



Response Form – Cap on Safe and Legal Routes Consultation

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Responses

Ahead of responding, please familiarise yourself with the consultation paper, with particular regard to the “Instructions for completing the questionnaire” section.

Question	Response
Q1: What organisations (including VCS organisations, and community sponsorship groups) in your area have you engaged with while compiling your response and have you included the responses received from these organisations in your local authority consolidated response?	<p><i>We have consulted:</i></p> <p><i>Hyde & Clarion – Registered providers – both have responded positively and have been involved in delivering homes to Refugees in partnership with the Council for several years.</i></p> <p><i>VCS and health partners have been consulted by West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) on behalf of the District & Borough Councils in West Sussex so any responses should be included in their response.</i></p>
Q2: What is your capacity to house and support those coming through safe and legal routes under the cap in calendar year 2025?	<p><i>2 households</i></p> <p><i>Please note this relates to housing provided in partnership with RP's.</i></p>



<p>Q3: What evidence can you provide to support this (for example, number of properties that you have available or can procure)?</p>	<p><i>The Council engaged with the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme with a commitment to 2 households per annum from 2016 during the lifetime of the scheme. We then continued with that commitment of 2 households per annum with the UK Resettlement Scheme and found that to be sustainable. It should be noted that the District has also welcomed high numbers of Ukrainian refugees who are now moving into more permanent accommodation. The Council, with partners, will have delivered 21 homes via the Local Authority Housing Fund in 23/24 for refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine and the area also has the additional pressures of dispersal of Asylum Seekers and a contingency hotel.</i></p>
<p>Q4: Of the above number, in 2025, how many of the following groups do you anticipate being able to accommodate, and ensure appropriate support is in place for:</p>	<p>a. Complex Cases: 0</p>
	<p>b. Single people: 2</p>
	<p>c. Large families: 0 – we have a very limited supply of larger homes but can accommodate smaller families.</p>
<p>Q5: Of the above number, how many of these do you expect to come through the community sponsorship scheme in your area?</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Q6: The Resettlement Tariff and Community Sponsorship Funding provide the local authority with access to central funding for the purpose of supporting refugee integration. What impact has this funding had on your ability to resettle refugees in your area?</p>	<p>The funding does not come to Chichester District Council but to West Sussex County Council. Some of the funding has been passported to us by WSCC and has been utilised for community support and integration via local community and voluntary groups.</p>



<p>Q7: There is no additional funding being introduced with the cap. How could the funding instructions be changed to maximise the existing funding, enabling innovation and increased delivery of services in your area?</p>	<p>The Local Authority Housing Fund has been very successful within the District allowing the provision of 21 additional social homes for refugees from Ukraine and Afghanistan.</p> <p>We do not receive the tariff funding as this is paid to WSCC, however, housing need should be prioritised as the housing market is very challenging in the Chichester District.</p>
<p>Q8: What impact do you assess the local provision of public services such as education, social care (adult and children) and healthcare has on your ability to resettle refugees in your area? Why do you assess this to be the case?</p>	<p>These services are supplied by WSCC not the District Council</p>

Thank you for participating in this consultation.

Please send your response by midnight on 15 December 2023 to:
capconsultation@homeoffice.gov.uk