



Refugee Council conferences

Safe from harm?

Health and social care for vulnerable
refugees and asylum seekers

1 November 2006, London

7 November 2006, York

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Restrictions to access to health and social care can have a devastating impact on already vulnerable refugees who have come to the UK for protection. Providing a comprehensive and joined up service to this group, at the same time as meeting the demands of new policy, is a real challenge. It is essential that the distinct needs and experiences of refugees are considered as particular and part of mainstream service provision.

These conferences aim to provide information and to discuss good practice. The events will highlight the health and social care needs of vulnerable refugees and key areas of development in policy and practice in this area. Delegates from diverse backgrounds will build on their understanding of rights, entitlements and provision. They will develop innovative ways of meeting the needs of asylum seekers and refugees within the context of national policy and practice.

Asylum seekers and refugees have complex health needs including those that arise from trauma and deprivation in their country of origin and during flight. As many as 20% of asylum seekers and refugees have severe physical health problems that make their day-to-day life difficult. Victims of torture can have both physical and mental health concerns.

During the conference, delegates will be invited to consider a range of issues that affect needs, rights and entitlements. In the afternoon, workshops will provide those working across a range of sectors with an opportunity to discuss how they can develop policy and improve practice to better serve refugees.

This conference aims to

- Bring together front-line staff and policy-makers, from a range of NGO, business and public sector backgrounds, particularly health and social care professionals
- Identify potential needs of refugees within the context of overall service provision
- Clarify the legislative and policy background to health and social care for refugees
- Examine the current needs of health and social care professionals in this area
- Relate health and social care needs to roles, rights and entitlements across the sectors
- Determine subjective and practical barriers to health and social care
- Discuss recommendations for ensuring access to mainstream and specialist services

Benefits of attending

- Update your knowledge around the needs of refugees
- Understand the current policy and practice relating to entitlements to care
- Discuss the impact of changing asylum legislation on staff working with asylum seekers and refugees
- Develop ideas to improve services and information provision for asylum seekers and refugees and those working with them
- Explore examples of good practice and how they can apply to your work
- Network and exchange information with colleagues in the sector

Who should attend?

- Social services
- Social care managers, social care inspectors
- Care workers, social workers
- Health authorities, hospital trusts, hospitals
- Clinics / doctors practices
- Psychotherapists, psychiatrists, mental health services
- Community and mental health trusts
- Counselling and advice services
- Legal services
- Health and social care NGOs
- Civil servants, elected members
- Local government

Agenda London

1 November 2006

Regent's College, Regent's Park, Inner Circle,
London, NW1 4NS

10:00 Welcome and introduction to conference by chair
Anna Reisenberger, Deputy Chief Executive &
Director of Policy & Development Group,
The Refugee Council

10:10 Access and entitlements to health and social care
Sue Willman, Partner, Pierce Glynn Solicitors

10:30 The future of health care
Professor Parveen Kumar CBE, President,
British Medical Association

10:50 Questions

11:00 Break

11:25 Surviving destitution: Access to services at the
end of the asylum process
Nancy Kelley, Head of International & UK Policy,
The Refugee Council

11:45 Health as a human right: Responding to the health
needs of refugees, asylum seekers and other
vulnerable migrants in the UK
Karen McColl, Director, Médecins du Monde UK

12:05 Supporting access to social care

Speaker TBC

12:25 Questions and Summary

12:40 Lunch

13:50 Workshop 1 As chosen by delegates

15:20 Break

15:45 Workshop 2 As chosen by delegates

17:15 Estimated finish time

York

7 November 2006

The Royal York Hotel, Station Road, York, YO24 1AA

10:00 Welcome and introduction to conference by chair
Alistair Griggs, Director of Operations,
The Refugee Council

10:10 Access and entitlements to health and social care
Sue Willman, Partner, Pierce Glynn Solicitors

10:30 The future of social care
Elaine McHale, Corporate Director, Family Services,
Wakefield Council

10:50 Questions

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Linda Christon, Regional Director (Yorkshire and
Humberside), Inspection, Regulation and Review,
Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI)

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Workshop topics are detailed overleaf.

Conference booking form

- I would like to book a place on the London conference, 1 November 2006
 I would like to book a place on the York conference, 7 November 2006

At the following rate (no VAT is payable on Refugee Council conferences):

- Full rate £299.00 (central government/business)
 Reduced rate £249.00 (public/educational body/local government)
 Supported rate £100.00 (voluntary organisation)

Workshop selection

Please prioritise your first four choices of workshop by numbering against the title here using 1 - 4 (1 = first choice)

- ___ Establishing new partnerships: Forming links between statutory and voluntary sector service providers
___ Improving communication: Improving services
___ Assessing need: Key issues when working with survivors of torture
___ Female Genital Mutilation (FGM): Working with the law, child protection issues and the impact on health
___ Working within the community to support disabled refugees
___ Improving advocacy skills for non-lawyers working in the health and social care sectors
___ Understanding barriers to integration for refugee children with health, education and social needs
___ Supporting women as victims of rape and sexual violence
___ Understanding the health and social care concerns of older refugees

Delegate name and contact details

Name:	Job title:
Department:	Organisation:
Address:	
Postcode:	Email:
Telephone:	Fax:
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