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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. An **“Adult”** for the purpose of the English language provision means a Refugee who is 19-years of age or older, or who turns 19 within the first twelve (12) Months of arrival in the UK.
- 1.2. An **“Annex”** means the annexes attached to this Funding Instruction.
- 1.3. The **“Authority”** means the Secretary of State for the Home Department acting through the Home Office’s Resettlement Services operation on behalf of the Crown.
- 1.4. A **“Beneficiary”** means a Refugee (adult, child and baby arriving in the UK) resettled under the United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) and their immediate dependants.
- 1.5. **“Branding Manual”** means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland’s Branding Manual Funded by UK Government¹ first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2022, including any subsequent updates from time-to-time.
- 1.6. A **“Case of Interest”** means a Beneficiary has:
 - i) Been arrested for an offence involving violence; weapons;
 - ii) terrorism/extremism; sexual offences (criminality).
 - iii) Been subjected to a hate crime (hate crimes).
 - iv) Had a PREVENT referral made regarding them (PREVENT referral).
 - v) Suffered a serious negative impact (or perceived they have) because of an act or omission by the Home Office and/or local authorities/delivery partners’ (perceived failing).
 - vi) Been involved in any other incident which the media is aware of (potential media coverage).
- 1.7. **“Civil Society”** (as defined in the Civil Society Strategy) means individuals and organisations when they act with the primary purpose of creating social value, independent of state control. By social value we mean enriched lives and a fairer society for all.
- 1.8. **“Civil Society Strategy”** means the strategy that sets out how government will work with and support civil society in the years to come, so that together we can build a country that works for everyone.
- 1.9. A **“Clause”** means the clauses in this Funding Instruction.
- 1.10. **“Code of Conduct”** means the Code of Conduct for Recipients of Government General Grants² first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2018, including any subsequent updates from time-to time.

¹ <https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/guidance/marketing/branding-guidelines/>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/supplier-code-of-conduct>

- 1.11. **“Commencement Date”** means the date on which the Funding Instruction comes into effect and from which Eligible Expenditure may be claimed, being the 01 April 2024.
- 1.12. **“Community Sponsor”** (or **“Sponsor”**) means a group or organisation which:
- i) exists and works for the benefit of the community rather than private shareholders, and
 - ii) is registered as either a charity (or from 2013 as a charitable incorporated organisation), or a community interest company, or is an individual or body falling within Section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011, and
 - iii) has been approved by the Authority to support Refugees brought to the UK through the Schemes, and
 - iv) can claim Funding to support English Language Provision for Adult Refugees as at Schedule 1 Part 6 and Void Costs at **Annex E**.
- 1.13. The **“Community Sponsorship Scheme”** means the programme developed by the Authority to enable a Community Sponsor to support Refugees for a period of twenty-four (24) Months following their arrival in the UK under The Schemes.
- 1.14. **“Crown Body”** (or **“Crown”**) means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Executive and the Welsh Government), including, but not limited to, ministers and departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions, or agencies from time-to-time carrying out functions on its behalf.
- 1.15. **“Data Protection Legislation”** means (i) the UK GDPR, (ii) the Data Protection Act 2018 (‘DPA 2018’) to the extent that it relates to the processing of Personal Data and privacy, (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of Personal Data and privacy, and (iv) (to the extent that it applies) the EU GDPR.
- 1.16. **“Data Incident”** means any circumstance which results in the loss, theft or inappropriate disclosure of information obtained as a result of pursuing the Purpose to a Third Party whether by accident or intention.
- 1.17. The **“Data Sharing Protocol”** (or the **“DSP”**) means the set of principles detailed in **Annex C** which govern the processes and practicalities of information sharing between the Authority and the Recipient, and which the Recipient agrees to abide by and comply with.
- 1.18. **“Day”** means any calendar day Monday through Sunday inclusive.
- 1.19. **“Delivery Partner”** means any Third-Party, who is not a Beneficiary, whether an organisation or an individual working with the Recipient, whether remunerated or not, in the delivery of this Funding Instruction for the provision of the Purpose.
- 1.20. **“Duplicate Funding”** means funding received by the Recipient from a Third Party (including a Crown Body) which is intended to be used to deliver the Purpose, and which has not been declared to the Authority. Alternative sources of funding where declared and accepted will not be considered Duplicate Funding so long as the Recipient can demonstrate what additionality (sustainability; volumes; scope; geography etc) this enables the Schemes to achieve.

- 1.21. **“Eligible Expenditure”** means all costs, expenses, liabilities and obligations that are related to, incurred by or arise out of the delivery, activities and operations of the Purpose by the Recipient during the funding period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and which comply in all respects with the eligibility rules set out in this Instruction as determined by the Authority at its sole discretion.
- 1.22. **“ESOL”**³ means a formal ‘English for Speakers of Other Languages’, or other equivalent formal language skill support.
- 1.23. **“EU General Data Protection” (EU GDPR)** means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of Personal Data and on the free movement of such data as it forms part of the law of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, together with Data Protections, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc)(EU exit) regulations.
- 1.24. **“Exceptional Costs”** means additional expenses incurred by a Recipient in supporting a Refugee for which the Authority has a budget and may, on a case-by-case basis, agree to reimburse.
- 1.25. A **“File Share Area”** (or the **“FSA”**) means the designated area within MOVEit from where a Recipient can access files that the Authority has made available to share.
- 1.26. **“Formal Language Training”**⁴ means the provision of ESOL that, where possible, should lead to Refugees attaining accredited qualifications from a provider regulated by an appropriate national body (i.e. OFQAL, SQA or Qualifications Wales). This also includes courses which do not themselves lead to an accredited qualification, but which help Refugees to later access a course which does lead to an accredited qualification. For instance, non-regulated provision offered by providers at pre-entry level, for which there are no accredited qualifications. All formal language training must meet the following key characteristics:
- i) their delivery is led by qualified tutors, and
 - ii) They are appropriate to individual Refugee’s abilities as identified following a diagnostic assessment led by a qualified ESOL tutor, and
 - iii) They follow agreed curricula⁵.
- 1.27. **“Funding”** means the Authority’s financial contributions towards a Recipient’s Eligible Expenditure incurred supporting Refugees for up to sixty (60) Months following their arrival in the UK and in accordance with the terms and outcomes of this Instruction.
- 1.28. The **“Funding Instruction”** (or the **“Instruction”**) means this document which describes the conditions under which a Recipient may claim Funding.

³ Please also refer to the Guidance on Commissioning ESOL for further information.

⁴ Please also refer to the Guidance on Commissioning ESOL for further information.

⁵ Please also refer to [the Excellence Gateway](#) for further information on the ESOL national curriculum and Skills for Life Curriculum.

- 1.29. The **“Funding Period”** means the period for which the Grant is provided from the Commencement Date to 31 March 2025.
- 1.30. **“Grant Fraud”** means deliberately obtaining grant funding that a person or organisation, whether the Recipient, its Staff, Delivery Partners, or Third Party would not be entitled to by making a false declaration or failing to report material changes.
- 1.31. **“Ineligible Expenditure”** means expenditure which has not been used for purposes compliant with the terms of the Funding Instruction and is not acceptable as Eligible Expenditure. Mandatory exclusions are recorded in this Terms and Conditions document, with specific exclusions detailed in Schedule 1.
- 1.32. **“Informal Language Training”**⁶ means language training provision that does not have any or all of the characteristics described in **1.26** for example, it can take place in any location, may or may not have a pre-set curriculum and will usually be provided in a structured or semi-structured way, delivered by a range of people including volunteers. It can include confidence building, active citizenship and a whole host of leisure or community activities.
- 1.33. **“Information Acts”** means the Data Protection Legislation, Freedom of Information Act 2000 (‘FOIA’), the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (‘EIR’) and any subordinate or amended legislation made under these Acts from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department(s) concerning the legislation.
- 1.34. **“In Writing”** means modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form including but not limited to paper correspondence, email, display on screen and electronic transmission.
- 1.35. **“Key Performance Indicators”** means indicators required to assess the success of the Funding against its intended outcome.
- 1.36. **“Law”** means any applicable law, statute, byelaw, regulation, order, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgement of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body, delegated or subordinate legislation.
- 1.37. The **“Local Administrator”** means a senior member of the Recipient’s staff who will act as the single point of contact for authorising access to the Recipient’s designated FSA within MOVEit.
- 1.38. A **“Month”** means a calendar month.
- 1.39. **“MOVEit”** means the Authority’s online two-way file-sharing service that allows the sharing of Official and Official-Sensitive (IL2) data with other government departments, non-departmental public bodies, and external organisations, in a completely secure environment. Files including PDFs, all types of Office documents, images, and WinZip of up to 2GB in size may be shared.
- 1.40. An **“Overpayment”** means Funding paid by the Authority to the Recipient in excess of the amount actually due.
- 1.41. A **“Party”** means the Authority and a Recipient who has claimed Funding.

⁶ Please also refer to the Guidance on Commissioning ESOL for further information.

- 1.42. **“Personal Data”** has the meaning given to it in Data Protection Legislation.
- 1.43. A **“Recipient”** means a participating local or regional authority to which the Authority has agreed to provide Funding under this Instruction as a contribution towards eligible expenditure incurred supporting Refugees.
- 1.44. **“Refugee”** means a Beneficiary who, regardless of their nationality, has
- i) been accepted as being in need of resettlement by the Authority following referral by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (*UNHCR*), and
 - ii) arrived in the UK having been admitted to the Schemes,
 - iii) and has been resettled in England, Scotland, or Wales.
- 1.41. The **“Resettlement Services”** means the unit comprising of staff from Home Office whose objective is to deliver the Schemes.
- 1.42. **“Schedule”** means the Schedule attached to this Funding Instruction.
- 1.43. **“The Schemes”** means the UK government’s humanitarian relief programmes supporting Refugees where it has been determined that resettlement is in their best interests. The exceptions are the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) and the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP), plus Eligible British Nationals, which are covered in a separate Funding Instruction.
- 1.44. **“SMP”** means Strategic Migration Partnership.
- 1.45. **“Social Value”** means the Authority’s commitments to delivering Value for Money, environmental and social benefits, Net Zero by 2050, efficient use of resources, greater social inclusion, support for innovation, better risk management and improved supplier relationships. These principles are underpinned by the obligations laid down in in the [Social Value Act 2012](#), the [Modern Slavery Act 2015](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#).
- 1.46. **“Staff”** means any person employed or engaged by the Recipient and acting in connection with the operation of this Instruction including the Recipient’s owners, directors, members, trustees, employees, agents, suppliers, volunteers, and Delivery Partners (and their respective employees, agents, suppliers and Delivery Partners) used in the delivery of the funded outcomes.
- 1.47. **“Third Party”** means any party whether person or organisation other than the Authority or the Recipient.
- 1.48. **“UK Subsidy Control Regime”** means the Subsidy Control Act 2022 that implements in domestic Law the United Kingdom’s international commitments and obligations in relation to the award of subsidies.
- 1.49. **“Value for Money”** means securing the optimum combination of cost, quality and effectiveness, including relevant Social Value criteria over the whole period of use; it does not mean minimising upfront prices i.e. the lowest or cheapest option.
- 1.50. A **“Working Day”** means any day Monday to Friday (inclusive) excluding any recognised UK public holidays.

2. THIS INSTRUCTION

- 2.1. This Instruction consists of fifteen (15) Clauses, one (1) Schedule, and seven (7) Annexes and replaces any funding instructions previously issued by the Authority providing financial contributions towards Recipients' costs incurred supporting Refugees.
- 2.2. This Instruction provides Funding enabling a Recipient to support Refugees:
 - 2.2.1. during the first twelve (12) Months following arrival in the UK, including Educational costs (YEAR 1) – Schedule 1, Part 1,
 - 2.2.2. during the subsequent forty-eight (48) Months (YEARS 2 – 5) – Schedule 1, Part 2,
 - 2.2.3. on the Community Sponsorship Scheme – Schedule 1, Part 3,
 - 2.2.4. improve their English language skills in order to assist with integration and improve employability – Schedule 1, Part 4, and
 - 2.2.5. with childcare needs to attend Formal Language Training – Schedule 1, Part 5.

3. SCOPE

- 3.1. Claims can be made under this instruction for Refugees who have arrived in the UK under one of the following humanitarian resettlement schemes:
 - 3.1.1. The UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) started in March 2021. Its purpose is to resettle vulnerable refugees in need of protection from a range of regions of conflict and instability across the globe. Numbers resettled under it will be based on local authority capacity. Unaccompanied children resettled under UKRS will (unless in exceptional circumstances) be treated in the same way as Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) for funding purposes, and local authorities who accept unaccompanied children under the Scheme will be reimbursed in accordance with the relevant year's UASC Funding Instruction not this Instruction.
 - 3.1.2. The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) which was launched in January 2014 and closed to new arrivals on 25 February 2021. VPRS provided sanctuary to those fleeing the Syrian conflict to neighbouring countries specifically Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Türkiye and Egypt.
 - 3.1.3. The Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme (VCRS) which was launched in April 2016 and closed to new arrivals on 25 February 2021. VCRS was specifically designed to resettle vulnerable refugee children and their families from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.
 - 3.1.4. The Gateway Protection Programme (GPP) which was launched in 2004 and closed to new arrivals in March 2020. The GPP provided sanctuary to those fleeing conflict and human rights abuses in countries including Somalia, Sudan, Myanmar, Palestine, Afghanistan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 3.2. To further support these commitments, the Community Sponsorship Scheme has been developed enabling Sponsors to provide comprehensive wrap-

around support to Refugees for a period of two (2) years, instead of the Recipient.

- 3.3. The Schemes' primary purpose is to resettle Refugees in a way that:
 - 3.3.1. Secures national security and public protection, and
 - 3.3.2. Has the wellbeing of the vulnerable persons and the welcoming communities at the centre of decision making, and
 - 3.3.3. Delivers value for money for the UK taxpayer.
- 3.4. The Schemes are run in partnership with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (the 'UNHCR'). They demonstrate the UK's support for the UNHCR's global effort to relieve the humanitarian crisis through the provision of resettlement opportunities for vulnerable people into communities within the UK who:
 - 3.4.1. have registered with the UNHCR; and
 - 3.4.2. the UNHCR consider meet one of their resettlement submission categories⁷.
- 3.5. The Authority is responsible for identifying Refugees eligible for resettlement to the UK in liaison with the UNHCR.
- 3.6. The Recipient has made commitments to support the Schemes, and the Authority has agreed to provide Funding to the Recipient as a contribution to supporting Refugees for up to five (5) years after first arrival in the UK as further described in this Instruction.
- 3.7. Unless specifically stated otherwise, any Funding will be in respect of a Recipient's costs in fulfilment of its statutory duties, and anything otherwise agreed with the Authority.
- 3.8. The Recipient shall be free to determine how best to utilise the Funding but for monitoring and Schemes' evaluation purposes must be able to demonstrate that the Funding has been committed in supporting Refugees and furthering the aims of the Schemes.

4. DURATION

- 4.1. This Instruction sets out the terms under which the Authority will make Funding available to the Recipient, in respect of expenditure incurred supporting Refugees brought to the UK under the Scheme during the period **1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**.
- 4.2. In keeping with established HM Treasury funding policies, the Authority will issue a new instruction for each financial year for which Funding is approved. This will occur whether or not any changes are made.

5. TRANSPARENCY, CONFIDENTIALITY, DATA PROTECTION AND DATA SHARING

- 5.1. The Recipient acknowledges that grant funded arrangements issued by Crown Bodies may be published on a public facing website and that the Authority shall disclose payments made against this Instruction in accordance

⁷ See [Annex B](#)

with the UK Government's commitment to efficiency, transparency and accountability.

- 5.2. The Recipient undertakes to keep confidential and not to disclose, and to procure that their staff keep confidential and do not disclose any information which they have obtained by reason of this Instruction.
- 5.3. Nothing in this Article 5 applies to information which is already in the public domain or the possession of the Recipient other than by reason of breach of this Article 5. Further, this Article 5 shall not apply to information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any law or pursuant to an order of any court or statutory or regulatory body.
- 5.4. The Recipient and the Authority will comply at all times with its respective obligations under UK Data Protection Legislation.
- 5.5. The Recipient shall ensure that any personal information concerning any Refugee disclosed to them in the course of delivering these Schemes is treated as confidential and should only be disclosed to a third party in accordance with the provisions of UK Data Protection Legislation. In the event of any doubt arising, the matter shall be referred to the Authority whose decision on the matter shall be final. In particular, the Recipient shall:
 - 5.5.1. have in place appropriate policies and procedures to recognise and maintain the Refugee's need for confidentiality; and
 - 5.5.2. ensure that without the consent of a Refugee, details of that individual Refugee are not released to any organisation not party to this Instruction.
- 5.6. The Recipient shall not use any information which they have obtained as a result of delivering the Schemes (including, without limitation, any information relating to any Refugee) in any way which is inaccurate or misleading.
- 5.7. On receipt of personal data from the Authority, the Recipient will become an independent controller of that data in that the Recipient, in delivering the Schemes, will, at any time determine the purpose and means of the processing of the personal data. In doing so they shall comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their processing of such Personal Data, will be individually and separately responsible for its own compliance and with respect to its processing of Personal Data as independent Controller, implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the GDPR, and the measures shall, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation, including Article 32 of the GDPR.
- 5.8. In the event of any unauthorised disclosure, the Recipient is responsible for following its local data protection arrangements and referring any personal data breach to the Information Commissioner's Office within 72 hours of identifying the initial incident.
- 5.9. In the event of any unauthorised disclosure the Authority must be informed without delay. The Authority will decide on what, if any, remedial action should take place, and the Recipient shall be bound by and will abide by the decision of the Authority.

- 5.10. Where a Recipient is responsible for an unauthorised disclosure in breach of this Instruction, that Recipient will be liable for any consequences of such unauthorised disclosure, including (but not confined to) any civil or criminal liability.
- 5.11. Prior to departure for the UK, refugees will have signed a consent form confirming their willingness to share personal data with executive bodies and relevant Delivery Partners. The Authority will retain these forms and will allow inspection by the Recipient as requested.
- 5.12. The Authority also expects the Recipient to share relevant information on the delivery of the Schemes and on refugees with its partners; before doing so, the Recipient must ensure that a formal agreement has been signed with the relevant deliverers of the Schemes which flows down the terms of the Data Sharing Protocol.
- 5.13. The UNHCR Resettlement Registration Form (RRF) or any other related document created by the UNHCR about a refugee must be shared only with delivery partners on a strict need to know basis.
- 5.14. The RRF and related documents must not be shared with the refugee concerned, nor with any other party outside of appropriate Delivery Partners, without the specific agreement of UNHCR London office.
- 5.15. All approaches made by any person or organisation not party to this Instruction in respect of delivery to fund the Schemes must be referred to the Authority's press office for their advice and/or action.
- 5.16. Where applicable, the Recipient and the Authority are required to comply, at all times, with its respective obligations under the Information Acts, any subordinate legislation made, and any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner.
- 5.17. The Recipient shall abide by the terms of the Data Sharing provisions set out in [Annex C](#). The Recipient shall ensure that it has adequate provisions and effective controls in place to manage:
 - 5.17.1. data and prevent Data Incidents,
 - 5.17.2. the processing of data shared between itself and any Delivery Partner and/or Beneficiary (and vice versa), and
 - 5.17.3. compliance with its obligations arising from the Data Protection Legislation.
- 5.18. The Recipient agrees to assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with its obligations under the Information Acts whenever a request is made for information which relates to or arises out of this Instruction.
- 5.19. No information shall be disclosed if such disclosure would be in breach or is exempted from disclosure under the Information Acts.
- 5.20. The Recipient shall ensure that it, and its Staff, complies with the Authority's data sharing protocols as described in [Annex C](#).
- 5.21. The provisions of this Article 5 shall survive the termination of this Instruction, however that occurs.

6. FUNDING

Eligible Expenditure

- 6.1. Monies provided must not be used for any purpose other than achieving delivery of the Schemes outcomes detailed in this Instruction, nor is it permissible to vire any such funds elsewhere without prior written consent from the Authority.
- 6.2. Any funding issues resulting from a Refugee moving permanently from a participating local authority during the maximum sixty (60) Month term of the Funding are to be resolved between the Recipient and the relevant local authority.

Ineligible Expenditure

- 6.3. The Grant may under no circumstances be used to:
 - 6.3.1. Pay for lobbying (via an external firm or in-house staff) in order to undertake activity that intends or attempts to influence parliament or Crown Bodies or political parties, for example, attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action; or the awarding or renewal of contracts and grants; or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action, or
 - 6.3.2. Enable one part of government to challenge another on topics unrelated to the Purpose, or
 - 6.3.3. Petition the Authority or other Third Parties for additional funding, or
 - 6.3.4. Pay expenses, such as entertaining, specifically aimed at exerting undue influence to change government policy, or
 - 6.3.5. Pay input VAT reclaimable by the Recipient from HMRC, or
 - 6.3.6. Fund activity that may be party-political in intention, use or presentation, or
 - 6.3.7. Support or promote activities of an exclusively religious nature. This will not include activity designed to improve inter-faith relationship or working.
 - 6.3.8. Pay towards litigation costs incurred by the Recipient.

Duplicate Funding

- 6.4. The Recipient shall not apply for or obtain Duplicate Funding for the same expenditures whilst they are in receipt of Funding under this Instruction. To avoid there being Duplicate Funding the Authority will require the Recipient to repay as an Overpayment.
- 6.5. The Authority may refer the Recipient or any Delivery Partner to the police should it fail to notify the Authority of, dishonesty and intentionally obtain, Duplicate Funding to deliver the Purpose.

Overpayments

- 6.6. The Authority must be notified at the earliest opportunity if a Recipient expects its Funding requirement to be lower than expected, in order to avoid Overpayments.

- 6.7. In the event that an Overpayment is made, howsoever caused, the Authority must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable. In such instances, the Authority may require immediate reimbursement of the Overpayment or may adjust subsequent payment(s) accordingly.

Cessation of Funding

- 6.8. The Authority's responsibility for providing Funding under this Instruction will cease no later than the sixty (60) Month anniversary of the Refugee's arrival in the UK under the Schemes and Funding is not claimable for any support provided beyond this anniversary.
- 6.9. Payments may also cease where the Refugee:
- 6.9.1. dies,
 - 6.9.2. leaves the Recipient's area to live in another UK local authority area,
 - 6.9.3. indicates that they no longer wish to receive support under the Schemes,
 - 6.9.4. indicates that they are leaving the UK permanently,
 - 6.9.5. applies for some other Immigration status within the UK as advised by the Authority⁸, or
 - 6.9.6. otherwise leaves or becomes ineligible for the Schemes.
- 6.10. In the event of any such occurrence under Clause 6.9, the Recipient must notify the Authority without delay.
- 6.11. For the purposes of Clause 6.8, the sixty (60) Month period will commence on the date of the Refugee's first arrival in the UK under the Schemes and will continue unbroken until the end of that sixty (60) Month period.
- 6.12. The Authority reserves the right to cease making payments through this Instruction if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the Refugee has sought to deceive the Authority, the relevant Recipient, or a partner agency in relation to their circumstances, including their inclusion on the Schemes or their activities whilst so involved.

Exceptional Costs

- 6.13. Payments may also be made in order to cover additional essential costs incurred by the Recipient above and beyond what could reasonably be regarded as normal expenditure and not available through other mainstream funding mechanisms. Funding from the Exceptional Costs budget may be used, amongst other things, to pay for:
- Property Adaptations (**see [Annex D](#)**)
 - Property Void rent Costs (**see [Annex E](#)**)
 - Support for children with identified educational needs
 - Social Care provision
 - Universal Credit nominal top-up (**see [Schedule 1, Clause 1.7](#)**)
- 6.14. Before incurring Exceptional Costs, a Recipient shall seek agreement in writing from the Authority's Resettlement Services Local Authority Payments

⁸ Excepting instances where a Refugee requests a change in immigration status in accordance with the 1 July 2017 [policy announcement](#).

Team or risk having the claim rejected. The Authority will use its reasonable judgement when assessing mitigations for claims where this has not been possible. (See [Annex F](#)).

- 6.15. All applications will be assessed, and payments made, on a case-by-case basis:
- 6.15.1. There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be claimed.
 - 6.15.2. Exceptional Costs cannot be claimed for support provided to a Refugee that would normally be funded through the per capita health or education funding or through welfare payments.
 - 6.15.3. Recipients must submit evidence of Exceptional Cost expenditure incurred (e.g. copy invoices) along with an Exceptional Costs claim form, before claims will be considered for payment.
- 6.16. The Authority will periodically review the operation of the Exceptional Costs process and budget.

General

- 6.17. Unauthorised spends that exceed the maximum stated Funding levels will not be reimbursed by the Authority.
- 6.18. In all instances, Funding received is to be pooled and managed across all the Refugees supported by the relevant Recipient.
- 6.19. The relevant Recipient will be the single point of contact for invoicing and payments.
- 6.20. Any payments made under this Instruction will also cover VAT or other duties paid by the Recipient to the extent that these are not otherwise recoverable by the Recipient.
- 6.21. Nothing in this Instruction shall be construed as providing or permitting the total relevant benefits to exceed the statutory limit (the 'benefit cap') prevailing at the time of payment.

Termination or Changes to the Funding Instructions

- 6.20 This Funding Instruction may be amended or withdrawn by the Authority at any time and without notice. Any claims already made for which resultant payments are being processed will be honoured, however any claims submitted after a notification of withdrawal shall be deemed as Ineligible Expenditure.

7. DATA RECONCILIATION AND PAYMENTS

- 7.1. The Recipient shall complete applications for payment in the form set out in Annex A, which includes details of each Refugee, and the financial support applied for.
- 7.2. Specific instructions for the completion of Annex A are included in the LA funding Excel workbook, which will be supplied by the Authority. The Annex A should only be submitted via the Authority's secure data transfer portal, "MoveIT DMZ", to ensure compliance with Data Protection Legislation.
- 7.3. Payments will be made within thirty (30) Days of receipt of a correctly completed claim.

- 7.4. The Annex A submitted for payment should be received by the Authority no later than three (3) Months after the close of the period to which the application relates; late returns may result in payment being delayed. The Recipient will have the opportunity to make representations if they believe that the level of Funding received is less than that to which they are entitled under the terms of this Instruction. Any discrepancies regarding the amounts paid must be notified by the relevant Recipient to the Resettlement Local Authority Payments Team within one (1) Month of the Annex A response being sent, following reconciliation against the Authority's records.
- 7.5. At the end of the period for which support is paid, final checks will be carried out to ensure that the payments already made accurately reflect the amounts to which the Recipient is entitled. Payments made as a result of applications are to be regarded as payments on account, which will be finalised when the final claim is confirmed by the Authority. The Recipient should note that the format of the claim spreadsheets **must not** be altered.
- 7.6. Where a Recipient believes that the level of Funding actually paid by the Authority is less than that to which they are entitled under the terms of this Instruction, the Recipient may make representations to the Authority's Payment's Team. Any discrepancies must be notified to the Resettlement Local Authority Payments Team within one (1) Month of a payment being made. Retrospective payments by the Authority for individuals not promptly included in the Annex A claim may be agreed only where exceptional circumstances can be shown.
- 7.7. Payments will be made by BACS using account details that the Recipient must supply to the Authority on headed notepaper, signed by a senior finance official. The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that the Authority has been notified of its correct bank account details and any subsequent changes. The information which the Authority requires to enable a new account or change of BACS payment details is as follows:

Supplier Details

1. Registered name of company
2. Trading name of company
3. Company registration number
4. Vat registration number

Supplier Address Details

1. Registered Address
2. Credit Control/Finance Address

Contact Details

1. Email address for purchase orders
2. Email address for remittance advice
3. Email address for invoice queries
4. Telephone Number for Accounts Receivable/Credit Control

Payment Details

1. Bank Name
2. Branch name and address
3. Company Bank Account Name
4. Bank Account Number
5. Bank Account Sort Code

- 7.8. In the event of a change in bank details, the relevant Recipient should immediately notify the Authority of the new information. Such notification must be provided in writing, in PDF format, and in accordance with the requirements of Clause 7.7.
- 7.9. The Recipient must record expenditure in their accounting records under generally accepted accounting standards in a way that the relevant costs can be simply extracted if required. Throughout the year, the Authority's Payment team will work with the Recipient to ensure the accuracy of claims, thereby reducing the need for audits at year-end.

8. MONITORING & EVALUATION

- 8.1. The Recipient should itself manage and administer the quality and level of delivery relating to the support it provides to Refugees.
- 8.2. The Recipient shall monitor the delivery and success of the Scheme throughout the Funding period to ensure that the Purpose is being met and that this Instruction is being adhered to.
- 8.3. The Authority will require the Recipient to provide information and documentation regarding Refugees for monitoring and evaluation purposes.
- 8.4. This will include the provision of individual level information on Refugees for the evaluation of the Schemes. The evidence form should only be submitted via the Authority's secure data transfer portal, "MoveIT DMZ", to ensure compliance with UK Data Protection Legislation.
- 8.5. The Recipient shall provide information requested to monitor the outcomes from the additional ESOL funding, as set out in a template reporting form which will be provided by the Authority. At a minimum, the Recipient should ensure it provides reports detailing progress against the Key Performance Indicators outlined in Schedule 1. Visits may be made from time to time by the Authority or its appointed representatives, including the National Audit Office. Whilst there is no requirement for submission of detailed costings, the Recipient must be able to provide the costs for individual cases and will, if required, be expected to justify, explain and evidence costs.
- 8.6. In all cases, to assist with monitoring and evaluation of the Schemes, the Recipient shall supply the Authority with all such financial information as is reasonably requested from time-to-time, on an open book basis.

9. BREACH OF FUNDING CONDITIONS

- 9.1. Where a Recipient fails to comply with **any** of the conditions set out in this Instruction, or if any of the events mentioned in Clause 9.2 occur, then the Authority may reduce, suspend, or withhold payments, or require all or any part of the relevant payments to be repaid by the Recipient. In such circumstances, the Recipient must repay any amount required under this Clause 9.1 within thirty (30) Days of receiving the demand for repayment.
- 9.2. The events referred to in Clause 9.1 are as follows:
- 9.2.1. The Recipient purports to transfer or assign any rights, interests or obligations arising under this Agreement without the agreement in advance of the Authority, or

- 9.2.2. Any information provided in the application for Funding (or in a claim for payment or Exceptional Costs) or in any subsequent supporting correspondence is found to be incorrect or incomplete to an extent which the Authority considers to be material, or
- 9.2.3. The Recipient takes inadequate measures to investigate and resolve any reported irregularity.

10. ACTIVITIES – GENERAL

Sub-contracting

- 10.1. When procuring works, goods or services the Recipient must ensure that it complies with its statutory obligations, for example the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 in England, Northern Ireland & Wales. In any event, the Recipient shall demonstrate value for money and shall act in a fair, open and non-discriminatory manner in all purchases of goods and services to support the delivery of the Schemes.
- 10.2. Where the Recipient enters into a contract (or other form of agreement) with any third party for the provision of any part of the Schemes, the Recipient shall ensure that a term is included in the contract or agreement requiring the Recipient to pay all sums due within a specified period: this shall be as defined by the terms of that contract or agreement, but shall not exceed thirty (30) Days from the date of receipt of a validated invoice.
- 10.3. The Recipient must take all reasonable steps to ensure that anyone acting on its behalf shall not bring the Authority or the Schemes into disrepute; for instance, by reason of prejudicing and/or being contrary to the interests of the Authority and/or the Schemes.

Hours of Operation

- 10.4. The Recipient shall note that the Authority performs normal business during the hours of 09.00 to 17.00 on Working Days.
- 10.5. The Scheme shall be provided at a minimum on each Working Day. The Authority recognises that in the interests of efficiency the exact availability and timings of the various service elements will vary. It is envisaged that some out of hours provision will be required from the Recipient.
- 10.6. All premises used to deliver the Schemes elements should meet all regulatory requirements and be suitable for the purpose.

Complaints

- 10.7. The Recipient and/or its Delivery Partners shall develop, maintain and implement procedures enabling:
- 10.7.1. Refugees to complain about the support and assistance provided by the Recipient,
- 10.7.2. Reporting and management of ‘cases of interest’⁹. The Authority must be advised of such incidents as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event by the end of the next Working Day.

⁹ The Authority will provide guidance on ‘cases of interest’ upon request.

Staff Standards

- 10.8. At all times whilst delivering the Schemes the Recipient shall be mindful of the intent, and apply the spirit, of the UK Government's "Code of Conduct for Recipients of Government General Grants"¹⁰ which outlines the standards and behaviours that the government expects of all its Delivery Partners.
- 10.9. The Recipient shall:
- 10.9.1. ensure that the recruitment, selection and training of Staff, are consistent with the standards required for the performance of the outcomes,
 - 10.9.2. fully equip and train Staff to ensure they are able to fulfil their roles and ensure that appropriate and sufficient security provisions are made for all Staff undertaking face-to-face activities,
 - 10.9.3. ensure that Staff levels are appropriate at all times for the purposes of the delivering the Schemes and ensure the security and well-being of all Refugees, dependent children and its Staff,
 - 10.9.4. take all reasonable steps to ensure that they and anyone acting on their behalf shall possess all the necessary qualifications, licences, permits, skills and experiences to discharge their responsibilities effectively, safely and in conformance with all relevant law for the time being in force (so far as binding on the Recipient),
 - 10.9.5. ensure that it has relevant organisational policies in place to deliver the activities funded by this Instruction. These shall remain current for the duration of this Instruction and be reviewed regularly by appropriately senior staff. All staff must be aware of these policies and of how to raise any concerns
 - 10.9.6. that all applicants for employment in connection with the Schemes are obligated to declare on their application forms any previous criminal convictions subject always to the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- 10.10. In addition, the Recipient shall ensure that all Staff:
- 10.10.1. employed or engaged have the right to work in the United Kingdom under applicable immigration law, and
 - 10.10.2. are suitable and of good character to provide support to Refugees. Consideration must be given to eligibility for Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS2) checks. Where such checks reveal prior criminal convictions that might reasonably be regarded as relevant to the appropriateness of the individual to have unsupervised access, particularly to children under the age of 18, or where such checks are not possible because of identification issues, the Recipient shall follow its internal policy and carry out an appropriate risk assessment before an offer of employment is made, and
 - 10.10.3. who are likely to have unsupervised access to children under the age of 18 have been instructed in accordance with the relevant national child protection guidelines e.g. for people working in England, Department for Education's (DfE) Working Together to

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supplier-code-of-conduct>.

Safeguard Children, 2015, and Local Authority's guidance and procedures, and

- 10.10.4. providing immigration advice should be known to the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) in accordance with the regulatory scheme specified under Part 5 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999. The Recipient shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that Staff do not provide immigration advice or immigration services unless they are "qualified", or "exempt" as determined and certified by OISC.
- 10.10.5. apply safeguarding responsibilities and obligations for as long as personnel, including volunteers, have formal involvement with the local authority in delivering resettlement and integration services to the Beneficiary.
- 10.11. The Recipient shall, on request, provide the Authority with details of all Staff delivering the Schemes.
- 10.12. The Recipient shall, on request, provide the Authority with CVs and/or job descriptions for all Staff selected to work on the project.
- 10.13. The Recipient shall use all reasonable endeavours to comply with the requirements of the Computer Misuse Act 1990.
- 10.14. The Recipient shall implement the Schemes in compliance with the provisions of UK Data Protection Legislation.

11. LIABILITY

- 11.1. The Authority accepts no liability to the Recipient or to any third party for any costs, claims, damage or losses, however they are incurred, except to the extent that they are caused by the Authority's negligence or misconduct.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 12.1. The Parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with this Instruction.
- 12.2. The Parties may settle any dispute using a dispute resolution process which they agree.
- 12.3. If the Parties are unable to resolve a dispute in line with the requirements of Clauses 12.1 or 12.2, the dispute may, by agreement between the Parties, be referred to mediation in accordance with the Model Mediation Procedure issued by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR"), or such other mediation procedure as is agreed by the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed between the Parties, the mediator will be nominated by CEDR. To initiate the mediation the Party shall give notice in writing (the ADR Notice) to the other Party, and that latter Party will choose whether or not to accede to mediation. A copy of the ADR Notice should be sent to CEDR. The mediation will start no later than ten (10) Working Days after the date of the ADR Notice.
- 12.4. The performance of the obligations which the Recipient has under this Instruction will not cease or be delayed because a dispute has been referred to mediation under Clause 12.3 of this Instruction.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPRS) AND BRANDING

- 13.1. The Parties shall retain exclusivity in their own Background IPRs.
- 13.2. Unless otherwise agreed In Writing, the Recipient shall own all IPR created using the Grant. However, the Recipient shall grant to the Authority at no cost a non-exclusive irrevocable, royalty-free perpetual worldwide license to use and to sub-license the use of any material or IPR created by the Recipient whether partially or wholly funded from the Grant for such purposes as the Authority shall deem appropriate.
- 13.3. Ownership of Third-Party software or other IPR necessary to deliver the Purpose will remain with the Recipient or the relevant Third Party.
- 13.4. Neither Party shall have the right to use any of the other Party's names, logos, branding or trademarks on any of its products or services without the other Party's prior written consent.
- 13.5. The Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:
 - a. comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Purpose; and
 - b. cease use of the *Funded by UK Government* logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority.
- 13.6. The Recipient shall seek approval from the Authority prior to using the Authority's logo when acknowledging the Authority's financial support of its work. Such acknowledgements (where appropriate or as requested by the Authority) shall include the Authority's name and logo (or any future name or logo adopted by the Authority) using the templates provided by the Authority from time to time.
- 13.7. When using the Authority's name and logo, the Recipient will comply with all reasonable branding guidelines as issued by the Authority from time-to-time.
- 13.8. The Authority may freely share any information, branding, know-how, system or process developed using the Grant during the Funding Period and beyond to support similar or subsequent schemes.

14. SOCIAL VALUE REQUIREMENTS

- 14.1. The Recipient shall be mindful of and take reasonable measures to ensure that all its activities in delivering the Purpose support the UK Government's commitment to Social Value by:
 - a. fighting climate change in compliance with the UK Government's "Greening Government Commitments"¹¹ including the need to avoid

¹¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/greening-government-commitments-2021-to-2025/greening-government-commitments-2021-to-2025>

adverse impacts on the environment and contributing to the Net Zero by 2050 ambition

- conserving energy, water, wood, paper and other resources,
 - reducing waste,
 - reducing fuel emissions wherever possible,
 - phasing out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment, and
 - having due regard to the use of recycled products, so long as they are not detrimental to the provision of the Purpose or the environment, to include the use of all packaging, which should be capable of recovery for re-use or recycling.
- b. tackling economic inequality through the creation of new businesses, new jobs and new skills, increasing supply chain resilience and capacity, quality apprenticeship schemes, ending the gender pay imbalance, prompt payment throughout its commercial arrangements, and ensuring opportunities for SMEs and Civil Society and those owned or led by protected characteristics, and
- c. supporting equal opportunity and wellbeing by reducing the disability employment gap, tackling workforce inequality, improving health and wellbeing, and improving community integration, and
- d. safe and secure supply chains free from modern slavery and human trafficking through inspection and audit, use of the Modern Slavery Assessment Tool, assessing and recording risks, and supply-chain mapping.

15. CONTACT DETAILS

For queries relating to this Instruction or the submission of payment applications, please email the relevant Resettlement Local Authority Payments team at:

<mailto:ResettlementLAPaymentsTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk>.

SCHEDULE 1: POST-ARRIVAL RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT

1. PART 1 – YEAR 1 STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES

Provision of accommodation

- 1.1. The Recipient will arrange accommodation for arriving Refugees which:
 - 1.1.1. meets local authority standards, and
 - 1.1.2. will be available on their arrival, and
 - 1.1.3. is affordable and sustainable.
- 1.2. The Recipient will ensure that the accommodation is furnished appropriately. The Funding should not be used to procure luxury items: This means that Funding received should be used for food storage, cooking and washing facilities but should not include the provision of other white goods or brown goods, i.e. TVs, DVD players or any other electrical entertainment appliances. This shall not preclude the Recipient from providing Refugees with additional luxury, white or brown goods through other sources of funding.
- 1.3. The Recipient shall ensure that the Refugees are registered with utility companies and ensure that arrangements for payments are put in place (no pre-pay coin or card meter accounts)¹².
- 1.4. The Recipient will provide briefings on the accommodation and health and safety issues for all new arrivals including the provision of an emergency contact point.

Initial Reception Arrangements

- 1.5. The Recipient will meet and greet arriving Refugees from the relevant airport and escort them to their accommodation, briefing them on how to use the amenities.
- 1.6. The Recipient will ensure that Refugees are provided with a welcome pack of groceries on their arrival – the content of this pack should take into account the culture and nationality of the Refugee(s).
- 1.7. Included in the annual tariff is provision for the Recipient to provide an initial cash allowance for each Beneficiary of £200 – this is to ensure they have sufficient funds to live on while their claim for benefits is processed and should be provided to the Beneficiary on arrival. Where a Beneficiary is resettled in an area in which Universal Credit has been implemented, the Recipient may provide an additional one-off payment of up to £100 for each Refugee, if required. This should be claimed as an Exceptional Cost on the initial Annex A claim.
- 1.8. If any Beneficiary is already in receipt of mainstream benefits this initial cash allowance should not be provided.

¹² It is the Authority's preference that pre-pay coin or card meter accounts should not be used as these are generally more costly for the Refugee. Recipients seeking exceptions should liaise through the Authority's relevant Resettlement LA Engagement Team.

Casework Support

- 1.9. The Recipient should ensure that Refugees are provided with a dedicated source of advice and support to assist with registering for mainstream benefits and services, and signposting to other advice and information giving agencies – this support includes:
 - 1.9.1 Assisting with the distribution of Biometric Residence Permits following arrival; or registration for e-visas as applicable
 - 1.9.2 Registering with local schools, or if Adults, English language and literacy classes (see paragraphs 1.22-1.28),
 - 1.9.3 Attending local Job Centre Plus appointments for benefit Assessments,
 - 1.9.4 Registering with a local GP, and other healthcare providers in line with identified medical needs,
 - 1.9.5 Advice around and referral to appropriate mental health services and to specialist services for victims of torture as appropriate,
 - 1.9.6 Providing assistance with access to employment.
- 1.10. The Recipient shall develop an overarching (or framework) support plan and bespoke support plans for each family or individual for the first twelve (12) Month period of their support to facilitate their orientation into their new home/area.
- 1.11. Throughout the period of resettlement support the Recipient shall ensure interpreting services are available. Any additional interpreting costs incurred, for example attendance at Job Centre Plus or Healthcare appointments, may be claimed as an Exceptional Cost, subject to the prior approval of the Authority.
- 1.12. The above outcomes will be provided through a combination of office-based appointments, drop-in sessions, outreach surgeries and home visits (virtual or in person).
- 1.13. The Recipient shall collate such casework information as is agreed to enable the Authority to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Schemes' delivery.
- 1.14. Where Refugees are not accessing key services, or where Recipients are otherwise concerned about the welfare of Refugees or their dependants, Recipients are asked to contact their regional contact officer.

Requirements for Refugees with special needs/assessed community care needs:

- 1.15. In order to facilitate additional arrangements, such as property adaptations (**see also [Annex D](#)**), for each Refugee identified as potentially having special needs/community care needs the Authority will ensure, as far as possible, that these needs are clearly identified and communicated to the Recipient a minimum of forty-two (42) Days prior to the arrival in the UK of each Refugee.
- 1.16. Where special needs/community care needs are identified only after arrival in the UK, the Recipient will use its best endeavours to ensure that care is provided by the appropriate mainstream services as quickly as possible.
- 1.17. Where sensitive issues (including safeguarding issues or incidents of domestic abuse, violence or criminality) are identified pre-arrival by the

Authority, the Authority will notify the Recipient immediately, and no longer than one (1) Day, after its receipt of the information.

Provision of Education for U18s:

- 1.18. The Recipient has a statutory duty for ensuring educational places are available for children of school age.
- 1.19. To support the Recipient in achieving this obligation, the Authority will pay Funding in respect of Refugees aged between 3 and 18 years (including those brought in under the Community Sponsorship Scheme) to meet the:
 - 1.19.1. provision of education in state-funded establishments; and
 - 1.19.2. Recipient's statutory obligations regarding the assessment of Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND), in respect of which the costs of the assessment will also be met on a case-by-case basis.
- 1.20. The Recipient shall be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate level of funding is paid to places of education (incl. schools, academies, free schools and Further Education colleges, as appropriate) who accept Refugees from the relevant age groups.
- 1.21. Further additional payments may also be made in order to cover necessary Exceptional Costs of social care, where compelling circumstances exist. These will be assessed and made on a case-by-case basis.

English Language Provision for Adult Refugees

- 1.22. The purpose of language training is to ensure that each Adult Refugee is able to progress towards the level of proficiency needed to function in their everyday life; to promote integration; and to support refugees to progress towards self-sufficiency, including accessing services or joining the workforce if they are seeking employment.
- 1.23. The Recipient shall undertake an assessment of each Adult Refugee's English language capability to determine their training needs; this assessment should take place at the earliest opportunity. The Adult Refugee should be made aware of their assessment level. The assessment should determine whether Formal Language Training is appropriate, and where Informal Language Training should be used to complement, or as a foundation for, Formal Language Training. As a minimum, Adult Refugees should be able to access conversational practice to consolidate/complement their Formal Language Training.
- 1.24. If Formal Language Training is deemed appropriate according to their assessment, the Adult Refugee should be able to access a minimum of eight (8) hours per week within one (1) Month of arrival. This should be provided to Adult Refugees until they have reached Entry Level 3 or for at least twelve (12) months after their arrival in the UK, (whichever is the sooner).
- 1.25. Different Adult Refugees will face different barriers to participating in Formal Language Training depending on their unique circumstances. There is, therefore, not a singular uniform activity that this Funding should be used for. Instead, the Recipient's use should be informed by the nature of existing local provision and by each Adult Refugee's specific circumstances and requirements. Possible activities include but should not be considered limited to:
 - 1.25.1. Funding payments for mainstream Formal Language Training.

- 1.25.2. Commissioning discrete Formal Language Training classes for Adult Refugees or funding advanced levels of ESOL for those that have a higher level of English language proficiency.
 - 1.25.3. Supporting the delivery of the minimum eight (8) hours provision per week (Part 1, paragraph 1.24 of this Schedule 1).
 - 1.25.4. Language training or preparation for language proficiency tests supporting access to employment, further education or higher education.
 - 1.25.5. Commissioning classes at the level which faces the greatest pressure in the area with the agreement that some of the Adult Refugees attend – along with other students – and with the agreement that the additional capacity created allows Adult Refugees at other levels to attend mainstream classes.
 - 1.25.6. Funding evening and weekend classes.
 - 1.25.7. Funding online resources to complement face to face ESOL provision.
- 1.26. The Funding is prioritised for participation in ESOL provision. However, if there is a lack of available provision, up to 25% of the Funding can be spent to increase ESOL infrastructure, and therefore future participation rates, where deemed absolutely necessary. ESOL infrastructure could include, for example, training ESOL teachers, buying equipment and resources and renting classroom space. The Recipient will be expected to report back on the proportion of spend on ESOL infrastructure.
- 1.27. For some Adult Refugees, attending Formal Language Training will be more challenging than for others. For example, they might have caring responsibilities, a disability or find attending Formal Language Training difficult. In these instances, it is important that steps are taken to address these barriers so the 25% ESOL infrastructure element of the Funding (as set out in para 1.26) can be used to support activities that help overcome accessibility barriers [childcare funding should be claimed separately, as described at Part 5].
- 1.28. The Recipient, however, should look to utilise other local or central funding sources or services, wherever possible.
- 1.29. In instances where Adult Refugees arrive outside term time, making immediate access to Formal Language Training difficult, alternative Informal Language Training should instead initially be provided within one (1) month of arrival.
- 1.30. The provision of Informal Language Training is also a suitable alternative in instances where a Refugee is assessed as being at pre-entry ESOL level or finds a Formal Language Training environment a barrier to accessibility, which cannot be resolved using the infrastructure funding set out in (para 1.26).
- 1.31. In such instances as 1.29 and 1.30, the Recipient should encourage the Adult Refugee to access Formal Language Training in the future. This is because Informal Language Training cannot provide accredited qualifications which are often necessary for accessing employment, further study or training.

- 1.32. An additional amount of Funding is also available to Recipients, to increase Adult Refugees' access to Language Training appropriate to their ability and needs. This is outlined in Part 4 of this Schedule 1. This is a single payment to be claimed within the first 12 months of arrival.

Delayed and Cancelled Arrivals

- 1.33. In the event of a delayed arrival, the Recipient can claim void rent costs incurred until arrival. The Recipient should be aware that the tariff has been calculated to pay for a period of void costs. To reflect this, fifty-six (56) days void costs are already built into the tariff to enable Recipients to secure properties before beneficiaries arrive.
- 1.34. In the event of a cancelled arrival funding will be available for those incurring costs (e.g. for void rent costs and set up) for cancelled arrivals if the property/ies cannot be used for another beneficiary. The Authority will accept claims for void costs for the property/ies concerned. Void costs will be considered:
- From the date that you became liable for the rent or the date that the property was formally offered to the Authority (whichever later),
 - To the date of the Authority email notifying you to release the property, or
 - In cases where you have already advised the Authority that you could no longer hold the property/ies, void costs will be considered to the date of that notification.

Funding and Claims Process

- 1.35. The Authority agrees to provide Funding as a contribution to the Recipient's eligible expenditure delivering the outcomes described in Part 1 of this Schedule 1 (paragraphs 1.1 to 1.31, inclusive), on a standard per capita per annum rate for each Refugee as follows:

YEAR 1 UNIT COSTS¹³					
	Adult Benefit Claimant	Other Adults	Children 5-18	Children 3-4	Children U-3
	£	£	£	£	£
Local Authority Costs	8,520	8,520	8,520	8,520	8,520
Education	0	0	4,500	2,250	0
TOTALS	8,520	8,520	13,020	10,770	8,520

- 1.36. Payments will be made based on the age of the Refugee on arrival in the UK.
- 1.37. Once these maxima have been reached, no further funding will be paid by the Authority to a Recipient save for any claims made in respect of Exceptional Costs (see Terms & Conditions, Clauses 6.13 and 6.14).
- 1.38. On the Day of a Refugee's arrival in the UK, the Recipient will be eligible to claim 40% of the total projected annual per capita amount for that person. The Recipient must make a claim on the standard claim form (Annex A).

¹³ Payment values are valid only for the duration of this Funding Instruction; future years are indicative and may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Authority.

- 1.39. The remainder will be due in two equal instalments at the end of the fourth (4th) and eighth (8th) Months following the Refugee's arrival in the UK.
- 1.40. The per capita tariff includes an element for the Recipient to cover up to fifty-six (56) Days (i.e. eight weeks) of void costs. The process for claiming additional / exceptional void costs is explained in [Annex F](#).
- 1.41. Additional funding to meet the Recipient's SEND responsibilities for any Refugee will be met by the Authority on a case-by-case basis as an Exceptional Cost.
- 1.42. Where compelling circumstances exist, the Recipient may request additional funding for educational purposes in respect of Refugees who are 18 years or younger and who are in full-time education. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, as an Exceptional Cost, with the final decision on payment, duration and rate (which may be adjusted from time to time) to be set by the Authority.
- 1.43. In submitting a claim under this Funding Instruction, the Recipient is confirming they have to the best of its knowledge and belief, submitted true and accurate information.

2. PART 2 – YEAR 2 TO 5 STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES

Year 2 – 5 Funding

- 2.1 Year 2 – 5 Funding is intended as a contribution towards a Recipient's costs incurred supporting a Refugee's continued participation in the Schemes.
- 2.2 To maximise flexibility, it will be for the Recipient to determine the best use of Funding claimed to support Refugees on their journey towards integration and self-sufficiency. Support should include (but not be limited to) ongoing integration into the communities into which a Refugee has been resettled; progress towards and into employment (which may include tailored employment support and sector specific formal or informal language training) social care costs for adults and children; or additional educational support.
- 2.3 The Recipient should be able to explain how they are supporting Refugees and furthering the aims of the Schemes by documenting the type(s) of support provided.

Funding and Claims Process

- 2.4 The Recipient may claim Funding from the first anniversary (i.e. 12-Months) following a Refugee's arrival in the UK under the Schemes, and for each subsequent year until the end of the fifth year.
- 2.5 The key principles of the Funding are that it:
 - 2.5.1 provides a per Refugee annualised tariff (see table 2.6),
 - 2.5.2 is not ringfenced,
 - 2.5.3 supports programme evaluation and reporting, and
 - 2.5.4 can be pooled across all Refugees a Recipient is supporting.
- 2.6 A maximum of four (4) annual flat rate payments may be claimed by a Recipient for each Refugee supported:

YEAR 2 TO 5 - UNIT COSTS ¹⁴				
Timeframe	13-24 months	25-36 months	37-48 months	49-60 months
Rate	£5,000	£3,700	£2,300	£1,000

- 2.7 The Authority will only approve one claim per Refugee per annum.
- 2.8 No further Funding will be paid by the Authority to a Recipient apart from for any claims made in respect of Exceptional Costs (see Terms & Conditions, Clauses 6.13 and 6.14).
- 2.9 All claims for Year 2 – 5 Funding must be submitted during the second financial quarter (i.e. from 1 July, but in all cases by 30 September) in the same year: late returns may result in payment requests being delayed or refused. Payment will only be made to recipients for refugees who are resident in the local authority area on the date of 30 September. If the Refugee is not resident on that date, then payment will be refused. Once satisfied that a payment request has been correctly submitted, the Authority will endeavour to make payments of Funding due during the third quarter of the same financial year (i.e. from 1 October, but no later than 31 December).
- 2.10 Funding will be by means of a single annual payment to be claimed at the times as detailed in the following table:

YEARS 2-5 FUNDING – PAYMENT PROFILE FOR VPRS & VCRS ARRIVALS				
Arrivals between	Claim funding for			
	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
01/10/19 – 30/09/20	30/09/2021	30/09/2022	30/09/2023	30/09/2024
01/10/20 – 28/02/21	30/09/2022	30/09/2023	30/09/2024	30/09/2025

YEARS 2-5 FUNDING – PAYMENT PROFILE FOR UKRS ARRIVALS				
Arrivals between	Claim funding for			
	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
01/03/21 – 28/02/22	31/08/2023	31/08/2024	31/08/2025	31/08/2026
01/03/22 – 28/02/23	31/08/2024	31/08/2025	31/08/2026	31/08/2027
01/03/23 – 29/02/24	31/08/2025	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028
01/03/24 – 28/02/25	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028	31/08/2029

- 2.11 In submitting a claim under this Funding Instruction, the Recipient is confirming they have to the best of its knowledge and belief, submitted true and accurate information.

¹⁴ Payment values are valid only for the duration of this Funding Instruction; future years are indicative and may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Authority.

3. PART 3 –STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES FOR RECIPIENTS IN RELATION TO COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

- 3.1 A key aspect of the Community Sponsorship Scheme (the ‘Schemes’) is the requirement for each approved Sponsor to have the support of their relevant statutory authorities, including the Recipient.

Reimbursement for Education Costs

- 3.2 In accordance with their statutory duty, a Recipient shall be entitled to claim Funding towards educational costs incurred supporting children of school age up to the following maximum per capita rates:

UNIT COSTS (£GBP) FOR SCHEMES ¹⁵					
	Adult Benefit Claimant	Other Adults	Children 5-18	Children 3-4	Children U-3
YEAR 1					
Education	0	0	4,500	2,250	0

- 3.3 The Recipient shall be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate level of funding is paid to places of education (incl. schools, academies, free schools and Further Education colleges, as appropriate) who accept Refugees from the relevant age groups.
- 3.4 The Recipient may request additional funding for educational purposes in respect of supported Refugees who are 18 years or younger and who are in full-time education, where compelling circumstances exist. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with the final decision on payment, duration and rate (which may be adjusted from time to time) to be set by the Authority.

Reimbursement for other Support Costs during Years 1 and 2

- 3.5 If, for any reason, a Sponsor is unable to fulfil its obligations in delivering the Schemes, the Recipient will be required to step-in and provide the necessary support through:
- 3.5.1 The first twelve (12) Months (Year 1), including the provision of accommodation, casework support, education (incl. Language Training), and social care, as described in Part 1 of this Schedule, and
- 3.5.2 The second twelve (12) Months (Year 2), the provision of accommodation and any other support as the Recipient deems appropriate, as described in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- 3.6 Where a Sponsor becomes unable to fulfil their contractual obligations, or otherwise support the Refugees, a Recipient may also be eligible to claim Funding for each Refugee supported up to the following maximum standard per capita rates:

¹⁵ Payment values are valid only for the duration of this Instruction; future years are indicative and may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Authority.

UNIT COSTS (£GBP) FOR SCHEMES¹⁶					
	Adult Benefit Claimant	Other Adults	Children 5-18	Children 3-4	Children U-3
YEAR 1					
Resettlement Costs	8,520	8,520	8,520	8,520	8,520
YEAR 2					
Resettlement Costs	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

- 3.7 It is recognised that a Sponsor may already have fulfilled some of their obligations with respect to a Refugee's support requirements. It will, therefore, be for the Recipient to assess and determine each Refugee's needs against the outcomes described in Part 1 and Part 2 of this Schedule 1.
- 3.8 The exact value of the Funding and timing of the payment will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the circumstances of each Refugee for whom the Recipient is claiming.
- 3.9 Funding up to the maxima noted will be dependent on the length of time for which the Recipient is required to provide support for the Refugee. Typically, this will be:
- 3.9.1 More than six (6) Months – full value
- 3.9.2 Less than six (6) Months – 50% of the value

Funding for Years 3 to 5

- 3.10 A Recipient will be eligible to claim for contributions to costs under the relevant time periods described in Part 2 of this Schedule 1 to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

¹⁶ Payment values are valid only for the duration of this Instruction; future years are indicative and may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Authority.

4. PART 4 – ACCESS TO ESOL: STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROVISION FOR ADULT REFUGEES

Increasing Access to Language Training

- 4.1 As noted in Part 1, paragraph 1.32 of this Schedule 1, the additional Funding available is primarily intended to increase Adult Refugees' access to Formal Language Training appropriate to their ability and needs.
- 4.2 It can also be used to support Informal Language Training (Part 1, paragraph 1.29 of this Schedule 1).
- 4.3 In line with existing good practice guidance on resettlement, it is intended that this Funding be used in a way that promotes integration and the journey towards self-sufficiency.

Key Performance Indicators

- 4.4 The Authority has designed a set of indicators to assess the effectiveness of the Funding in achieving its outcome. These Key Performance Indicators are:
- 4.4.1 payments received,
- 4.4.2 split of spend on participation and spend on non-participation (detailed in Part 1, paras 1.25 -1.26 of this Schedule)
- 4.5 In addition, Recipients should report on the following:
- 4.5.1 To what extent has the Funding increased local capacity to deliver ESOL? Have there been any delivery barriers which this Funding has not been able to overcome?
- 4.5.2 To what extent has the Funding improved access to ESOL? Have there been any accessibility barriers which this funding has not been able to overcome?
- 4.5.3 To what extent has the funding helped improve Adult Refugees' integration and progress towards self-sufficiency, including in the workplace?
- 4.6 The Recipient will be expected to report on these success measures through the annual End of Year monitoring process.

Funding and Claims Process

- 4.7 A per capita payment may be claimed for each Adult Refugee provided with language training by the Recipient at the following standard rate:

Unit Costs (£GBP) ¹⁷ (see para 4.11 below)	
Adult Refugee (aged 19+ on arrival)	£850 – claim on arrival
Adult Refugee (aged 18+ on arrival)	£850 – claim once refugee attains 19 years

- 4.8 Community Sponsors will claim these per capita payments for Refugees they support.

¹⁷ Payment values are valid only for the duration of this Instruction; future years are indicative and may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Authority.

- 4.9 A Recipient may 'pool' any Funding claimed, at a local or regional level, so as to maximise its ability to effectively identify individuals' language training requirements, be responsive to these needs through the most appropriate delivery arrangements and range of providers within a local area.
- 4.10 Following a Refugee being assessed as eligible (Part 1, paragraph 1.24 of this Schedule 1) the Recipient will be able to claim.
- 4.11 The Recipient must make a claim on the standard claim form (Annex A) in order to receive payment. ESOL should be inserted in column O of the Annex and the standard tariff of £850 inserted in column P against each Refugee for whom the Funding is being claimed.
- 4.12 Claims for the £850 additional ESOL funding may be claimed for each adult refugee who on arrival is 19 years + or reaches the age of 19 years within the first 12 months of arrival in the UK.
- 4.13 In submitting a claim under this Funding Instruction, the Recipient is confirming they have to the best of its knowledge and belief, submitted true and accurate information.

5. PART 5 – ACCESS TO ESOL: STATEMENT OF OUTCOMES FOR CHILDCARE SUPPORT

Outcomes

- 5.1 The Authority recognises that Refugees face barriers to participating in Formal Language Training activity, including childcare and other caring responsibilities, the ability to combine employment with Formal provision and the need for transportation.
- 5.2 Delays in starting to learn English upon arrival make it more difficult for Refugees (in particular, women with families) to integrate and become self-sufficient: Removing this barrier is a key to assisting Refugees effectively settling into their new community.
- 5.3 The Authority is making Funding available to help Recipients, whether receiving authorities, Community Sponsors and/or regional co-ordination bodies (i.e. Strategic Migration Partnerships), across the UK to address this problem.
- 5.4 The Authority agrees to provide Funding as a contribution to the Recipient's eligible expenditure to overcoming childcare barriers whilst Refugees participate in ESOL training.
- 5.5 Access to the Funding will require potential Recipients to submit project proposals intended to break down these barriers using the application form which can be obtained from ESOLChildcare@homeoffice.gov.uk
- 5.6 Projects could provide:
- 5.6.1 traditional forms of childcare such as crèches or playgroups, or
 - 5.6.2 tailored childcare on the same site as ESOL classes, or
 - 5.6.3 innovative approaches such as providing family learning events to help adults learn English when they are unwilling or unable to leave their children. Family learning projects must meet the twin requirements of catering for children and providing language training to adults, or

- 5.6.4 mobile provision to bring lessons closer to learners unable to attend mainstream provision. This could be in greater proximity to refugees' homes, childcare and other care providers, employment and/or in a location that is better connected to existing public transport routes, or
- 5.6.5 transport that is not already offered by the Department of Transport, local authorities or other funding streams.
- 5.7 This list at paragraph 5.6 is not exhaustive. Further guidance on Eligible and Ineligible expenditure can be provided by the Authority on request.

Funding and Claims

- 5.8 To ensure a fair distribution of funds, bids will be assessed by the Authority against criteria related to identification of need, outcomes and risk mitigation. A percentage of the requested funding will be awarded based on the outcome of this assessment. The Authority will communicate details of the bidding process to local authorities, SMPs and Community Sponsorship groups at the start of the financial year. Further bids can be made on a quarterly basis during the financial year. Please be aware that once the maximum funding available has been allocated then no further funding will be available.
- 5.9 Details of the assessment criteria and how to bid for ESOL childcare can be obtained from ESOLChildcare@homeoffice.gov.uk

	Maximum UK-wide Funding available for Access to ESOL (Childcare) projects ¹⁸
Access to ESOL childcare funding	2024/25
	£600,000

Key Performance Indicators

- 5.10 The Authority has designed a set of indicators to assess the effectiveness of the Funding in achieving its outcome.
- 5.11 Recipients should report on the following:
- 5.11.1 Delivery of planned outcomes.
- 5.11.2 Total number of adults supported to access ESOL due to the funding.
- 5.11.3 Lessons learned as to the effectiveness of the project, and any recommendations for further measures to increase ESOL participation.
- 5.12 The Recipient will be expected to report on these success measures through the annual End of Year monitoring process. The Authority may also request additional monitoring and evaluation information outside of this process, including for instance case studies illustrating how it has been beneficial on an individual basis.

¹⁸ Payment values are valid only for the duration of this Memorandum; future years are indicative and may, from time to time, be adjusted by the Authority.

- 5.13 If you have any questions about this funding stream, please contact:
ESOLChildcare@homeoffice.gov.uk

6. PART 6 – COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP ACCESS TO FUNDING

Reimbursement for Additional Funding to Support English Language Provision for Adult Refugees

- 6.1 Community Sponsors can claim Additional Funding to support English Language provision for Adult Refugees as per Part 4, paras 4.7 to 4.12 of this Schedule 1.

UNIT COSTS (£GBP) FOR SCHEMES	
Adult Refugee (aged 19+ on arrival)	£850 – claim on arrival
Adult Refugee (aged 18+ on arrival)	£850 – claim once refugee attains 19 years

- 6.2 Claims for the £850 additional ESOL funding may be claimed for each Adult Beneficiary resettled who on the start of Recipient support is 19 years+ or reaches the age of 19 years with the first 12 months of that support.
- 6.3 Community Sponsors may also bid for the funding available for childcare to facilitate participation in Formal Language Training activity, as set at in Part 5 of this Schedule 1.

ANNEX A – EXPENDITURE CLAIM PRO-FORMA

The following Annex A Excel spreadsheets and Exceptional Costs claim form will be provided separately by the Resettlement LA Payments Team.

- VPRS Annex A – Year 1 initial claim
- VPRS Annex A – Year 1 subsequent claims

- VCRS Annex A – Year 1 initial claim
- VCRS Annex A – Year 1 subsequent claims

- UKRS Annex A – Year 1 initial claim
- UKRS Annex A – Year 1 subsequent claims

- VPRS Annex A – Years 2 to 5
- VCRS Annex A – Years 2 to 5
- UKRS Annex A – Years 2 to 5

- Exceptional Costs claim form

ANNEX B – UNHCR RESETTLEMENT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

The Authority is responsible for identifying suitable Refugees for resettlement to the UK under the UK Resettlement Scheme in liaison with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) based upon the following seven resettlement submission categories¹⁹:

- Legal and or Physical Protection Needs
- Survivors of Torture and/or Violence
- Medical Needs
- Women and Girls at Risk
- Family Reunification
- Children and Adolescents at Risk*
- Lack of Foreseeable Alternative Durable Solutions

*UNHCR's Categories of Children and Adolescents at Risk

- **Unaccompanied children (UAC):** are those children who have been separated from both parents and other relatives and are not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so.
- **Separated children (SC):** are those separated from both parents, or from their previous legal or customary primary care-giver, but not necessarily from other relatives. These may, therefore, include children accompanied by other adult family members.
- **Children without legal documentation:** This would include children without legal documentation to prove their legal identity, and who may be particularly vulnerable and considered for resettlement, including:
 1. children aged 0-4 years who lack evidence of their birth (no birth certificate, no birth notification passport or family booklet), and where one parent is not present (in particular, where the parent who has the right to pass nationality is not present), or
 2. children aged 12-17 who lack documentation to prove their age and who face other protection risks (child labour, child marriage, child recruitment, children detained or in conflict with the law) who are at particular risk because they lack proof of their status as children and are therefore unable to prove their right to age-specific child protections under the law.
- **Children with specific medical needs:** Child with serious medical condition is a person below the age of 18 that requires assistance, in terms of treatment or provision of nutritional and non-food items, in the country of asylum.
- **Children with disabilities:** A child with disability is a person below the age of 18 who has physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments from birth, or

¹⁹ As defined in the UNHCR's Resettlement Handbook (<http://www.unhcr.org/46f7c0ee2.pdf>)

resulting from illness, infection, injury or trauma. These may hinder full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

- **Child carers:** The Child Carer category includes a person below the age of 18, who is not an unaccompanied child and who has assumed responsibility as head of household. This could include, for example, a child who still lives with his/her parents, but has taken on the role of caring for them (and possible siblings) due to the fact that the parents are ill, disabled, etc.
- **Children at risk of harmful traditional practices, including child marriage and female genital mutilation:** Person below the age of 18 years of age who is at risk of, or is a victim/ survivor of a harmful traditional practice. Every social grouping has specific traditional practices and beliefs, some of which are beneficial to all members while others are harmful to a specific group, such as women. Such harmful traditional practices include for instance, female genital mutilation, early marriage, dowry price, widow inheritance, female force feeding, witch hunting, female infanticide, son preference and its implications for the girl child. Depending on the circumstances, certain forms of male circumcision, scarring or tattooing fall also under this category.
- **Child labour:** Includes children engaged in:
 - (i) the worst forms of child labour: Person below the age of 18 who is engaged in the worst forms of child labour, which include all forms of slavery or practices similar slavery (such as the sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom and forced or compulsory labour, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict); the use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances; the use, procuring or offering of a child for illicit activities, in particular for the production and trafficking of drugs as defined in the relevant international treaties; work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety or morals of children; and
 - (ii) other forms of child labour: Person below the age of 18 who is engaged in forms of child labour other than the worst forms, such as work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with his/her education, or to be harmful to his/her health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development. UNICEF defines child labour as work that exceeds a minimum number of hours, depending on the age of a child and on the type of work. Such work is considered harmful to the child: ages 5-11: at least one hour of economic labour or 28 hours of domestic labour per week; ages 12-14: at least 14 hours of economic labour or 28 hours of domestic labour per week; ages 15-17: at least 43 hours of economic or domestic work per week.
- **Children associated with armed forces or armed groups:** are persons below the age of 18 who are or have been recruited into, or used by, an armed force or armed group in any capacity, including as fighter, cook, porter, messenger, spy, or for sexual purposes or forced marriage. It does not only refer to a child who is taking or has taken a direct part in hostilities.
- **Children in detention and/or in conflict with the law:** Person below the age of 18 who is, or has been, charged or convicted for an infringement of the law.

- ***Children at risk of refoulement²⁰***: Person below the age of 18 who is at risk of being returned to the frontiers of territories where his/her life or freedom would be threatened, or where he/she is at risk of persecution for one of more grounds of the 1951 Refugee Convention, including interception, rejection at the frontier or indirect *refoulement*.
- ***Children at risk of not attending school***: Person below the age of 18 who is unable or unwilling to attend school or is at heightened risk of interruption or discontinuation of his/her education.
- ***Children survivors of (or at risk of) violence, abuse or exploitation, including Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)***: Person below 18 years of age, who is at risk of physical and/or psychological violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation. The perpetrator may be any person, group or institution, including both state and non-state actors.

²⁰ Refoulement means the expulsion of persons who have the right to be recognised as refugees.

ANNEX C – DATA SHARING PROTOCOL (DSP)

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DSP

- 1.1 The aim of this DSP is to provide a set of principles for information sharing.
- 1.2 This DSP sets out the rules that the Recipient must follow when handling information classified as “personal data” by UK Data Protection Legislation in force.

2. DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

- 2.1. The UK Data Protection Legislation stipulates specific obligations upon all individuals who process personal data which must be adhered to. The UK Data Protection Legislation requires that all transfers of information fall within its seven data protection principles. The Recipient, when processing personal data in connection with the Instruction, must comply with these principles of good practice. Reference [A guide to the data protection principles | ICO](#)

- 2.2. The seven GDPR principles are:

- (a) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals ('lawfulness, fairness and transparency');
- (b) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes ('purpose limitation');
- (c) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed ('data minimisation');
- d) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay ('accuracy');
- (e) kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals ('storage limitation');
- (f) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage,

using appropriate technical or organisational measures ('integrity and confidentiality').

3. SECURITY

3.1 The Recipient and its Staff shall exercise care in the use of information that they acquire in the course of their official role, and to protect information which is held by them in accordance with the UK Data Protection Legislation. Such measures include:

- not discussing information about a Refugee in public; and
- not disclosing information to parties who are not authorised to have access to the shared information.

3.2 In addition to the above, the Recipient must ensure that:

- personal data received is processed solely for the purposes of discharging their obligations for supporting Refugees under this Instruction,
- all personal data received is stored securely,
- only people who have a genuine need to see the data will have access to it,
- information is only retained while there is a need to keep it, and destroyed in line with government guidelines,
- all reasonable efforts have been taken to warrant that the Recipient does not commit a personal data breach
- any information losses, wrongful disclosures or personal data breaches originating from the Authority are reported to the Authority's Security team at HOSecurity-DataIncidents@homeoffice.gov.uk
- they follow any information as provided by the Authority's Security Team and Data Protection Officer, who will provide direction on the appropriate steps to take e.g. notification of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) or dissemination of any information to the Refugees.
- The responsibility to notify the Authority is not withstanding the internal policies SMPs and local authorities will have regarding reporting data breaches to the ICO in their role as data controller in accordance with Part 2 para 5.6 above.

3.3 Security breaches and incidents can result in government information being made available to those not authorised to have it or violate confidentiality. In the worst cases, a security incident or breach can jeopardise national security or endanger the safety of the public.

3.4 The Authority will make available further information as to what constitutes a personal data breach upon request.

3.5 As public sector bodies the Authority and the Recipient are required to process personal data in line with His Majesty's Government Security Policy Framework (HMG SPF)²¹ guidance issued by the Cabinet Office when handling, transferring, storing, accessing or destroying information assets.

4. SUBJECT ACCESS REQUESTS

4.1 The Authority and the Recipient will answer any subject access or other requests

²¹ [Security policy framework: protecting government assets - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-government-assets)

made under the UK Data Protection Legislation that it receives for the data where it is the Controller for that data. In cases where such a request is received, both the Authority and the Recipient shall:

- consult the other before deciding whether or not to disclose the information;
- allow the other a period of at least five (5) working days to respond to that consultation;
- not disclose any personal data that would breach the principles of the UK Data Protection Legislation; and,
- give proper consideration to any arguments from the other as to why data should not be disclosed, and where possible reach agreement before any disclosure is made.

5. DATA TO BE SHARED

5.1 The Authority will share with the Recipient the following documents on a Refugee:

5.1.1 UNHCR Resettlement Registration Form (RRF)

5.1.2 IOM Migration Health Assessment form (MHA)

5.1.3 UNHCR Best Interest Assessments and Determinations

5.1.4 IOM Pre departure Medical Screening Form (PDMS) and Pre-Embarkation Certificate (PEC)

5.1.5 Video interview transcript (if available)

5.2 The above documents will contain the following personal information on a Refugee:

UNHCR Resettlement Registration Form (RRF)

- Biographic data for each Refugee including marital status, religion, ethnic origin, contact details in host country;
- Education, skills and employment summary;
- Known relatives of the principal applicant and spouse not included in referrals submission;
- Summary of the Basis of the Principal Applicant's Refugee Recognition²²;
- Need for resettlement²³;
- Specific needs assessment²⁴;

²² Classed as special category data under UK Data Protection Legislation.

²³ Depending on the content, this could be classed as potentially special category data under UK Data Protection Legislation.

²⁴ Depending on the content, this could be classed as potentially special category data under UK Data Protection Legislation.

- The number of people within a family due to be resettled, age and gender or family members;
- The language spoken;
- Ability to communicate in English; and
- Any known specific cultural or social issues²⁵.

MHA Form

- Consent from Refugee to conduct a medical examination;
- Consent from the Refugee to Medical Advisors to disclose any existing medical conditions to the Authority necessary for the resettlement process²⁶.

Best Interest Assessments and Determinations

- Information about any particular safeguarding circumstances and an assessment of the best interests of the individuals affected²⁷.

PDMS Form and PEC

- Biographic data for each Refugee that requires this form;
- Medical information in relation to the refugee including medical history, updates on treatments and medication, on-going care requirements.

6. STORAGE, RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The Recipient will keep all personal information shared securely in accordance with the handling instructions associated with the information security classifications as well as its own data retention and destruction schedules.
- 6.2 Recipients will not retain the personal information for longer than is necessary for the purpose of resettlement activity as outlined in the funding instruction.
- 6.3 A regular review shall be conducted by the Recipient to assess the necessity of retaining the Refugee's personal data. Once the data is no longer relevant for those purposes it will be destroyed securely.

7. CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR ISSUES, DISPUTES AND RESOLUTION

- 7.1 The Recipient shall provide the Authority with reasonable co-operation and assistance in relation to any complaint or request made in respect of any data shared under this data sharing arrangement, including providing the Authority

²⁵ Classed as special category data under UK Data Protection Legislation.

²⁶ Depending on the content, this could be classed as potentially special category data under UK Data Protection Legislation.

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with any other relevant information reasonably requested by the Authority.

- 7.2 Any operational issues or disputes that arise as a result of this DSP must be directed in the first instance to the Local Authority Engagement Team Strategic Regional leads.

8. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 Staff authorised to access a Refugee's personal data are personally responsible for the safekeeping of any information they obtain, handle, use and disclose.
- 8.2 Staff should know how to obtain, use and share information they legitimately need to do their job.
- 8.3 Staff have an obligation to request proof of identity or takes steps to validate the authorisation of another before disclosing any information requested under this DSP.
- 8.4 Staff should uphold the general principles of confidentiality, follow the guidelines set out in this DSP and seek advice when necessary.
- 8.5 Staff should be aware that any violation of privacy or breach of confidentiality is unlawful and a disciplinary matter that could lead to their dismissal. Criminal proceedings might also be brought against that individual.

9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

- 9.1 Both the Authority and the Recipient will answer any requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that it receives for information that it holds solely as a result of, or about, this data sharing arrangement. In such cases where such a request is received, both the Authority and the Recipient shall:
- Consult the other before deciding whether or not to disclose the information?
 - Allow the other a period of at least five (5) working days to respond to that consultation; and
 - Not disclose any personal data that would breach the principles of the UK Data Protection legislation.

10. METHOD OF TRANSFER OF A REFUGEE'S PERSONAL DATA

- 10.1 The Authority will use a secure process, known as MOVEit, to transfer the data which allows internal and external users to share files securely and shall provide the interaction between the parties.
- 10.2 The Recipient shall be given access to MOVEit over a web-based browser. Once this arrangement is operative, the Recipient shall, to the extent from time to time specified by the Authority, be required to use MOVEit for the purpose of its interface with the Authority under this Memorandum.
- 10.3 A list of authorised Staff should be available for inspection if requested by the Authority.

11. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE SHARED INFORMATION

- 11.1 All information on a Refugee that has been shared by the Authority must only be used for the purposes defined in Section 3 of this DSP, unless obliged under statute or regulation or under the instructions of a court. Therefore, any further uses made of the personal data will not be lawful or covered by this DSP.
- 11.2 Restrictions may also apply to any further use of personal information, such as commercial sensitivity or prejudice to others caused by the information's release, and this should be considered when considering secondary use of personal information. In the event of any doubt arising, the matter shall be referred to the Authority whose decision – in all instances – shall be final.
- 11.3 A full record of any secondary disclosure(s) must be made if required by law or a court order on the Refugees case file and must include the following information as a minimum:
- Date of disclosure;
 - Details of requesting organisation;
 - Reason for request;
 - What type(s) of data has been requested;
 - Details of authorising person;
 - Means of transfer (must be by secure); and
 - Justification of disclosure.
- 11.4 The restrictions on secondary disclosures as set out in paragraph 11.1 and 11.2 of this DSP apply equally to third party recipients based in the UK and third-party recipients based outside the UK such as international enforcement agencies.

12. AUDITS

- 12.1 The Recipient agrees that it may be audited at the request of the Authority to ensure that the personal data has been stored and/or deleted appropriately, and that they have conformed to the security protocols set out in this DSP.
- 12.2 The Authority confirms that no other information would be reviewed or audited for this purpose.

ANNEX D – PROPERTY ADAPTATIONS FOR REFUGEE

1. **‘In principle’ approval must be** sought from the Resettlement Local Authority Payments Team in advance of any work being undertaken. Costs would be expected to be in line with average costs for each adaptation shown in the table below. The Schemes will consider reasonable property adaptation reversal costs – approval for these reversal costs should also be sought from the Resettlement Local Authority Payments Team prior to any work.
2. Property adaptations for a Refugee who have mobility issues are divided into two categories:
 - a) minor adaptations which are included within the tariff rate, and
 - b) major adaptations which may be paid for from the Exceptional Cases fund.

Minor adaptations

3. These are works that do not need any structural changes to the property including:
 - grab rails
 - stair rails
 - lever taps
 - level access thresholds
 - half steps to doors
 - flashing/vibrating doorbells/smoke alarms, and
 - over bath showers.

These would be paid for from the standard tariff for each Refugee.

Major adaptations

4. These are works that do need structural changes to the property and can include:

Adaptation	Estimated average cost (£GBP)
Level access shower facilities	£3,500
Stairlifts	£1,500 (Straight) – £5,000 (Corners)
Ramps	£500 to £1000
Changing the height of kitchen work surfaces	£2000
Adapting the home for wheelchair use such as widening doorways	£600 - £800 per door
Ground floor bathroom/bedroom facilities	£2000 to £3000

These may be funded by the exceptional cases fund following an assessment by an occupational therapist or similarly qualified person. The maximum that can be spent on any property is £30,000 and should not include extensions.

If a grant is made available for adapting a Social or Private Rented property the landlord is required to make the property available for letting by the tenant for a period of five (5) years upon completion of the work, in line with the Disabled Facility Grant arrangements.

ANNEX E – VOID COSTS FOR FOUR OR MORE BEDROOM PROPERTIES

1. Local authorities are already able to use the Year One tariff (see Schedule 1, Part 1) to pay for a period of void costs. To reflect this, fifty-six (56) Days' void costs ('voids') are already built into the tariff to enable Recipients to secure properties before Refugee families arrive.
2. The Authority understands the supply challenges associated with securing four (4) or more bedroom properties in particular. To support Recipients and Community Sponsors to secure these properties when they become available, the Authority has agreed to fund an additional twenty-eight (28) Days voids as an Exceptional Cost outside of the tariff. This will bring the total period of voids covered up to eighty-four (84) Days.

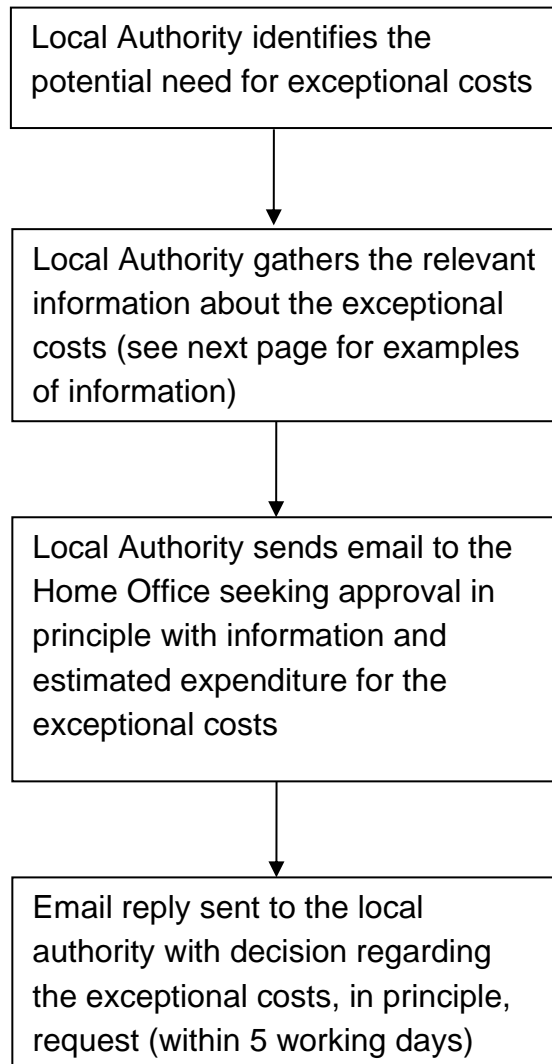
Criteria

3. Recipients are able to submit an Exceptional Costs claim to pay for up to an additional twenty-eight (28) Days voids for four (4) or more bedroom properties only.
- 4.
5. Claims can be submitted for costs accrued from 1 April 2016. They must be accompanied by evidence demonstrating excess voids were incurred over and above the tariff fifty-six (56) Days, up to a maximum of an additional twenty-eight (28) Days.
- 6.
7. The Authority will also consider other voids in exceptional circumstances, such as non-arrival of a family after the property has been secured.
- 8.
9. Recipients are asked to contact their regional contact officer to discuss if they believe exceptional circumstances apply.

ANNEX F – GUIDE TO CLAIMING EXCEPTIONAL COSTS

In most circumstances 'In principle' approval would need to be sought from the Resettlement Local Authority Payments Team in advance of any work being undertaken. Where there is an urgency, please contact the Resettlement Payment Team lead.

Approval in principle



Delays may occur when the Home Office receives insufficient information to decide in principle.

Examples of supporting information

Property adaptations

- Information about the need for the adaptations e.g. OT assessment, other medical information.
- Estimate of cost of each adaptation – at least two estimates should be supplied, to demonstrate that the best value for money has been achieved.

Void costs

- Remember the tariff includes funding to cover the first 56 days for property rental.
- Reason for claiming additional void costs.
- Evidence of expenditure e.g. rent invoices.
- Evidence of the date that the property was acquired for resettlement.

SEND costs

- Information about the specific client needs, supported by Education, Care and Health Assessment (ECHA), Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) report or similar. Include details of what is being requested.
- Cost of dedicated teaching support.
- Advertisement for the teaching support.
- Details and estimated costs of any specialist equipment, providing estimates to show best value for money.

Social Care costs

- OT and medical assessments.
- Details and estimated costs of specialist care.
- Details and estimated costs of any specialist equipment, providing estimates to show best value for money.

Processing an exceptional cost claim

- Once expenditure has occurred, local authority may submit claim for pre-approved exceptional costs.

- Local Authority completes “Exceptional Costs” claim form.
- Claim submitted with the all the evidence of expenditure, either by email to ResettlementLAPaymentsteam@homeoffice.gov.uk (if no personal information); or
- Via MOVEit SRP Annex A account.

- Resettlement Payments team checks all the information submitted by the local authority.
- If claim is complete, it will be approved for payment within 10 working days.

- Payment Advice sent to local authority

ANNEX G – Record of changes to these Funding Instructions (to previous published version)

	Details of change
Front Page	Title changed to reflect FY 2024/25. Date of Issue and version
Clause 1 Definitions	1.7 - New definition included “Civil Society”
	1.8 - New definition included “Civil Society Strategy”
	1.10 - New definition included “Code of Conduct”
	1.22 - Updated definition for “EU General Data Protection”
	1.29 - New definition included “Ineligible Expenditure”
	1.48 - New definition included “UK Subsidy Control Regime”
Clause 2 Funding	6.3 – New paragraph for “Ineligible Expenditure”
	6.4 – New paragraph for “Duplicate Funding”
	6.20 – New paragraph for “Termination or changes to the Funding Instructions”
Annex C Data Sharing Protocol	2.2 – Updated to show seven (7) data protection principles