



NRPF training - handout

Overview

Victims of domestic abuse who have a No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) condition attached to their immigration status often face several barriers to accessing support and safety from abuse. Recent studies show that for NRPF families who are being supported by Social Care, domestic abuse is often a key feature in causing a situation of homelessness and destitution.

NRPF victims of domestic abuse who do not have children in their care and who do not have care needs arising from a disability, illness or mental health condition, face additional difficulties to existing barriers due to the significant gap in service provision.

All victims of domestic abuse, regardless of their immigration status, can access confidential helplines for advice and support, however the responses available to aid their situation remain limited.

A person who has no recourse to public funds cannot access:

- local authority housing assistance
- most welfare benefits
- other forms of support tied to benefits, such as free school meals and extended childcare services, health and refuge services
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Law

A person who has no recourse to public funds is 'subject to immigration control'.

A person who is subject to immigration control cannot claim public funds unless an exception applies.

A person will be subject to immigration control when they have one of the following types of immigration status, for example:

- Leave to enter as a visitor
- Leave to remain as a spouse / unmarried partner
- Leave to remain as a student
- Leave to remain granted under family or private life rules (family route)
- Leave to enter or remain as a result of a pending immigration appeal

Some types of status do not give people leave to enter or remain and there is NRPF, such as:

- An asylum seeker
- A visa overstayer
- An appeal rights exhausted (ARE) asylum seeker

When a person has leave to enter or remain that is subject to the NRPF condition, the term 'no public funds' will be stated on their residence permit, entry clearance vignette, biometric residence permit (BRP), or digital status.

Safeguarding

If someone is in immediate danger, call **999**.

If you are concerned that a child may be at risk of experiencing abuse related to domestic abuse or harmful practices, then you need to make a **report** to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)/ Children's Social Care or the equivalent in your area.

If you talk to a child/adult victim, please bear in mind the following:

- Find a private space
- Use independent translators (if needed)
- Avoid judgemental language
- Maintain a record of your conversation
- Don't promise not to share information

- Remember to safeguard siblings and acquaintances.
- Remember the impact that immigration has on being able to disclose abuse, reassure the victim but never promise to find a solution relating to someone's immigration status.
- **Always seek legal advice once safety has been addressed.**

Statutory responses

- Migrant Victims of Domestic Abuse Concession
- Referral for a Section 17 Assessment with Social Care
- Care Act for adult victims
- Immigration law
- Family law
- Modern slavery law

Voluntary sector support

● Immigration Advice

Law Centres Network - 020 3637 1330

[Law Centres Network](#)

Migrant Rights Network - 07534 488696

[Home - Migrants' Rights Network \(migrantsrights.org.uk\)](http://migrantsrights.org.uk)

AIRE Center (EU rights) - 020 7831 4276

[The AIRE Centre](#)

Public Interest Law Centre - 0203 559 6342

[Public Interest Law Centre • Public Law • Human Rights • Legal Action](#)

Rights of Women - 020 7251 6575

[Home | Rights of Women](#)

Refugee Council - 020 7346 6700

[Homepage - Refugee Council](#)

Migrant Help - 01304 203977

[Migrant Help \(migranthelpuk.org\)](http://migranthelpuk.org)

Muslim Women's Network - 0800 999 5786

Email: bookings@sundialcentre.org

Website: www.sundialcentre.org

[Muslim Women Network \(mwruk.co.uk\)](http://mwruk.co.uk)

Safety for Sisters - 0161 464 9505

[Safety4Sisters](#)

Southall Black Sisters - 020 8571 0800

[SBS No Recourse Fund - Southall Black Sisters](#)

Latin American Women's Rights Service - 0808 145 4909

[LAWRS - Latin American Women's Rights Service](#)

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants - 0800 1601004

[Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants](#)

● **Accommodation & specialist DV organizations**

No Woman Turned Away (NWTa) project (Women's Aid) – 0800 2000 247

[No Woman Turned Away - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](http://womensaid.org.uk)

Ashiana - 020 8539 0427

[Home - Ashiana Network](#)

Halo Project - 01642 683 045

[Get Help \(haloproject.org.uk\)](http://haloproject.org.uk)

Latin American Women's Aid - 020 727 50321

[LAWA - Latin American Women's Aid \(lawadv.org.uk\)](http://lawadv.org.uk)

Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO) - 020 7490 0303

[IKWRO – IKWRO Women's Rights Organisation](#)

Sistah Space - 020 7846 8350

[Sistah Space](#)

Jewish Women's Aid - 0808 801 0500

[Jewish Women's Aid \(jwa.org.uk\)](http://jwa.org.uk)

Sikh Women's Aid

[Sikh Women's Aid Domestic Abuse Charity \(sikhwomensaid.org.uk\)](http://sikhwomensaid.org.uk)

Stonewater South Asian Refuge - sawr@stonewater.org

[Domestic abuse | Stonewater's refuges and Safe Spaces | Stonewater](#)

Ubuntu Women's Shelter - 07835 160913

[Ubuntu Women Shelter | Womens Shelter | Block A, Room 8, Adelphi Centre, 12](#)

[Commercial Rd, Glasgow G5 0PQ \(ubuntu-glasgow.org.uk\)](http://ubuntu-glasgow.org.uk)

Salvation Army - 020 7367 4800

[Homelessness | The Salvation Army](#)

● **Destitution & benefits entitlement**

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) - 020 7837 7979

Email: bookings@sundialcentre.org

Website: www.sundialcentre.org

[CPAG | We are the trusted voice on child poverty](#)

CORAM (Migrant Children)- 020 7520 0300

[Children's charity : Coram Group](#)

Project 17 - 07701 330016

[Home | Project 17](#)

Together With Migrant Children - 01865 528 658

[Together with Migrant Children | England \(togethermigrantchildren.org.uk\)](#)

Public Interest Law Centre - 0203 559 6342

[Public Interest Law Centre • Public Law • Human Rights • Legal Action \(pilc.org.uk\)](#)

Youth Legal (community care) - 020 3195 1906

[Home | Youth Legal](#)

Email: bookings@sundialcentre.org

Website: www.sundialcentre.org