**COVID-19 COORDINATION HUB**

**COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT**

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| **MEMBER/ORGANISATION:** | No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) task and Finish Group |
| **SERVICE AREA / VULNERABLE GROUP(S):** | NRPF |
| **REPORT DATE:** | 2/7/2020 |

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| **KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES (number of individuals / families supported, type of support delivered etc)** |
| An updated NRPF questionnaire including EEA nationals without settled status (indefinite leave to remain) was distributed to partners. Data is due to be analysed w/c 6th July in to identify trends and make recommendations of how the local authority and partners should proceed.  Housing and Homelessness  From early trends emerging it is evident that most people (that we know about) in the cohort are EEA nationals without Settled Status. Those with NRPF Status.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Cambridgeshire District** | **NRPF** | **EEA nationals without settled status** | | Cambridge City | 4 | 16 | | East Cambridgeshire District Council | 0 | 0 | | Fenland | 3 | 17 (applying for settles status) | | Huntingdonshire District Council | 0 | 5 | | Peterborough City | 1 | 27 | | South Cambridgeshire District Council | 0 | 0 |   The NRPF cohort would achieve better outcomes if we had a coordinated response that includes the local authority, Home Office, Housing and Community Voluntary Services. Considerations include, inter alia, housing, employment, training and skills, legal advice, immigration advice, food security, support for victims of domestic abuse, drug and alcohol services and gaining settled status in order to have recourse to public funds.  Partnership Working  The task and finish group has been working with the national NRPF Network and has made connections with the East of England lead for NRPF and local network. The task and finish group is due to attend the local East of England network meeting on 14th July. There have been positive links made with Norfolk Council’s “People from Abroad” team. In Norfolk there is a dedicated team that works with people with NRPF status.  Today we attended training from the NRPF Network “step down pathways for people with NRPF status”. A strategic approach is recommended with guidance from senior council leaders as to who is responsible for managing this cohort. National guidance requires us to identify what we could put into place so we can make a decision about who will act and funding.  Support for NRPF includes 3 steps:  Step 1- Identify the NRPF cohort  Step 2- Transfer to Statutory Support from the Home Office or Local Authority (for adults with eligible needs under the Care Act, families with children under age 18 under Section 17 of the Children’s Act, support for care leavers 18-25 and people that have experienced modern day slavery.  Step 3- Sustainable outcomes including immigration advice from a regulated source, a commissioned advice service and routes to recourse including asylum status, immigration status and settled status for EEA nationals.  The task and finish group will discuss this on 8th July and make recommendations. |
| **GAPS / CHALLENGES** |
| A key challenge is identifying this cohort. We are working with partners to identify them and it is clear that most organisations do not collect data on NRPF status. We cannot be sure we’re not double counting.  Gaps at the task and finish group have been addressed with a wider range of partners joining the group. |
| **WORKFORCE / VOLUNTEER LEVELS (please identify if you need any additional resource to deliver support)** |
| N/A |
| **COMMUNICATIONS (please detail any forms of communication / engagement you have undertaken)** |
| NRPF Questionnaire has been completed by partners.  A page has been developed on Cambridgeshire Insight for NRPF:  <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/no-recourse-to-public-funds/> |