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**The UK Parliament will return from recess on 5 June 2023**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Oral Answers

#### Ukrainian Refugees (MS Ambition)

**Bob Dori (SNP) [S6O-02314]** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of those previously accommodated on the MS Ambition are now in settled or permanent accommodation.

**Reply from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville):** All guests on the MS Ambition successfully disembarked the ship by the end of March. A great deal of work was undertaken by the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and other key partners to support guests into suitable alternative accommodation; I thank partners for their collegiate working on that. We

have not published data specifically on people from the MS Ambition who were matched to accommodation but, since the supersponsor scheme began, about 6,000 individuals have been matched or rematched to accommodation in Scotland, and about half have gone into social or council housing.

**Bob Doris:** The supersponsor scheme is a significant success, but demand for rapid housing is an understandable consequence of it. Some Ukrainians have stayed in temporary accommodation for long periods. Given that it is right for people to move to more permanent accommodation across the country, will the Scottish Government commit to prioritising easier access to the private rented sector in appropriate locations, to give families the space and certainty that they need?

**Reply from Shirley-Anne Somerville:** Bob Doris is correct that welcome accommodation, including ships, is intended to provide an immediate place of sanctuary. Our priority is to settle people into longer-term accommodation. Displaced Ukrainians can find it difficult to access private rented housing; the review of the supersponsor scheme, which was published in November, covered that. The Minister for Housing and I are looking at a range of options, which could include further support, to enhance existing local interventions and help people to access private rented sector housing.

<https://archive2021.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=15344&i=130891#ScotParIOR>

## Scottish Parliament Written Answers

### Illegal Migration Bill

**Foyso Choudhury (Labour) [S6W-18056]** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it is having with the UK Government regarding tackling human trafficking in Scotland, in light of reports that human rights organisations have claimed that the Illegal Migration Bill will increase the likelihood of human trafficking.

**Reply from Siobhian Brown:** The Scottish Government is clear that the UK Government's cruel and inhumane Illegal Migration Bill should be scrapped immediately. The Bill will cause significant harm to victims of human trafficking. It will facilitate even greater control by perpetrators as a consequence of its provisions which restrict access to vital support and assistance and will likely deter victims from reporting their situation for fear of removal.

The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture wrote to the UK Minister of State for Immigration on 9 March setting out our position and this was followed by a further letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice on 25 April. The Scottish Parliament rejected the UK Bill during a debate on 25 April. We set out our intent to lodge a legislative consent memorandum on two clauses within the Bill which alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers. We will recommend that Parliament withhold legislative consent to these provisions. We continue to monitor the Bill closely as it is considered by the House of Lords.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-18056>

*The March letter referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/illegal-migration-bill-letter-to-uk-government/>

*The April letter referred to above is not currently available online.*

*The debate referred to above can be read at*

<https://archive2021.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=15260&i=130156#ScotParIOR>

### **Prosecutions: Human Trafficking**

**Rachael Hamilton (Conservative)** [S6W-17934] To ask the Scottish Government how many cases of human trafficking have (a) been reported and (b) led to a prosecution, in each financial year since 2007-08.

**Reply from Siobhian Brown:** This information has been placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre under BiB No 64215 *[and at the link below]*.

There is no single crime of human trafficking and it may be recoded and prosecuted under the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003, Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995, Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004.

Table 1 shows crimes related to 'human trafficking' recorded by the police, 2007-08 to 2021-22; Table 2 shows the number of people prosecuted where the main crime/charge was related to human trafficking, 2007-08 to 2020-21.

Please note: Care should be taken when comparing different data sources relating to the criminal justice system. A crime can only be recorded if it is reported to the police and can only then be prosecuted in court if the crime is reported to the procurator fiscal and a decision taken that court proceedings are the most appropriate course of action. In addition, recorded crime statistics count crimes and offences at the time that they came to the attention of Police Scotland, while criminal proceedings statistics report on cases once they have concluded in court. This means that a crime may be recorded by the police in one year and court proceedings concluded in a subsequent year. In addition, a person may be proceeded against for more than one crime, or a set of crimes with more than one victim, in a proceeding, but only a single conviction for the 'main charge' (the one receiving the most severe sentence) would be counted in the court proceedings statistics. There is also the possibility that the crime recorded by the police may be altered in the course of judicial proceedings.

Data for 2020-21 are affected by the pandemic and subsequent court closures and may not be reflective of long term trend.

[Bib No 64215](#)

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-17934>

### **Prosecutions: Human Trafficking**

**Rachael Hamilton (Conservative)** [S6W-17935] To ask the Scottish Government how many outstanding cases of human trafficking have yet to lead to a prosecution due to court backlogs.

**Reply from Siobhian Brown:** The Scottish Government does not hold the requested information.

Any form of human trafficking is completely unacceptable. Through the Victim Centred Approach Fund, we are providing record funding of more than £9 million over the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025 to organisations supporting victims of human trafficking.

We have a strong track record on court investment, and continue to prioritise supporting justice partners to address the backlog.

The 2023-24 budget allocates £42.2 million for justice recovery, which includes over £26 million for the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) to maintain enhanced court capacity. We have also increased SCTS's resource funding by £5 million, and provided record resource funding for the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-17935>

## Scottish Parliament Motion

**Kaukab Stewart (SNP) [S6M-09301] World Refugee Day and Refugee Week 2023** – That the Parliament marks World Refugee Day on 20 June 2023, and Refugee Week from 19 to 25 June; notes that the theme for Refugee Week’s 25th anniversary is compassion; understands that Refugee Week is the world’s largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary; notes that Refugee Week’s vision is “for refugees and asylum seekers to be able to live safely within inclusive and resilient communities, where they can continue to make a valuable contribution”; considers that the UK Government’s proposed Illegal Migration Bill is dehumanising and immoral and in breach of the UK’s obligations under both the 1951 Refugee Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights; welcomes Scotland’s New Scots approach to support refugees and asylum seekers to integrate into communities from day one of arrival, and notes what it sees as Scotland’s strong commitment to welcoming refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking sanctuary.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-09301>

*Information about Scottish Refugee Week 2023 can be read at*

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/refugee-festival-scotland-2023-programme-now-live/>

*New Scots, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/new-scots-refugee-integration-strategy-2018-2022/>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer: Ukraine

### Dental Services: Refugees

**Rosie Duffield (Labour) [186458]** To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase access to dental care for Ukrainian refugees.

**Reply from Neil O’Brien:** Ukrainians in the United Kingdom are guaranteed free access to National Health Service healthcare, including screening, vaccinations, mental health support, dental and hospital services. In September 2022 the Government announced ‘Our plan for patients’ which aims to improve patient access to NHS dental care. This includes access for Ukrainians. Information on how to access NHS dental care is outlined in the Welcome Pack provided to all Ukrainian arrivals.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-23/186458>

*Our plan for patients, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-for-patients/our-plan-for-patients>

*The Welcome Pack referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-guests>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers: Other Immigration and Asylum

### Naturalisation

**Rachael Maskell (Labour Co-op) [186130]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for naturalisation her Department received in each year since 2010; and what the average processing time was for those applications in each of those years.

**Reply from Robert Jenrick:** The Home Office publishes data on the number of

applications received and the processing of applications for British citizenship on the Gov.uk website. This includes intake and performance against the six-month service standard for completing applications. The most recent Migration Transparency data published in February 2023 shows that 98.4% of straightforward applications were decided within six months.

The link to the latest Migration transparency data can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visas-and-citizenship-data-q4-2022>  
<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/186130>

### **Sudan: Refugees**

**Matt Vickers (Conservative)** [186252] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to help support UK citizens who have family that are leaving Sudan; and whether his Department plans to take steps to support their safe transportation to the UK.

**Reply from Andrew Mitchell:** Since 25 April, the UK has supported the departure of 2,450 people, including British nationals and dependants out of Sudan. The UK Government continues to provide limited consular assistance to British nationals still in Sudan. Those who have left by alternative means to neighbouring countries are receiving consular support on a case-by-case basis. British nationals who require assistance can call us 24/7. Sudanese nationals who have travelled to a third country and wish to join family members in the UK will need to apply for a visa, if they do not already have the right to enter the UK. Further information can be found online at GOV.UK.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/186252>

*The further information referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sudan-country-policy-and-information-notes/country-policy-and-information-note-sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity-expression-sudan-may-2022-accessible>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-nationals-arriving-from-sudan-to-have-access-to-benefits>

## **UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers: Channel Migrants**

### **Undocumented Migrants: English Channel**

**Lord Balfe (Conservative)** [HL7826] To ask His Majesty's Government what arrangements are in place to dispose of boats used to bring illegal migrants across the English Channel; and whether they plan to revisit these arrangements.

**Reply from Lord Murray of Blidworth:** All vessels that have been subject to seizure are held by Border Force until completion of any criminal investigation activities. The majority of boats are not fit for re-sale or to ever go to sea again, as they arrive in very poor condition and may be damaged during the recovery process. The boats are disposed of by Border Force's approved contractors and, where appropriate, any suitable materials are recycled. There are no plans to revisit these arrangements.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-15/hl7826>

### **Asylum: Pregnancy**

**Baroness Sugg (Conservative)** [HL7921] To ask His Majesty's Government how many pregnant women arrived in the UK via small boats in (1) 2021, (2) 2022, and (3) to date in 2023.



**Reply from Lord Murray of Blidworth:** The Home Office ensures that vulnerable small boats arrivals are identified quickly and supported accordingly in line with robust safeguarding processes.

The Home Office has previously established that a total of 77 pregnant women were accommodated at Manston between April and December 2022.

Information about the number of pregnant women that arrived in the UK by small boats in 2021, early 2022, and in 2023 to date is not held in a reportable or readily retrievable format and could also be made available only at a disproportionate cost.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-17/hl7921>

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers: Other Immigration and Asylum

### Refugees: Resettlement

**Lord German (Liberal Democrat) [HL7906]** To ask His Majesty's Government how many referrals were made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to (1) the UK Resettlement Scheme, (2) Community Sponsorship, (3) the Mandate Resettlement Scheme, and (4) the Family Reunion Scheme, in each of the past three years; and how many referrals were not accepted in each of those schemes.

**Reply from Lord Murray of Blidworth:** Between 2015 and March 2023, just over half a million people were offered safe and legal routes into the UK. This includes those from Hong Kong, Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine, as well as family members of refugees, alongside our global resettlement schemes. The UK continues to welcome refugees and people in need through existing resettlement schemes and is one of the largest recipients of UNHCR referred refugees globally, second only to Sweden in Europe since 2015.

Under these schemes, the UNHCR will refer refugees for resettlement after undertaking an assessment of people's needs and vulnerabilities. The UK does not seek to influence which cases are referred by the UNHCR under these global schemes.

Family Reunion is not referral based. It is an application based route.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-17/hl7906>

*Information about the UK Resettlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1011824/Resettlement\\_Policy\\_Guidance\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011824/Resettlement_Policy_Guidance_2021.pdf)*

*Information about the Mandate Scheme, referred to above, can be read at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/257392/manadaterefugees.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/257392/manadaterefugees.pdf)*

*Information about the Community Sponsorship Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-full-community-sponsorship/community-sponsorship-guidance-for-prospective-sponsors>*

*Information about the Family Reunion Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settlement-refugee-or-humanitarian-protection/family-reunion>*

### Pupils: Asylum

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat) [HL8021]** To ask His Majesty's Government what background information is given to schools about the situation in the home countries of pupils who have arrived in the UK as asylum seekers or refugees.

**Reply from Baroness Barran:** The department does not provide information on the situation in other countries to schools educating children who are asylum

seekers and refugees.

The circumstances for civilians in many conflict zones are widely reported upon in the media and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office publishes brief profiles for each foreign nation. These profiles can be found at:

<https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/6e1f22a9-feb9-49d8-8e61-8fc19764480a/fco-country-profiles>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/hl8021>

## New Publications

### **UNHCR: Asylum Screening in the UK**

<https://www.unhcr.org/uk/media/asylum-screening-uk-0>

### **Briefing: Migration statistics**

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06077/SN06077.pdf>

### **Briefing: Accommodation of asylum-seeking children in hotels**

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CDP-2023-0114/CDP-2023-0114.pdf>

### **Updated Guidance: Afghan citizens resettlement scheme**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/afghan-citizens-resettlement-scheme>

### **Bridging accommodation exit for the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy: policy guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bridging-accommodation-exit-plans-for-resettled-afghans/bridging-accommodation-exit-for-the-afghan-citizens-resettlement-scheme-and-afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy-policy-guidance>

### **Updated: Homelessness management information - Ukrainian nationals: England**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1159972/Ukraine\\_Homelessness\\_Pressures\\_Publication\\_19052023.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1159972/Ukraine_Homelessness_Pressures_Publication_19052023.ods)

### **Updated: Windrush Compensation Scheme data: April 2023**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1160249/WCS\\_Data\\_April\\_2023.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1160249/WCS_Data_April_2023.ods)

### **Updated: Migrants detected crossing the English Channel in small boats – last 7 days**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/migrants-detected-crossing-the-english-channel-in-small-boats/migrants-detected-crossing-the-english-channel-in-small-boats-last-7-days>

### **Updated: Ukraine Family Scheme, Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine) and Ukraine Extension Scheme visa data**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukraine-family-scheme-application-data/ukraine-family-scheme-and-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme-homes-for-ukraine-visa-data--2>

## News: Immigration and Asylum

### **Illegal migrants plan could cost £6bn over two years, say government projections**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-65789136>

**Rishi Sunak to warn illegal migration part of ‘unprecedented threat’ to Europe’s borders**  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/rishi-sunak-illegal-migration-europe-border-b2349139.html>

**Protecting borders from illegal migrants a top priority, Sunak tells Europe**  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/06/01/rishi-sunak-protecting-borders-priority-europe-immigration/>

**Home Office staff could strike if forced to implement ‘unlawful’ Rwanda asylum plan**  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-strike-rwanda-small-boats-b2346380.html>

**Britain strikes deal to return migrants passing through Georgia**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/britain-strikes-deal-to-return-migrants-passing-through-georgia-l36sbz8s2>

**We must take the fight to people smugglers upstream to stop the boats**  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/06/02/robert-jenrick-fight-people-smugglers-stop-the-boats/>

**Small boats crisis: Bulgaria to help Sunak stop illegal immigration**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/small-boats-migrant-crisis-uk-bulgaria-turkey-2023-zxwnwvf60>

**Catalogue of failings in Home Office’s ‘flawed’ asylum system revealed in UN report**  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-flawed-asylum-seekers-b2349038.html>

**UN refugee agency criticises Rishi Sunak’s ‘flawed’ asylum system**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/un-refugee-agency-criticises-rishi-sunaks-flawed-asylum-system-fd6cgrtz3>

**Former home secretaries on why it's so hard to cut migration**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-65797468>

**Windrush generations mark 75th anniversary**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/in-pictures-65682878>

**Record immigration drives up rents across Britain**  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2023/05/28/record-immigration-drives-rents-britain/>

**Fair for asylum seekers to share hotel rooms, says Robert Jenrick**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-65802335>

**Asylum seekers barricade London hotel in protest over conditions**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/asylum-seekers-barricade-london-hotel-in-protest-over-conditions-hr6vhcnsk>

**Suella Braverman urged to clarify why refugees were left on London street**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/jun/02/suella-braverman-urged-clarify-refugees-left-london-street>



**Manston asylum centre could be overwhelmed again within weeks, staff warn**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/may/30/overcrowding-problems-could-return-at-manston-migrant-centre-staff-warn>

**What is Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre and why is the Scotland site so controversial?**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/what-is-dungavel-immigration-removal-centre-and-why-is-the-scotland-site-so-controversial-4163516>

**Court halts deportation of man with rare Fabry disease**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-65790845>

**Home Office error threatens status of Glasgow-based student**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23552469.home-office-error-threatens-status-glasgow-based-student/>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### News

**Police investigate racist threats towards Humza Yousaf**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/23565626.police-investigate-racist-threats-towards-humza-yousaf/>

**Whitehall accused of 'racist institutional bias' by civil service union**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/05/29/pcs-civil-service-union-racial-bias-promotions-white-staff/>

**Whitehall accused of 'racist institutional bias'**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/whitehall-accused-of-racist-institutional-bias-7n5rz5gr3>

**Police chief's admission on racism in force gives next boss 'a base to build on'**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/police-scotland-people-britain-b2347289.html>

**Chief Constable Iain Livingstone's claim that Police Scotland is 'institutionally racist' has damaged the force**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/chief-constable-iain-livingstones-claim-that-police-scotland-is-institutionally-racist-has-damaged-the-force-kenny-macaskill-4163477>

**Police initiative to tackle racism accused of being racist**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-65708552>

**Teenager who became radicalised online during Covid pandemic jailed for planning terror attack**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/terror-plots-attacks-uk-matthew-king-b2350226.html>

**Islamist teenager Matthew King jailed for life over terror plot**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/isis-extremist-matthew-king-jailed-for-life-over-terror-plot-sx7w9zs5m>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### Ministry of Justice: Ethnic Groups

**Peter Gibson (Conservative)** [186410] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he is taking steps to ensure that the categorisations used by his Department for collecting data on the ethnicity of Gypsy, Traveller and Roma people are consistent with those used by the Office of National Statistics.

**Reply from Mike Freer:** We recognise the importance of more and better data when it comes to tackling disparities, and we have come a long way since the Lammy Review when it comes to monitoring and publishing ethnicity data. We believe the correct approach is to use the detailed 18+1 classification of ethnicity, and this is now adopted throughout the Courts, Prison, and Probation services.

We are continually reviewing how we can improve the collection, distribution, and analysis of ethnicity data in the justice system, and currently we are focusing on ensuring a consistent approach with 18+1 the current standard.

We understand that not everyone will be comfortable or confident about declaring their ethnicity at the point of entry into the justice system. His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) has therefore developed a Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) strategy to improve data collection, experiences and outcomes for GRT people in prison.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-23/186410>

*The Lammy Review, referred to above, can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf)

*Information about the 18+1 classification of ethnicity, referred to above, can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/691544/self-defined-ethnicity-18plus1.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/691544/self-defined-ethnicity-18plus1.pdf)

### New Publication

#### Female Genital Mutilation, January 2023 - March 2023

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/female-genital-mutilation/january-2023---march-2023>

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## Cost of Living

### Scottish Government Website

#### Help during the cost of living crisis

Most households are concerned about the cost of living, with worries about issues such as rent and mortgages, food and utility bills, energy costs, and debt.

In response, the Scottish Government has launched a new website that provides information to help people access support with

- Energy and Bills
- Benefits and Income

- Children and Families
- Debt and Money
- Health and Wellbeing

Your local council might be able to help if you need urgent help with money, food or fuel – contact the council for information.

<https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/>

## Publication

**UK Parliament House of Commons Library Briefing: Rising cost of living in the UK**

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9428/CBP-9428.pdf>

## News

**People urged to cash in unused energy bill support vouchers**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-65756127>

**Food price cap will not make a difference - retailers**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-65743163>

**Price caps will create food shortages, Rishi Sunak warned**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/05/28/price-caps-food-shortages-rishi-sunak-warned/>

**15% 'feel their debt is out of control or they have no way of paying it off'**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/cost-of-living-debt-out-of-control-aviva-survey-b2347520.html>

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## Other New Publications

**Inquiry Policy: How the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator deals with concerns and inquiries**

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/media/4613/oscr-inquiry-policy.pdf>

**Concern form to report serious risk of harm to a charity or people it was set up to help**

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/concern-form/>

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## Other News

**Mental health crisis: Ethnic minority children are more likely to internalise their problems from age of just three**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/mental-health-crisis-ethnic-minority-children-are-more-likely-to-internalise-their-problems-from-age-of-just-three-dr-gwenetta-curry-4161472>

## **Bills in Progress** \*\* new or updated this week

### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **\*\* Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/charities-regulation-and-administration-scotland-bill>

Stage 2 consideration of amendments, Social Justice and Social Security Committee

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/official-report/search-what-was-said-in-parliament/SJSS-01-06-2023?meeting=15347&iob=130900>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/legislation/bills/s6-bills/charities-regulation-and-administration-scotland-bill/stage-2/bill-as-amended.pdf>

#### **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

### **UK Parliament**

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3257>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3263>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3304>

#### **Bill of Rights Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3227>

#### **\*\* British Nationality (Regularisation of Past Practice) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3465/publications>

House of Commons Library Briefing

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9809/CBP-9809.pdf>

#### **Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3264>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3248>

## **Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3249>

## **Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3282>

## **\*\* Illegal Migration Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3429>

Notice of amendments

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/51395/documents/3501>

Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1153051/Commons\\_Report\\_stage\\_supplementary\\_ECHR\\_memo\\_FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1153051/Commons_Report_stage_supplementary_ECHR_memo_FINAL.pdf)

Letter from Lord Murray about further government amendments to the Illegal Migration Bill

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1159883/2023-05-26\\_IM\\_Bill\\_Government\\_Amendments\\_Letter\\_to\\_Lord\\_Coaker.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1159883/2023-05-26_IM_Bill_Government_Amendments_Letter_to_Lord_Coaker.pdf)

## **Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff)**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3436>

## **Online Safety Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3164>

## **Scotland (Self-Determination) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3413>

## **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-protection-of-premises-draft-bill-overarching-documents>

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## **Consultations**

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**Review of the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997** (closing date 18 June 2023)

<https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-review-race-relations-ni-order-1997>

**Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill** (closing date 23 June 2023)

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3146/>

**Let's Be Heard – Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience** (closing date not stated)

<https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot/>



**Experiences of Racism in Scotland's Night-Time Economy** (closing date not stated)  
<https://t.co/IUabNPI1nK>

**ITV/Tell MAMA survey on mosque safety in the UK** (closing date not stated)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V7V5B6L>

**JPR 2023 Antisemitism in the UK Survey** (closing date not stated)  
<https://bit.ly/3Vg7DDH> (Scotland)  
and  
<https://www.jpr.org.uk/panel/UKantisemitism2023> (UK except Scotland)

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## Job Opportunities

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

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **Creative Communities Glasgow**

*Closing date for applications 30 June 2023*

Glasgow Communities and Place Fund / UK Shared Prosperity Fund grants of up to £80,000 to support and empower communities to develop cultural activities. Projects must be led by their community, and applicants must demonstrate how the project will address priorities in their community, and help overcome the barriers the community faces to creative and cultural engagement. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yc8yf4c8>

### **People's Postcode Trust**

*There will be two further opportunities to apply for funding in 2023 but **each will only be open for 24 hours**. Applications can be submitted from:*

*10am on 3 July 2023*

*10 am on 2 October 2023*

*Application forms will go live at the above dates and times and must be **started and submitted** within the submission window. In the meantime, a copy of the application questions can be downloaded in order to help you prepare your submission.*

National Lottery funding of between £500 and £25,000 for projects on a wide range of themes including supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality. Funding priorities include communities experiencing racial inequity, people with disabilities, and the LGBT+ Community. For information and to apply see

<https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

and

[https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/media/2724/3\\_ppt\\_fundingguide\\_2023.pdf](https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/media/2724/3_ppt_fundingguide_2023.pdf)

### **Big Give: The Christmas Challenge**

*Closing date for applications: 7 July 2023*

When someone donates to a charity through a Big Give campaign, funders are asked to match that donation, so, for example, £50 from a member of the public becomes £100 for a good cause. Charities must secure a minimum of £1k in pledges to be eligible for Champion funding. For information see <https://biggive.org/christmas-challenge/>

## Cost-of-Living Support Scotland

*Application deadline not stated*

National Lottery funding from £10,001 to £75,000 for projects to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases. The programme aims to fund activity that reduces the impact of, or prevents financial insecurity so that people have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives, are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living, and have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living. For information and to apply see

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/cost-of-living-support-fund>

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## Events, Conferences, and Training

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### **Volunteers' Week Scotland 2023**

1–7 June 2023 (Scotland-wide)

Volunteers' Week is a UK wide campaign when volunteering involving organisations and groups are encouraged to thank their volunteers, past and present and celebrate and recognise volunteering efforts. For information see <https://volunteersweek.scot/>

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### **Inclusion in Volunteering**

6 June 2023 (online, 2.00–4.00)

Volunteer Scotland course to identify common themes from diverse groups, with a focus on enabling everyone to volunteer, and increase understanding by challenging stereotypes and assumptions. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/z9wmtnpj>

### **Refugee Festival Scotland**

16-25 June 2023 (Scotland-wide)

People from refugee backgrounds make a huge contribution to life in Scotland and that's worth celebrating. The Scottish Refugee Council's unique festival brings people together to meet, mix share art, culture and ideas, and get to know each other better. For information and a full programme of events see <https://tinyurl.com/ubajubzi>

### **Walking Tour: Refugee Histories of Glasgow**

17 June 2023 (Glasgow, 10.00–12.00)

Walking tour to explore some of Glasgow's refugee histories, across the world and around the city. From international solidarity campaigns to grassroots community action, refugees and asylum seekers have played key roles in the city's cultural and political life in recent years. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/wby6j57s>

### **Glasgow Black History Walking Tour**

18 June 2023 (Glasgow, 1.00)

21 June 2023 (Glasgow, 1.00)

CRER walking tours taking participants on a historical journey through Glasgow's mercantile past and examine the city's connections with tobacco, slavery and the abolition movement. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/mryxxtky>

### **Our Stories, Our Voices**

19 June 2023 (Glasgow, 10.30–12.30)

Glasgow Life Adult Learning Services reading of stories, poems, and reflections as part of Refugee Festival Scotland inspired by the theme of hope. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/4jhzpx9t>

### **Sharing Stories of Hope and Courage (women-only event)**

19 June 2023 (Glasgow, 10.30–1.30)

Interfaith Glasgow Weekend Club event to learn about and celebrate refugee histories in Scotland. Includes a guided tour of Garnethill Synagogue, the Scottish Jewish Archive Centre, and the Scottish Jewish Holocaust Era Study Centre, and in particular the event will hear the story of a woman artist who fled the Nazis in her home in Austria and came to Scotland, and do a craft activity around what gives them hope in challenging times. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yvjm4t>

### **#CompassionIntoAction: Embracing Collective Action to Support Refugees Seeking Sanctuary**

20 June 2023 (online, 6.00–7.00)

Glasgow University 'World Changing Glasgow Conversation' focussing on the importance of collaboration and connectivity, and exploring how through collective action we can work together to ensure that we support those who are seeking sanctuary. For information see <https://hopin.com/events/uog-compassionintoaction>

### **\*\* Countering Online Hate: Tactics and Strategies for Media Activism**

21 June 2023 (online and in Keele, 9.30–4.30)

Keele University event to explore the possibilities and limitations of online counternarratives to online hate speech, particularly on Twitter and other public facing platforms, and share findings from the project 'Contesting Islamophobia: Representation and Appropriation in Mediated Activism'. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2apxk3ej>

### **Holding Hope in the Face of Hate**

22 June 2023 (Glasgow, 11.00–1.30)

Interfaith Scotland refugee Week event bringing together members of faith communities and the general public from across Scotland to engage in a dialogue around ways to challenge hatred towards asylum seekers and refugees, especially in light of the growing anti-asylum seeker rhetoric and the cost of living crisis. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2pt4bolx>

### **Learn about the Hostile Environment & How to be a Good Ally**

22 June 2023 (Glasgow, 6.00–8.30)

24 June 2023 (Glasgow, 3.00–5.30)

Workshop for those who want to learn more about the asylum process in the UK, co-created with people who have direct experience of the UK's Hostile Environment policies. This session will breakdown the reality beyond the headlines and the political rhetoric. We aim to answer questions such as: What does it mean to be a refugee? Is an asylum seeker different? Why are people paying smugglers to get in small boats? For information about the 22 June event see <https://tinyurl.com/bdduprh2>, and for 24 June see <https://tinyurl.com/35sj5yte>

### **Working with and against race**

22 June 2023 (online and in Manchester, 2.00–5.00)

CODE ECR seminar about how to conceptualise race as a technology of power via Cedric Robinson's idea of the racial regime, in order to help us think about how race is recursively

enacted, and to explore the ways in which racial capitalism can be used as a methodology. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yck7zfhj>

### **Scholarship Event**

24 June 2023 (Glasgow, 3.00–7.00)

Africa Future event focussing on scholarship opportunities. This discussion will help asylum seekers find out about how to access scholarships from different universities in Scotland. Participants will be able to ask questions and have responses at the event. Different MPs, MSPs, councillors and Police Scotland will be at the event as well and available to answer questions. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/msxxdtk3>

### **Developing a Volunteer Strategy**

19 September 2023 (Stirling, 10.00–4.00)

Volunteer Scotland course to discuss the purpose of developing a strategy for volunteering, the benefits of a volunteering strategy for the wider organisation, and steps to develop a strategy. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/mu3dkx53>

### **Supporting Volunteers**

4 October 2023 (Stirling, 10.00–4.00)

Volunteer Scotland course to discuss building a positive relationship with volunteers, plan and deliver a suitable induction process, identify and apply different support methods, and manage some of the challenges of supporting volunteers. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2nbpr7se>

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## **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>

**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/disclosure-types>

**Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services**

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

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

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**SCoJeC**  
Scottish Council of  
Jewish Communities

Representing, connecting, and supporting Jewish people in Scotland



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**  
Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and  
Cultural Minority Communities

**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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