
SERVICE UPDATE

<u>Name of Cluster:</u>	Data Insights (HDRCA)
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UPDATE:

At their meeting in November 2024, the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee considered a report covering the regulations governing those deemed to have “No Recourse to Public Funds” and giving an overview of the measures in place to support this group of people in Aberdeen. As part of this report, the author included the 2022/23 return of the annual survey “Understanding Migrant Destitution: Local Authority support to those with No Recourse to Public Funds”. At the time of considering the report, the Committee noted that the 2023/24 return for Aberdeen City had yet to be finalised and the Committee requested that a Service Update be provided giving further detail on (1) changes in local demographic data with regard to those subject to No Recourse to Public Funds and (2) the 2023/24 CoSLA return on the extent of Aberdeen City Council’s support to those with No Recourse to Public Funds.

The return attached below provides data on both of these points.

No Recourse to Public Funds Activity Scottish Local Authorities Survey 2023/24

		A) Referrals received	B) Referrals provided with support
	Total number of referrals (both families and vulnerable adults)		
Under The Children (Scotland) Act 1995	Number of children under 18 (please note this figure is for unaccompanied children and young people only (spontaneous arrivals, age disputed individuals who have been dispersed into hotel accommodation initially, and those via National Transfer Scheme). All those children who arrive with parents/carers are counted below under families.)	65	65
	Number of adults		
	Number of families	18	9
Under The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968	Number of referrals	35	25
Under The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003	Number of referrals	5	5
Under The Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008	Number of referrals	0	0
Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987	Number of referrals	70	44 (provided with temporary accommodation under homelessness duties)
Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 or Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016	Number of referrals	11	11

Breakdown of referrals by immigration type:

	Totals
Leave to enter/remain with NRPF	72
EEA National	41
Asylum Seeker	68
Appeal Right Exhausted (ARE) Asylum Seeker	0
Destitution Domestic Violence Concession	0
Visa overstayer	18
Other (please state)	7 (all illegal entry to UK with a NRM submitted)
Total	206

1. **Cost spent on families and vulnerable adults with NRPF supported under The Children (Scotland) Act 1995, The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, under The Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008, The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 and under the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 or Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 in the financial year April 1st, 2023– March 31st 2024.**

Type of support	Expenditure for families with NRPF under The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (Please note Accommodation and Subs costs here do not include UASYP provision)	Expenditure for single vulnerable adults under The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968	Expenditure for single adults under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003	Expenditure under the Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008	Expenditure under the Destitution Domestic Violence Concession (DDVC)	Expenditure under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987	Expenditure under the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 or Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016
Accommodation	£48,613.51	£88,016.92	£14, 195.48	n/a	0	£205,000	£13,143.19 (+ an additional estimated £3,400)
Subsistence	Included in above accommodation total	£11,350.00	£3,300	n/a	0	£5,000	£658.17 including travel
Staffing	£213,026.55 estimated	£213,026.55 estimated	Included within figures for The SW (Scotland) Act	n/a	0	£75,000	0
Legal	£500 estimated	0	0	n/a	0	0	0
Other	0	767.80 Travel	0	n/a	0	0	0
TOTAL	£262,140.10 (with some estimated figures)	£313,161.27 (with some estimated figures)	£17,495.48	n/a	0	£285,000	£13801.36 +£3400 (with some estimated figures)