



Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Briefing on Issues Affecting the Health of Refugees and People Seeking Asylum
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1. Executive Summary

Is this report for?	Information X	Discussion X	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Why is this report being brought to the Board?	It is especially important to address the health and social care needs of refugees and people seeking asylum in the face of the global refugee crisis, which is leading to increasingly vulnerable people arriving in the region. The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution agenda currently offers unprecedented opportunities to tackle health inequalities and think differently about how to deliver services to refugees and people seeking asylum. Proposed legislative changes in entitlement to free healthcare for overseas visitors and migrants threaten to increase barriers to healthcare for refugees and asylum seekers, which Bury Health and Wellbeing Board may wish to discuss.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities the report relates to. (See attached Strategy)  Living_well_in_Bury_ Making_it_happen_to	Priority 1 – Starting Well Priority 2 – Living Well Priority 5 – Healthy Places		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities the report relates to. (See attached JSNA)			

 Bury JSNA - Final for HWBB 3.pdf	
<p>Key Actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address – what action is needed from the Board and its members? Please state recommendations for action.</p>	<p>Board members are asked to take note of the following recommended actions: Recommendations for Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To write to the Department of Health, urging them not to implement proposed charging regime. To also raise the issue with local MPs. - To undertake to explore the potential impact of these proposals on health services in Bury, and the associated individual and public health risks. - To include measures to improve healthcare for asylum seekers and refugees in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. - To raise awareness of these proposals via the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and GM Health and Social Care Devolution strategy, and to advocate for investment in specialist primary care services in Greater Manchester for people seeking asylum. - To call on Serco, the Home Office and Urgent Care 24 to provide more information about the health needs of asylum seekers dispersed to Bury. - To invest in an education programme to help new arrivals understand how to access and navigate the NHS. <p>Recommendations for CCG and Local Primary Care Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To implement the 'best practice' guidance outlined in section 5 of this briefing. - To implement NHS England's new patient registration guidance. - To work with Hospital Trusts, the

	Home Office and Serco to implement the new 'Health needs and pregnancy dispersal guidance.'
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?	Requirement for communication with Department of Health; Greater Manchester Combined Authority and bodies leading GM Health and Social Care Devolution strategy; Serco, the Home Office and Urgent Care 24.
Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholders....please provide details.	No.

2. Introduction / Background

See attached briefing '**Briefing on Issues Affecting the Health of Refugees and People Seeking Asylum**'

3. key issues for the Board to Consider

4. Recommendations for action

5. Financial and legal implications (if any)

If necessary please see advice from the Council Monitoring Officer Jayne Hammond (J.M.Hammond@bury.gov.uk) or Section 151 Officer Steve Kenyon (S.Kenyon@bury.gov.uk).

6. Equality/Diversity Implications

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