylum there, has refugee status there, or has some other relevant connection to the third country such that it would be reasonable for them to return there. This process requires the co-operation of the safe third country.

Some of these rules are drafted in the context of the UK's membership of the EU. As such, we are making minor amendments to the rules, to allow us to use inadmissibility processes for broadly the same range of case types once we leave the EU.

Finally, we are also introducing wider changes through these immigration rules to appendix EU which sets out the rules governing the EU settlement scheme (EUSS). This provides the basis for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens, and their family members, to apply for UK immigration status which they will require to remain here permanently after the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

The changes make revised provision for access to the EUSS for the family members of UK nationals returning with them from an EEA member state or Switzerland, having lived there together while the UK national exercised their free movement rights, in line with the announcement on such access made on 4 April 2019.

We expect the vast majority of EUSS applicants to be genuine, and for there to be little need for status granted under the EUSS to be cancelled at the border or curtailed in-country. However, it is appropriate that, to safeguard the integrity of the EUSS, its status should be covered by some of the same powers as other forms of immigration leave, so that appropriate action can be taken where necessary. The changes therefore amend part 9 of the immigration rules to provide additional grounds for the cancellation and curtailment of EUSS status and leave acquired having travelled to the UK with an EUSS family permit, e.g. on grounds this was obtained by deception (such as where the person had claimed to be the family member of an EEA citizen when they were not). The changes also amend part 9 to provide discretionary grounds for EUSS status and leave acquired having travelled to the UK with an EUSS family permit, to be cancelled at the border, in a "no-deal" scenario, on the grounds that cancellation is conducive to the public good, as a result of the person's post-exit conduct. The changes provide a right of administrative review where status granted under EUSS is cancelled at the border because the person no longer meets the requirements for that status, e.g. where, as a non-EEA citizen granted pre-settled status under the EUSS, they have ceased to be the family member of an EEA citizen. Such cancellation could only occur where the person no longer met any of the bases for eligibility for status under the EUSS. The changes also bring the time frame for applying for an administrative review under the EUSS in line with all other administrative reviews in cases where the applicant is detained pending their removal from the UK, which will help ensure detention is kept to a minimum.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-09-09/debates/19090918000017/ImmigrationRulesStatementOfChanges>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284214] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to make the EU Settlement Scheme App available on Apple devices before the UK's scheduled departure from the EU on 31 October 2019.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** EU citizens make a huge contribution to our economy and society, and we want them to stay. The EU Settlement Scheme enables them to do so. The 'EU Exit: Identity Document Check' app is an optional aspect of the service which allows applicants to prove their identity remotely using their biometric identity document and an android smartphone device.

We have been working closely with Apple over a number of months and expect the first IOS version of the EU Settlement Scheme app to be available in October.

Despite this there are numerous ways in which those eligible can apply, including by post.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284214/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284496] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department has to increase communication with EU nationals on the EU settlement scheme.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** It is vital that the over three million EU citizens and their family members living in the UK understand how and when to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

When the scheme launched fully in March, the department delivered a £3.75m marketing campaign to raise awareness of the scheme. More than one million people have now been granted status and EU citizens and their families have until at least 31 December 2020 to apply.

Advertising and local events are underway to support the cross government Get Ready campaign and further publicity will roll out over the lifetime of the Scheme. All available channels will be used to reach our audiences – such as direct marketing, radio, video-on-demand and outdoor advertising, presentations, email updates, toolkits and webinars to name a few – to direct EU citizens towards reliable sources of information on GOV.UK and the application itself.

No-one will be left behind which is why we are also working in partnership with vulnerable group representatives, local authorities and other experts to make sure everyone knows what they need to do and has the right level of support.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284496/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Daniel Zeichner (Labour)** [285294] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens have been granted settled status in the UK by

constituency.

**Daniel Zeichner (Labour)** [285295] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of EU citizens in each constituency who have not yet applied for settled status and need to do so to remain in the UK.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** Official statistics – ‘EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics, June 2019’ – providing detailed information regarding operation of the scheme were published on 22 August 2019, including applications received by local authority. These can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-june-2019>

Information on applications concluded by nationality, age group and UK country are also included.

The fourth monthly summary report EU Settlement Scheme statistics, July 2019 – on the scheme were published on 15 August 2019. These can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics-may-2019> and show that as of 31 July 2019, over one million (1,040,600) EU citizens and their families from across the UK have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/285294/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/285295/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Sarah Jones (Labour)** [286340] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens in London have received (a) settled status and (b) pre-settled status.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** Published information on EU Settlement Scheme conclusions by outcome type and UK country can be found in the Home Office’s ‘EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics’, quarterly statistics tables, table EUSS\_05, available at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/826751/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-tables-28-august-2018-to-30-june-2019.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/826751/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-tables-28-august-2018-to-30-june-2019.ods).

Published information on EU Settlement Scheme applications by region and local authority can be found in the Home Office’s ‘EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics’, local authority statistics tables, table EUSS\_LA, available at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/826752/eu-settlement-scheme-local-authority-statistics-28-august-2018-to-30-june-2019.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/826752/eu-settlement-scheme-local-authority-statistics-28-august-2018-to-30-june-2019.ods).

The Home Office does not currently publish statistics on EU Settlement Scheme application outcomes by region.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-03/286340/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284829] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of her Department's capacity to register EU

nationals who are already in the UK by the end of December 2020, in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** We are fully committed to ensuring that our operational teams have the re-sources they need to run an efficient and effective migration system. In addition to the new technology and processes, we have over 1,500 UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) European Casework staff in post to process applications, along with 250 staff handling calls and emails, helping people with their individual cases.

In the event of the UK leaving the UK without a withdrawal agreement, the EU Settlement Scheme will remain open until at least 31st December 2020 for EEA nationals and their family members resident in the UK at the date of exit. European temporary leave to remain will be granted to EEA and Swiss citizens newly arriving in the UK after exit to live, study and work here for a period longer than three months.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284829/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Paul Farrelly (Labour) [286145]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to issue guidance on the European Temporary Leave to Remain immigration system for (a) prospective migrants to the UK and (b) employers.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** When the UK leaves the European Union on 31 October, free movement as it currently stands will end, if the UK leaves without a deal. The details of new immigration arrangements for EU citizens moving to the UK after a no deal Brexit were announced on 4 September

(<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2019-09-04/HCWS1817/> ).

To remain in the UK after 2020, EU citizens moving to the UK after a no deal Brexit, and their close family members, will be able to apply for European Temporary Leave to Remain. Under this scheme EU citizens will be granted a period of 36 months' leave to remain in the UK, which will provide them and their employers, with greater confidence and certainty during the transitional period before the new points-based immigration system is introduced from January 2021.

The rights of EU citizens resident in the UK before Brexit are unchanged and will be protected by the status they can obtain under the EU Settlement Scheme, as more than one million of them have already done. They will have at least until 31 December 2020 to make an application under that scheme.

Until the new points-based immigration system is introduced in 2021, EU citizens will be able to prove their right to take up employment, as now, by using their passport or national identity card. Alternatively, those with status under the EU Settlement Scheme or with European Temporary Leave to Remain may choose to use the Home Office on-line checking service to demonstrate their entitlement. When the new points-based immigration system is introduced from January 2021, employers will need to check that, in respect of any new recruitment, an EU citizen has a valid UK immigration status.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-03/286145/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

*Information about European Temporary Leave to Remain, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/no-deal-immigration-arrangements-for-eu-citizens-moving-to-the-uk-after-brexit/no-deal-immigration-arrangements-for-eu-citizens-arriving-after-brexit>

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284212] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the status of EU (a) nationals and (b) doctors working in the UK will be if they do not apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 31 December 2020.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** Individuals working in the UK who are eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme but fail to do so by 31 December 2020 in a no-deal EU-exit scenario will not have lawful status under UK immigration legislation. The Government has made clear that we will accept late applications to the scheme from those who have reasonable grounds for missing the deadline.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284212/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

### **Health Services: EU Nationals**

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284226] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether people with active but incomplete applications for settled and pre-settled status will be entitled to free NHS treatment after 31 October 2019.

**Reply from Chris Skidmore:** European Union citizens living in the United Kingdom on or before exit day will remain eligible for free National Health Service care as long as they remain ordinarily resident here. Being ordinarily resident broadly means living here on a lawful and properly-settled basis for the time being.

It is not currently necessary for an EU citizen to demonstrate that they have status under the EU Settlement Scheme in order to access the NHS. The European Settlement Scheme secures the residency rights for EU citizens who have been residing in the UK prior to the day we leave the EU. EU citizens already living in the UK on exit day have up until 31 December 2020 to apply for Settled Status, but their access to healthcare will remain the same regardless of whether they apply for Settled Status up to then.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284226/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

### **Health Services: EEA Nationals**

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284200] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what tariff will EEA visitors be charged for NHS services in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

**Reply from Chris Skidmore:** The Government has made it clear that European Union citizens living in the United Kingdom on or before exit day will remain eligible for free National Health Service care as long as they remain ordinarily resident here. Should an EU citizen not be entitled to free NHS care, the Government has announced that they will continue to be charged at 100% of the standard NHS tariff.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284200/>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **Health Services: EU Nationals**

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284502] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how his Department plans to communicate changes in reciprocal healthcare arrangements to EU nationals in the UK in the event of the UK leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement.

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284985] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure EU nationals are aware of the requirement to provide evidence that they live in the UK on a lawful basis to access healthcare in the UK in the event of the UK leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement.

**Reply from Chris Skidmore:** The Department is working closely with other Government departments and the National Health Service to ensure that European Union citizens are aware of the requirements to access healthcare in the event of the United Kingdom leaving the EU without a deal. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has a large-scale public information campaign setting out what business and the public need to know as we prepare to leave the EU. Further guidance and information will be published in due course.

We have published the following guidance on GOV.UK at the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-for-eu-and-efta-citizens-visiting-the-uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-for-eu-and-efta-nationals-living-in-the-uk>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284502/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284985/>

#### **Health Services: EU Nationals**

**Paul Williams (Labour)** [284528] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether doctors will be required to determine a patient's eligibility for healthcare in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement.

**Reply from Chris Skidmore:** Doctors will not be required to determine patient's entitlement for free National Health Service healthcare in any European Union exit scenario. A clinician's role is to provide the relevant healthcare for patients and make decisions on their treatment based on their clinical needs. Clinicians will at times be required to make a decision on whether treatment is immediately necessary, urgent or can safely wait until the individual leaves the United Kingdom for those patients identified as not eligible for NHS-funded care, as this will determine when payment has to be taken.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284528/>

#### **Human Trafficking: Children**

**Jim Shannon (DUP)** [286237] To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what comparative assessment he has made of the effectiveness of guardianship for separated and trafficked children in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) other constituent parts of the UK to ensure the identification of trafficking among separated children.

**Reply from Julian Smith:** Children who are victims or potential victims of trafficking and those who are separated often face great anxiety and uncertainty about their futures, as well as needing to navigate a number of unfamiliar processes to reach durable solutions about their future.

I am aware of the regional service launched by the Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Board in early 2018 to support children in Northern Ireland who are victims of human trafficking and children who are separated from their families and



their home countries. The Human Trafficking and Exploitation Act (NI) 2015, which was introduced to provide protection from traffickers and tackle modern slavery and exploitation, included a duty for the Health and Social Care Board to establish such a service and the service is delivered by Barnardo's NI.

The regional Independent Guardian Service is intended to strengthen the safeguarding arrangements to such children and specifically to assist, represent and support such children by listening to their views and making representation to, and liaising closely with all other agencies that fulfil key functions in the arrangements for their immediate and future care and protection.

This issue is wholly devolved in Northern Ireland, and so it would not be appropriate to carry out an assessment or comparisons of the merits of the system.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-03/286237/>

## Press Releases

### **1.5 million people apply to the EU Settlement Scheme**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/15-million-people-apply-to-the-eu-settlement-scheme>

### **Guidance: EU citizens in the UK: access to social housing and homelessness assistance in a no deal scenario**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eea-nationals-in-the-uk-access-to-social-housing-and-homelessness-assistance-in-a-no-deal-scenario>

### **UK announces 2-year post-study work visa for international students**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-2-year-post-study-work-visa-for-international-students>

### **Scottish Government response to UK Government announcement of new immigration route for international students**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/response-to-uk-government-announcement-of-new-immigration-route-for-international-students/>

### **Agreement on immigration changes for Scottish higher education**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/agreement-on-immigration-changes-for-scottish-higher-education/>

### **Four sentenced for their part in the UK's largest ever visa fraud**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/four-sentenced-their-part-uks-largest-ever-visa-fraud>

### **Women-friendly measures to drive better migrant integration**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2019/women-friendly-measures-drive-better-migrant-integration>

## New Publications

### **EU Settlement Scheme: Letter from the Minister of State for the Home Office to the European Parliament Brexit Coordinator**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/831681/Brandon\\_Lewis\\_Sec\\_Min\\_to\\_Guy\\_Verhofstadt\\_-\\_EUSS\\_-\\_13\\_Sept\\_29.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831681/Brandon_Lewis_Sec_Min_to_Guy_Verhofstadt_-_EUSS_-_13_Sept_29.pdf)

## **EU Settlement Scheme statistics, August 2019**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/831070/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics-august-2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831070/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics-august-2019.pdf)

## **Second European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey: Migrant women – selected findings**

[https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\\_uploads/fra-2019-eu-midis-ii-migrant-women\\_en.pdf](https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2019-eu-midis-ii-migrant-women_en.pdf)

## **News**

### **EU settlement applications more than double amid Brexit fears**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/eu-settlement-scheme-applications-brexit-fears-surge-double-eu-nationals-home-office-a9102311.html>

### **We're doing all we can to help EU citizens who want to stay in the UK**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/sep/09/were-doing-all-we-can-to-help-eu-citizens-who-want-to-stay-in-the-uk>

### **EU children in custody to be stripped of rights as Home Office prevents them from applying for settled status**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/brexit-eu-national-children-prison-young-offenders-settled-status-a9097776.html>

### **Why is the EU settlement scheme not working for everyone?**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/eu-settlement-scheme-unfair-national-right-to-stay-live-a9098221.html>

### **Immigration status: Ministers reverse May-era student visa rules**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-49655719>

### **Student visa U-turn as Theresa May's harsh immigration legacy dismantled**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/student-visa-u-turn-as-theresa-may-s-harsh-immigration-legacy-dismantled-1-5001834>

### **UK work visas for foreign graduates to be extended to two years**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/sep/10/uk-work-visas-for-foreign-graduates-to-be-extended-to-two-years>

### **Student visa rethink aims to please both business and Brexiters**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/sep/11/student-visa-rethink-aims-to-please-both-business-and-brexiters>

### **International students will be able to stay in UK for two years after graduation, Boris Johnson says**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/international-students-uk-graduation-boris-johnson-priti-patel-a9100081.html>

### **'I almost regret coming to the UK to study'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-49661085>

### **Channel migrants: Border Force intercepts boats**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-49707720>

**Channel migrants: Two boats found after 86 attempted crossing**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-49662172>

**More than 80 migrants cross the English Channel in one day, breaking record**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/09/10/migrant-channel-crossing-record/>

**Record number of migrants cross Channel to UK in single day**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/11/record-number-of-migrants-cross-channel-to-uk-in-single-day>

**Channel migrants: Rise in crossings driven by Brexit 'fake news'**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-49648596>

**Migrant crisis: Two boats carrying 22 migrants intercepted**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-49650746>

**107 migrants a day risking Channel to beat Brexit**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-09-11/news/record-number-of-migrants-detained-in-one-day-5932vhw0g>

**Charging migrant women for maternity care puts us all to shame**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/sep/09/charging-migrant-women-for-maternity-care-puts-us-all-to-shame>

**Midwives demand end to fees for foreigners**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-09-09/news/midwives-demand-end-to-fees-for-foreigners-c3ms99hbq>

**Chased into 'self-deportation': the most disturbing Windrush case so far**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/14/scale-misery-devastating-inside-story-reporting-windrush-scandal>

**Detention is one of the most dangerous places for LGBT+ refugees. The government must enforce a time limit**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/lgbt-refugees-detention-government-refusal-time-limit-28-days-hostile-environment-a9103726.html>

**'I've seen a lot in here, but nothing like this': Nigerian man dies in UK's largest detention centre**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nigerian-man-dead-detention-harmondsworth-immigration-removal-centre-home-office-a9103841.html>

**Police investigate man's death at UK detention centre**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/13/police-investigate-mans-oscar-okwurime-death-at-heathrow-detention-centre>

**Fraudsters helped 900 migrants stay in UK in Britain's biggest fake visa scam**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/09/12/fraudsters-helped-900-migrants-stay-uk-britains-biggest-fake/>

**EU nationals applying to stay in Scotland**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-scotland-49668392/eu-nationals-applying-to-stay-in-scotland>

## **Refugees fleeing Syria to UK: 'We're not trouble'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-49599377>

## **US man blocked from visiting wife and children in UK after being detained en route**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/man-blocked-ireland-immigration-rules-children-family-birthday-home-office-a9097531.html>

## **Row over 'fascist' job title as migration post for 'protecting our European way of life' announced**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/09/10/new-european-commission-caught-row-fascist-job-title/>

## **Juncker criticises successor's 'Protecting Our European Way of Life' immigration job title**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/juncker-eu-protecting-our-european-way-of-life-immigration-job-title-a9102786.html>

## **EU accused of adopting 'fascist rhetoric' with new Commissioner For Protecting Our European Way of Life to oversee immigration policy**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-news-latest-commissioner-for-protecting-our-european-way-of-life-ursula-von-der-leyen-a9098991.html>

## **'Protecting the European way of life' from migrants is a gift to the far right**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/sep/13/protecting-europe-migrants-far-right-eu-nationalism>

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## **Community Relations**

### **Press Release**

#### **Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick speech to Board of Deputies of British Jews**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/board-of-deputies-of-british-jews-speech>

### **News**

#### **SCoJeC at 20 – A tribute from the Scottish Parliament**

[https://www.scojec.org/news/2019/19ix\\_20/20.html](https://www.scojec.org/news/2019/19ix_20/20.html)

#### **Scottish Parliamentary leader highlights impact of Jewish communities council**

<https://www.thejc.com/community/community-extra/scottish-parliamentary-leader-highlights-impact-of-jewish-communities-council-1.488474>

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## Equality

### Scottish Parliament Written Answer

#### Fair Start Scotland Evaluation Report

**S5W-24963 Bill Bowman (Conservative):** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of prioritising engagement with minority and African-descent applicants being highlighted as an area for improvement in the Fair Start Scotland Evaluation Report 1: Implementation and Early Delivery Review, what its position is on Remploy, which is Tayside's sole Fair Start Scotland bidder, advertising itself as driven to transform the lives of primarily disabled people through job support.

**Reply from Jamie Hepburn:** Fair Start Scotland is designed to support a range of people who face barriers in their journeys towards and into employment. The Scottish Government continues to take forward a range of measures designed to tackle the specific barriers minority ethnic communities face, as identified in the Fair Start Scotland Evaluation Report, in accessing employment opportunities. We are working closely with the Department for Work and Pensions in looking to ensure minority ethnic communities get the employability support they need through Fair Start Scotland. Additionally the Scottish Government is committed to implementation of the employment related actions within our A Fairer Scotland for All: Race Equality Action Plan.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-24963>

*The report referred to above can be read at*

<https://tinyurl.com/yxzpjqov>

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

#### Race Disparity Audit

**Stephanie Peacock (Labour) [286331]** To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, if it is policy to (a) maintain a racial disparity unit within his Department and (b) continue collating and publishing data through the race disparity audit.

**Reply from Oliver Dowden:** This Government has confirmed that the Race Disparity Unit will continue its work. This includes the collation and publication of data through the Race Disparity Audit. Last month (August) the Race Disparity Audit published 15 updates to existing data across a range of topics including education, housing, fuel poverty and health. It also published a new measure on Honours, which showed that the percentage of recipients from ethnic minorities has increased to 10% over the last 5 years.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-03/286331/>

*Updates to the Racial Disparity Audit, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/search/all?organisations%5B%5D=race-disparity-unit&order=updated-newest&parent=race-disparity-unit>

#### Honours: Gender and Ethnic Groups

**Stephanie Peacock (Labour) [286332]** To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Cabinet Office, what data his Department collects on the (a) gender and (b) ethnicity of honours recipients.

**Reply from Kevin Foster:** The Government is committed to ensuring the honours

system is fully representative of UK society. Data on gender, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation is collected by asking recipients to complete a diversity survey. A summary of this data is published alongside each New Year and Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Honours Secretariat in the Cabinet Office is working with the Race Disparity Unit to improve data collection and transparency, and has published all data relating to the breakdown of ethnicities on the Ethnicity Facts and Figures on Gov.uk:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/honours-recipients-by-ethnicity>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-03/286332/>

## Press Releases

### **Better support for Gypsy/Travellers**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/better-support-for-gypsytravellers/>

### **Disabled, elderly and ill Gypsies and Travellers forgotten in site provision**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/disabled-elderly-and-ill-gypsies-and-travellers-forgotten-site-provision>

## New Publication

### **Gypsy and Traveller sites: the revised planning definition's impact on assessing accommodation needs**

[https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/190909\\_gypsy\\_and\\_traveller\\_sites\\_-\\_impact\\_of\\_the\\_revised\\_definition\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/190909_gypsy_and_traveller_sites_-_impact_of_the_revised_definition_-_final.pdf)

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

#### **Religious Hatred: Islam**

**Neil Coyle (Labour) [282392]** To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if the Government will take steps to adopt the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia.

**Reply from Luke Hall:** The Government is committed to defining and tackling anti-Muslim hatred. We have appointed Imam Qari Asim MBE, Deputy Chair of the Anti-Muslim Hatred Working Group, to lead a process for establishing a definition jointly with further advisers to be confirmed in due course.

This new work will draw on a wide range of opinions and work in collaboration with the cross-government Anti-Muslim Hatred Working Group, to ensure that it commands broad support within Muslim communities and wider society.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-25/282392/>

*The All-Party Parliamentary Group definition referred to above can be read at*

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/599c3d2febbd1a90cffdd8a9/t/5bfd1ea3352f531a6170ceee/1543315109493/Islamophobia+Defined.pdf>

### **Hate Crime: Muslims**

**Preet Kaur Gill (Labour Co-op)** [285405] To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding has been allocated to help increase the reporting of hate crimes by the Muslim community in each of the last five years.

**Reply from Luke Hall:** We have allocated £250,000 in total over 2016/17 and 2018/19 to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC). £150,000 of this was to support encouraging reporting from groups who are less likely to report hate crime. These groups included EU citizens and faith groups. Home Office data from 2017/18 shows that 52 per cent of religiously motivated hate crime was perpetrated against Muslims. In addition to the NPCC funding, the government is providing over £2.5 million to Tell MAMA, a hate crime reporting and victim support organisation. Whilst Tell MAMA predominantly supports Muslims or those targeted for being perceived to be Muslim, for example Sikhs, all communities are able to report hate crimes to Tell MAMA. To supply the information outside of these funding streams for the previous five years would involve a disproportionate cost to my Department.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/285405/>

### **Antisemitism**

**Preet Kaur Gill (Labour Co-op)** [285111] To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what funding has been allocated to help increase the reporting of hate crimes by the Jewish community in each of the last five years.

**Reply from Luke Hall:** We have allocated £250,000 in total over 2016/17 and 2018/19 to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC). £150,000 of this was to support work encouraging reporting from groups who are less likely to report hate crime. These groups included EU citizens and faith groups. These projects, alongside the Cross-Government Working Group on Tackling Antisemitism, are important partners in helping us to understand how to improve rates of reporting within the Jewish community. To supply the information outside of these funding streams for the previous five years would involve a disproportionate cost to my Department.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/285111/>

### **Universities: Antisemitism**

**Ruth Jones (Labour)** [284245] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many universities have signed up to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism.

**Reply from Gavin Williamson:** The government has urged all higher education providers (HEPs) to consider adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. It is a useful tool which will help front-line services better understand and recognise instances of antisemitism. However, HEPs are autonomous organisations who are independent from the government. Each individual provider will decide if, and how they wish to implement the IHRA definition. The government does not gather this data.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284245/>

### **Hate Crime: Sikhs**

**Preet Kaur Gill (Labour Co-op)** [285404] To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2019 to Question 277247 on Hate Crime: Sikhs, what funding the Government has allocated to help increase the reporting of hate crimes by the Sikh community in each of the last five years.

**Reply from Luke Hall:** I refer the Honourable Member to the previous answer I gave to the question UIN 282566 on 3 September 2019:

Pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2019 to Question 277247, my Department has allocated £250,000 in total over 2016/17 and 2018/19 to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC). £150,000 of this was to support work encouraging reporting from groups who are less likely to report hate crime. These groups included EU citizens, Hindus, Christians, and the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community, as well as Sikhs. In February, my Department organised a hate crime workshop for representatives from the Sikh community with contributions from across government, the police and criminal justice system. Outcomes included further engagement between the Sikh community and organisations including the NPCC, Crown Prosecution Service, Metropolitan Police and Department for Education.

My Department and the NPCC continue to work with the Sikh community and other groups who are less likely to report to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage reporting. This work forms part of our commitment to tackling faith and race based hate crime made in the refreshed Cross-Government Hate Crime Action Plan.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/285404/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-15/277247/>

*The Action Plan referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/748175/Hate\\_crime\\_refresh\\_2018\\_FINAL\\_WEB.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748175/Hate_crime_refresh_2018_FINAL_WEB.PDF)

## Press Releases

**Communities Secretary commits funding to tackle online hate**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-secretary-commits-funding-to-tackle-online-hate>

**Anti-Muslim supporter of New Zealand mosque killer jailed for attempted murder**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/anti-muslim-supporter-new-zealand-mosque-killer-jailed-attempted-murder>

**Key findings Racist crime and institutional racism in Europe: Shadow Report 2014-18**

[https://www.enar-eu.org/IMG/pdf/key\\_findings.pdf](https://www.enar-eu.org/IMG/pdf/key_findings.pdf)

## New Publications

**Resources for Holocaust Memorial Day Activities**

**Inclusive craft activities for Holocaust Memorial Day**

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Inclusive-craft-activities-1.pdf>

**Lesson Plan and Powerpoint – Remembering Auschwitz-Birkenau**

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/hmd-lesson-plan-remembering-auschwitz-birkenau/>

**Get Involved in Holocaust Memorial Day – Guide for prisons**

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Get-involved-guide-for-prisons.pdf>



**Order free About Holocaust Memorial Day booklets, Poster Pack and pin badges for use in Holocaust Memorial Day activities**

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/order-resources/>

**2014-2018 ENAR Shadow Report on racist crime and institutional racism in Europe**

[https://www.enar-eu.org/IMG/pdf/shadowreport2018\\_final-embargoed\\_12-09-2019.pdf](https://www.enar-eu.org/IMG/pdf/shadowreport2018_final-embargoed_12-09-2019.pdf)

## News

**Holyrood Presiding Officer: Labour is unwilling to face up to anti-semitism**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17903439.holyrood-presiding-officer-labour-unwilling-face-anti-semitism/>

**Ivan Lewis's criticism of Corbyn over Labour's anti-Semitism problem raises questions for Ipso**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2019/09/11/ivan-lewiss-criticism-corbyn-labours-anti-semitism-problem-raises/>

**The party I love is now led by an enabler of anti-Semitism – which is why I can no longer be a Labour MP**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/09/13/party-love-now-led-rank-hypocrite-can-no-longer-labour-mp/>

**Vincent Fuller: White supremacist car park stabbing 'terrorist act'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-surrey-49652977>

**Racist thug jailed for killing of delivery driver in Edinburgh behind bars again**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/crime/racist-thug-jailed-for-killing-of-delivery-driver-in-edinburgh-behind-bars-again-1-4999970>

**Metropolitan Police officers investigated after racist, misogynistic and homophobic messages 'accidentally' revealed**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/met-police-investigation-racist-misogynistic-homophobic-messages-a9097806.html>

**Justice gap: racism pervasive in criminal justice systems across Europe**

<https://www.enar-eu.org/Justice-gap-racism-pervasive-in-criminal-justice-systems-across-Europe>

**Church of Scotland statement: Recent sectarian violence in Glasgow**

[https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2019/statement\\_-\\_sectarian\\_violence\\_in\\_glasgow](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2019/statement_-_sectarian_violence_in_glasgow)

**Loyalist group slam campaigners for "stirring up tensions" over priest spit incident**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17903078.loyalist-group-slam-campaigners-stirring-tensions-priest-spit-incident/>

**Council: Glasgow 'must pull together' against sectarian violence**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17899542.council-glasgow-39-must-pull-together-39-sectarian-violence/>

### **Sectarian marches under threat after officer hurt**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-09-09/scotland/sectarian-marches-under-threat-after-officer-hurt-2337lbmd5>

### **Glasgow councillor urges moves to end racism on city's public transport**

<https://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/17895550.glasgow-councillor-urges-moves-end-racism-city-39-s-public-transport/>

### **Muslim woman claims discrimination after being rejected as hotel waitress**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-09-10/scotland/fife-muslim-woman-claims-discrimination-after-being-rejected-as-waitress-nhhfk2q56>

### **Far-right 'freedom picnic' for Poles in Manchester features antisemitic speaker**

<https://www.faith-matters.org/2019/09/13/far-right-freedom-picnic-for-poles-in-manchester-features-antisemitic-speaker/>

### **Ex-Chelsea youth players 'endured racism from age 12'**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/49435745>

### **Tammy Abraham: Chelsea striker opens up after suffering horrific racist abuse this season**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/tammy-abraham-chelsea-racist-abuse-twitter-frank-lampard-a9098676.html>

### **Racist abuse after Super Cup left my mother in tears, admits Abraham**

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2019/sep/09/racist-abuse-after-super-cup-left-my-mother-in-tears-admits-tammy-abraham>

### **We have to avoid 'integration' becoming another form of racism**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/sep/13/integration-racism-assimilation-britain-heritage>

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## **Other Scottish Parliament and Government**

### **Press Release**

#### **Life for people in Scotland in 2018**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/scottish-household-survey-2018/>

### **New Publications**

**Scottish Parliament interactive resources** on the Debating Chamber and Committees are now available in British Sign Language (BSL), French, German, Italian, Spanish and simplified Chinese, as well as English and Gaelic.

#### **Debating Chamber**

<https://www.parliament.scot/global/games/chamber-html-2019/index.html>

#### **Committees**

<https://www.parliament.scot/global/games/committee-html-2019/index.html>

## Life for people in Scotland in 2018

### Report

<https://tinyurl.com/y5zvlybe>

### Key Findings

<https://tinyurl.com/y5dv7qns>

## Scotland's Census 2021 Ethnic Group and Religion Update

[https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/census2021/Scotlands\\_Census\\_2021\\_-\\_Question\\_Governance\\_Documentation\\_-\\_Topic\\_Reports\\_-\\_Ethnic\\_Group\\_and\\_Religion\\_Update\\_PDF.pdf](https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/census2021/Scotlands_Census_2021_-_Question_Governance_Documentation_-_Topic_Reports_-_Ethnic_Group_and_Religion_Update_PDF.pdf)

## News

### New law on FGM is racially motivated, Holyrood told

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-09-13/scotland/new-law-on-fgm-is-racially-motivated-holyrood-told-9vlsdf0lc>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

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<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-09-09/debates/C555956D-61A5-46D7-9ACB-E5FE1479C441/Prorogation>

Prorogation is the formal ceremony that brings a parliamentary session to an end, and it does not sit again until the next parliamentary session begins with the State Opening of Parliament. Prorogation takes the form of an announcement, on behalf of the Queen, read in the House of Lords in the presence of the House of Commons.

Prorogation brings to an end nearly all parliamentary business; most Bills that have not yet received Royal Assent are dropped, and parliamentary questions that have not yet received an answer are dismissed. However, Public Bills may be carried over from one session to the next, subject to agreement.

On this occasion, Parliament has been prorogued for five weeks, in order to enable the Government to focus on Brexit negotiations with the European Union. It will not sit again till 14th October.

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### Sikhs

**Preet Kaur Gill (Labour Co-op) [282574]** To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if he will publish all (a) research and (b) reports his Department has commissioned and requested on (i) the Sikh community and (ii) Sikh groups and organisations in each of the last three years.

**Reply from Luke Hall:** The Department has not produced any specific research or reports on the Sikh community, including Sikh groups and organisations, in any of the last three years.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-25/282574/>

## Press Release

**We must work together to end FGM for good**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/we-must-work-together-to-end-fgm-for-good>

## New Publication

**Operation Yellowhammer: HMG Reasonable Worst Case Planning Assumptions**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/831199/20190802\\_Latest\\_Yellowhammer\\_Planning\\_assumptions\\_CD.L.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831199/20190802_Latest_Yellowhammer_Planning_assumptions_CD.L.pdf)

## News

**Brexit: Operation Yellowhammer no-deal document published**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-49670123>

**MPs demand Parliament be recalled after Scottish prorogation court ruling**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-49660689>

**Brexit: Protests as five-week Parliament suspension begins**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-49645338>

**Brexit extension: PM to 'test law to limit' to avoid delay**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-49625431>

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## Other News

**Regulators set out plans to ensure the charity accounting framework better serves the public**

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/regulators-set-out-plans-to-ensure-the-charity-accounting-framework-better-serves-the-public/>

**NHS to open specialist FGM support clinics across England**

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/sep/12/nhs-to-open-specialist-fgm-support-clinics-across-england>

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## **Bills in Progress**

\*\* new or updated this week

### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **Children (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/112632.aspx>

#### **Disclosure (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111895.aspx>

#### **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111850.aspx>

### **UK Parliament**

#### **\*\* Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekersaccommodationevictionprocedures.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

#### **\*\* Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekerspermissiontowork.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

#### **\*\* Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) (No. 2)**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekerspermissiontoworkno2.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

#### **\*\* Banknote Diversity**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/banknotediversity.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

#### **\*\* Border Control Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/bordercontrol.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

#### **\*\* EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/eeanationalsindefiniteleavetoremain.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Gypsy and Traveller Communities (Housing, Planning and Education)**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/gypsyandtravellercommunitieshousingplanningandeducation.html>

This Bill has been dropped by its sponsoring MP and will not progress any further.

## **Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

## **Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationandsocialsecuritycoordinationeuwithdrawal.html>

## **Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

## **Immigration (Time Limit on Detention) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationtimelimitondetention.html>

## **\*\* Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaveryvictimsupport.html>

## **Online Forums Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/onlineforums.html>

## **Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionbill.html>

## **Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionno2.html>

## **\*\* Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/unaccompaniedasylumseekingchildrenlegaladviceandappeals.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **Unauthorised Encampments**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/unauthorisedencampments.html>

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## Consultations

\*\* new or updated this week

**Islamophobia in Scotland** (closing date 30 September 2019)

<https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=13027>

**Strategic police priorities for Scotland** (closing date 4 October 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5qo62n3>

**Independent Child Trafficking Guardians** (closing date 17 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/looked-after-children-unit/independent-child-trafficking-guardians/>

**Freedom of Information extension of coverage** (closing date 22 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/constitution-and-cabinet/freedom-of-information-extension-of-coverage/>

**Widening the scope of the current victim statement scheme** (closing date 24 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/justice/current-victim-statement-scheme/>

**Financial Redress for Historical Child Abuse in Care** (closing date 25 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/redress-survivor-relations/financial-redress-historical-child-abuse-in-care/>

**Use of interpreters in the asylum process** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-evidence-use-of-interpreters-in-the-asylum-process>

**Experiences of Islamophobia** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/amina-islamophobia>

**Raising skills and standards of supporters of refugees and asylum seekers**  
(closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3R8SDYN>

**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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## Job Opportunities

[Click here](#) to find out about job opportunities.

[Click here](#) to find out about Graduate, Modern, and Foundation Apprenticeship opportunities.

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## Funding Opportunities

\*\* new or updated this week

**\*\* closes this week!**

**Scotland's Winter Festivals and St Andrew's Fair Saturday 2019/2020**

*Closing date 16 September 2019*

This Bemis small grant fund, supported by the Scottish Government, will be available to Scotland's diverse ethnic and cultural minority community organisations holding public multicultural celebratory that will enable everyone to experience the dynamic and invigorating nature of Scotland's cultural and ethnic diversity.

Participating organisations must embrace the message of arts and culture as a way of bringing communities together in common international human bond, and ensure our events are open to all. They must also nominate a charity to benefit from their event. This could be from a raffle or any other way of fundraising. If the organisation is a charity it could raise money for an existing or new project. There is no minimum or maximum amount they must raise. For information and to apply see <https://bemis.org.uk/project/swf-2019/>

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## Events, Conferences, and Training

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### **Introduction to Fundraising**

17 September 2019 in Aberdeen (9.30)

18 September 2019 in Elgin (9.30)

8 October 2019 in Benbecula (9.30)

15 October 2019 in Kirkintilloch (9.30)

23 October 2019 in Tranent (9.30)

Institute of Fundraising introduction to the rules governing fundraising and how it has to be carried out legally and ethically. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y3ebmqeb>

**\*\* this week!**

### **3 Mottos for Guiding our Approach to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

17 September 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

Interfaith Scotland course to consider why some people ignore or deny the disadvantages that others experience; how to respond to misunderstandings or offence; and the impact of our inner narratives on our interactions. For information about the August event see <https://tinyurl.com/yxg4z6a3> and the September event see <https://tinyurl.com/y69h9tyz>

**\*\* this week!**

### **Islamophobia Definition Workshop**

18 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.00-12.30)

23 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.00-12.30) WOMEN ONLY

30 September 2019 in Edinburgh (10.00-12.30)

Scottish Government consultation meetings to hear the views of faith and belief stakeholders and communities in Scotland on the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia, including whether this definition is appropriate within the Scottish context. This will inform the Scottish Government's consideration of a working definition for Islamophobia. For information about the first Glasgow session see <https://tinyurl.com/y3ecxogw>, for the women-only Glasgow session see <https://tinyurl.com/y3ex2rl2>, and for the Edinburgh session see <https://tinyurl.com/y5t3h5gq>

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### **Working with refugees and the asylum process**

18 September 2019 in Glasgow



31 October 2019 in Glasgow

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 exist for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. Reduced fees available for relevant organisations. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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### **Supporting Refugees**

19 September 2019 in Gordon (7.00-9.30)

6 October 2019 in East Calder

Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees events to explore the situation of refugees in Scotland, consider what refugee integration looks like, and find out how to get involved in supporting refugees. For information about the Gordon event see <http://www.sfar.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-gordon/> and for East Calder see <http://www.sfar.org.uk/6-october-supporting-refugees-in-east-calder/>

### **The Situation of Separated Children in Europe**

24 September 2019 in Glasgow (6.00-7.30)

Scottish Refugee Council event in association with the Aberlour Childcare Trust to discuss what life is like for separated children in different European countries, how they are supported, and what more national governments and the EU should do to better support this group of resilient but highly vulnerable group of children and young people. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yy5tqgny>

### **Voice and Visibility – The New Scots**

25 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.30-2.00)

Refugee Health Policy and Strategy Action Group launch of resources relating to refugees and asylum seekers. For information see [https://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19ix\\_voice\\_and\\_visibility.pdf](https://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19ix_voice_and_visibility.pdf)

### **Meet the Charity Regulator**

25 September 2019 in Glasgow (1.15-4.00)

1 October 2019 in Fort William (9.30-12.15)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator events to give charity trustees and staff the opportunity to hear about latest developments, meet OSCR staff and board and ask questions. For information see <https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/meet-the-scottish-charity-regulator-2019/>

### **Working with unaccompanied refugee children**

26 September 2019 in Glasgow

6 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to enable service providers to better understand separated children, and how you can help them in their journey. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuv> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Brexit & EU Citizens: briefing sessions for third sector workers and volunteers**

27 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.00-12.15)

28 September 2019 in Edinburgh (10-12.15)

EU Citizens Rights Project briefing about the EU settlement scheme and the right of EEA citizens and their families to reside in the UK after Brexit, as well as other questions about UK citizenship and matters such access to housing, benefits and services. For information

about the Glasgow event see <https://tinyurl.com/y6lbha8s> and for the Edinburgh event see <https://tinyurl.com/yxqkznht>

### **Black History Month**

1 to 31 October 2019

Black History Month illuminates Scotland's 'hidden history', and brings into sharp relief the various strands of suffering, humiliation, exploitation and denigration of African, Caribbean and Asian people, as well as being about solidarity and the building of allies in relation to experiences of racism in Scotland. To read the full programme of events see [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5\\_bee1dd34a1e849af9dba0c7afc3112d5.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5_bee1dd34a1e849af9dba0c7afc3112d5.pdf)

### **Working with refugees and VPRS resettlement**

2 October 2019 in Glasgow

21 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlight the challenges and opportunities they face as they build new lives in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Home Office Fees Scandal**

2 October 2019 in Glasgow (6.00)

Many people with legal status and few resources are required to pay repeated enormous fees to the Home Office to maintain their legal status in this country, The government's own figures show that they make vast profits out of this; meanwhile the victims are at constant risk of extreme poverty or losing their legal status. Gairth, Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees, and the Scottish Refugee Council are holding an open meeting to discuss starting a Scottish campaign against Home Office fee levels. For information contact David Bradwell [dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk) / 07341 478 174

### **\*\* Islam in Scotland - Teacher's Toolkit Training**

3 October 2019 in Aberdeen (1.00-4.30)

Training by Amina and the University of Edinburgh's Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World to expand on topics covered in "From Mecca to Musselburgh", including an introduction to Islam as a religious tradition and lived reality across history and the Scottish context. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y68zzcqd>

### **Festival of Politics**

10-12 October 2019 at the Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament festival that includes debates on the political and social issues that matter most to you, and a programme of free entertainment. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/>

### **The Macpherson Report at 20**

11 October 2019 at the Scottish Parliament (1.15-2.45)

Festival of Politics debate about whether Britain and its public bodies have changed in acknowledging and tackling racism since the publication of the Macpherson Report into the police's handling of the death of Stephen Lawrence. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/events/the-macpherson-report-at-20>

### **Islamophobia – does it exist?**

11 October 2019 at the Scottish Parliament (3.30-5.00)

Festival of Politics discussion on the blurred lines on religion, race and freedom of speech

and the issue of Islamophobia in the UK today. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/events/islamophobia>

### **Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities 2019**

15 October 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-4.00)

BEMIS and Police Scotland follow up to last year's Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities conference. The 2019 conference will return to last year's key outcomes and will include presentations and practical discussion opportunities with key stakeholders on these critical approaches to helping to shape a Scotland that is responsive, just, and cognisant of our ethnic minority communities. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y33z6h2k>

### **Interpreting Culture – Improving Cross-Cultural Communication**

16 October 2019 in Glasgow (1.00-4.30)

Interfaith Scotland course to consider the wide-ranging influence of cultural background on people's behaviour, expectations and beliefs, consider responses to the behaviour of others, and improve communication skills with people from other cultures. For information about the August event see <https://tinyurl.com/y374w8md> and the October event see <https://tinyurl.com/y4r8ed8f>

### **Challenging the Hostile Environment**

25 October 2019 in Glasgow (11.00)

Positive Action in Housing AGM Conference and workshops to discuss the challenges for refugee, migrant and EU citizens rights, the impact of poverty and discrimination, and ways to further develop crisis services for destitute and homeless people from BME, refugee and migrant communities. For information see <https://paih.typeform.com/to/O2yYFH>

### **Refugee rights to housing**

7 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course identifying the different groups of asylum seekers and refugees most likely to seek housing in Scotland, their legal rights, and the duties and obligations on local authorities and other housing organisations towards them. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Age assessment awareness**

13 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to give social workers and other relevant staff an awareness of the components that are used to build a picture of a person's age. It draws on a variety of existing Age Assessment practice guidelines and demonstrates how these apply in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8f2z7p4> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Engaging with seldom heard voices**

5 December 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course looking at the various approaches, tools and techniques we can adopt to reach out to people who are seldom heard. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8tg2x4k> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Refugee community sponsorship**

11 December 2019 in Glasgow

## Useful Links

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

**Scottish Government** <https://www.gov.scot/>

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

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

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>

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

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

**Refugee Survival Trust** <https://www.rst.org.uk/>

**Freedom from Torture** <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/>

**Interfaith Scotland** <https://interfaithscotland.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en>

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

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

**ACAS** <http://www.acas.org.uk/>

**SCVO** <https://scvo.org.uk/>

**Volunteer Scotland** <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

**Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel** <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

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

**Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services**  
<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

**BBC News** <https://www.bbc.com/news>



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) <https://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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



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://www.gov.scot/>

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