



Health Access for Refugees Programme

The Health Access for Refugees Programme is a project of Refugee Council funded by The Department of Health – Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund – in order to train volunteers to support newly arriving asylum seekers and refugees to help them access health and social care services and to work with health services staff to help them understand specific needs of new arrivals.

The project works closely with local groups and other voluntary and statutory sector agencies that support asylum seekers and refugees by adding value to their delivery and working in partnership. The HARP operates in six locations across the region including Doncaster, Hull, Leeds, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Wakefield.

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We want the UK to be a welcoming place of safety for people who seek refuge here from persecution and human rights abuses abroad.



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Get help finding where to go if you or your family are unwell, find English classes, groups to meet new friends and have fun, confidential advice and to talk about things which may be worrying you.



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The aims of the HARP are:

- To build better support pathways for people from refugee and asylum seeking backgrounds to access appropriate health services
- To enable refugees and asylum seekers to understand their rights and entitlements to health services through advocacy and befriending
- To develop peer mentoring skills with refugee community organisations to have a greater understanding of how refugees and asylum seekers can appropriately access and utilise health services
- To provide training for the health sector in order to improve their understanding of refugees and asylum seekers health needs
- To support local networks which advocate for individual needs, raise awareness of key health messages amongst new migrant communities and seek to influence policy to achieve better health outcomes



We are looking for dedicated and inspiring people to get involved with our project as volunteer health champions and befrienders.



Support for our Volunteers

- An opportunity to gain experience of working with people from other cultures and helping them to access, in a timely and appropriate manner health services.
- An opportunity to gain work experience and being part of a regional team.
- To gain valuable work experience within Refugee Council and partnership agencies in support and advocacy to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants.
- A comprehensive training and development programme to enable you to develop your appropriate skills.
- Networking opportunities with professionals within the organisation and across the sector.

Support for our Clients

- Through our HARP project we provide support to access different health services, such as registering and liaising with GPs, hospitals, dentists and other health care providers;
- Support to access appropriate mental health, emotional support and social care services;
- Through volunteer befrienders accompanying refugees and asylum seekers to medical appointments and advocating on their behalf where necessary;
- Support and advocacy in community to find and access local refugee community organisations that are providing useful services;
- Social and educational activities such as help to access ESOL classes, health walks, physical exercise and relaxation and stress busting support groups to improve their confidence and independence.

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