

## **Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the London Health Strategy**

### **Introduction**

The health of refugees and asylum seekers is an issue of increasing concern. Estimates suggest that there are over 250,000 refugees in London. They can be amongst the most vulnerable and excluded groups in our society suffering not only from problems from their past, but also in having to build a new life in a new country. The health and welfare of refugees is linked with economic and employment opportunities, education, housing and welfare services.

In addition, the London boroughs are currently supporting over 50,000 destitute asylum

10. facilitate better co-ordination of services at a national, or pan-London level e.g. shared resources for health promotion, facilities for interpreting, improving information for and about refugees, projects that work with refugee communities

**Short term action required**

Below is a set of actions that needs to be prioritised:

- Develop and disseminate agreed information packs:
  - for NHS staff about refugees needs and entitlements

## **Contribution to the outline Strategic Framework**

	Short term action	Processes required
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