

# BARNET REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

-SERVICES HANDBOOK-



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### Introduction

According to UNHCR<sup>2</sup>, as of November 2022, there were 231,597 refugees, 127,421 pending asylum cases and 5,483 stateless persons in the UK. By the end of 2022, the top five countries of nationality for asylum applications were Albania, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

There is no specific data on the number of refugees and asylum seekers in London, or specifically Barnet, however there is no doubt that professionals at Watling Medical Centre have encountered patients from these populations. This is because refugees, asylum seekers and refused asylum seekers are entitled to primary care free of charge<sup>3</sup>.

They often have complex health needs which may have been influenced by their experiences prior to leaving their home country, during transit, or after arrival in the UK<sup>3</sup>. These require a holistic approach in order to be adequately addressed.

This handbook aims to provide a basic understanding of the definitions and entitlements to NHS services for refugees, asylum seekers and refused asylum seekers, as well as signposting to services relevant to their health needs. It is directed towards healthcare professionals at Watling Medical Centre but it may also be insightful for administrative staff.

This is by no means an exhaustive list and was **up to date as of May 2023**. Please contact your Social Prescribers or consult the NCL GP website for the most up to date information.

### **Definitions**

#### **REFUGEE**

A person who has fled war, violence, conflict or persecution and has crossed an international border to find safety in another country. They are unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for a reason of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion 4.

#### **ASYLUM SEEKER**

A person who has left their country of origin for fear of persecution, has applied for recognition as a refugee in another country for protection, and is awaiting a decision on their application<sup>4</sup>.

#### **MIGRANT**

A person who has left their country of origin in the hopes of finding a better place to live or better opportunities<sup>4</sup>.

### **Entitlements to NHS Services**<sup>5</sup>

#### **REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Primary care
Secondary care
A&E care
Maternity care
Family planning (excluding termination of pregnancy and infertility treatment)
Testing and treatment of infectious diseases e.g. COVID-19, HIV and TB
Testing and treatment of conditions caused by torture, FGM, domestic violence and sexual violence
Dental care (with an HC2 certificate)
Prescriptions (with an HC2 certificate)
REFUSED ASYLUM SEEKERS
Primary care
A&E care
Family planning (excluding termination of pregnancy and infertility treatment)
Testing and treatment of infectious diseases e.g. COVID-19, HIV and TB
Testing and treatment of conditions caused by torture, FGM, domestic violence and sexual violence

### **General Services**

#### **Doctors of the World**

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- Supporting patients
  - East London clinic
  - Mobile clinic
  - Hospital Access Project
- Supporting medics
  - Practical resources
  - Training programme

**Website**: https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/

Clinic email: clinic@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk

**Clinic tel:** 0207 0789 629 **Advice line**: 0808 1647 686

#### **New Citizens' Gateway**



Previously known as Barnet Refugee Service

- Advice and information
- Training and workshops
- English classes
- Counselling

- Women's group
- Mums' and Tots' group
- Youth activities
- Homework club

Contact details vary depending on referral

**Website**: http://www.ncgateway.org.uk/

**Email**: info@ncgateway.org.uk

**Tel**: 07983 437 425

#### **RESPOND**

- Infection screening and treatment
- Health assessment and care planning
- Virtual advice and guidance MDT
- S RESPOND
- Family clinic
- Paediatric clinics

Contact details vary depending on referral

**Website:** https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/our-services/find-service/tropical-and-

infectious-diseases/respond-integrated-refugee-health-service

MDT email: uclh.respondmdt@nhs.net

# Housing

#### **Barnet Homes**



- Housing assistance
- Homelessness support
- Community groups and activities
- Domestic violence support

Website: https://thebarnetgroup.org/bh/
General enquiries: talktous@barnethomes.org

**Homelessness advice:** housingadvice@barnethomes.org

**Tel**: 020 8080 6587

#### **Glass Door**



- StreetLink referral
- Drop-in day service
- Advice and support
- Emergency Winter Accommodation
- Women's group

**Website**: https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/

**General enquiries:** https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/forms/contact-us

**Tel**: 020 7351 4948

#### **Homeless Action in Barnet**



Day-centre providing free food, Internet, shower and laundry facilities

Housing advice

Access to medical services

Advocacy

Counselling

**Website**: https://www.habcentre.org/

**Email:** hab@habcentre.org

**Tel**: 020 8446 8400

**Location:** 36B Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, N12 0RG

# Housing

#### **Night Stop**



- · Housing advice
- Emergency accommodation
- Counselling
- Mediation

**Website**: https://www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/

**Tel**: 020 7278 4224

#### St Mungo's



- Outreach
- Accommodation
- Health services
- Care homes
- Digital Recovery College
- Skills and employment

**Website**: https://www.mungos.org/

**Email**: info@mungos.org **Tel**: 020 3856 6000

#### **Together in Barnet**



Night shelter in partnership with Homeless Action in Barnet

**Website**: https://www.togetherinbarnet.org/

**General enquiries:** https://www.togetherinbarnet.org/contact

**Referrals:** https://www.habcentre.org/

**Tel:** 020 8446 8400

**Location:** 36B Woodhouse Road, Finchley, N12 0RG

#### **ACAA**



- General advice clinic
- Language classes
- Education support

- Food support
- Women's Project

**Website**: https://acaa.org.uk/

**Email:** admin@afghanistan-central-asian.org.uk

**Tel:** 0208 572 0300 / 07414 993 450 / 07585 824 702

#### **Afghan Academy International**

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- Education
- Health advice
- Mental health support
- Cultural events

- Care of the Elderly
- Women's groups
- Youth clubs

**Website**: https://www.afghanacademy.org.uk/

**Tel**: 07950 243992

#### **Afghan Association Paiwand Ltd**

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- Advocacy
- Immigration advice
- Mental health support
- Education
- Youth projects
- Supported accommodation

Contact details vary depending on referral

**Website**: https://www.paiwand.com/contact-us-referals#contact

**Tel**: 0208 9058770

**Location**: 11 High Street, Edgware, HA8 7EE

#### **African Refugee Committee**



Specialised services to French-speaking asylum seekers and refugees

- Information and advice
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Domestic violence and FGM
- Translation and interpretation
   Visits to prisons, hospitals, and residential homes

Website: http://www.africanrefugeecommunity.co.uk/index.html

Email: africanrefugeecommunity@acrc.org.uk

Tel: 020 8368 9070 / 07956566573

Location: Friary House, Friern Barnet Lane, N20 ONR

#### **BritSom**



Working with Somali and Black, Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BMER) communities of all ages in Barnet and neighbouring boroughs

- Integration support
- Health and wellbeing
- Debt management
- FGM support

- Children's activities
- Supplementary school
- Youth mentoring and leadership
- Women's ESOL

Website: https://britsom.org/index.html

Email: info@britsom.org

The Eversfield Centre, 11 Eversfield Gardens, Mill Hill, NW7 2AE Location:

#### **Center of Excellence**



Initiatives to enhance the lives of the Somali and other ethnic communities within Barnet and beyond

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing services
- Culture and heritage workshops and events
- General information and guidance

- Translation
- Advocacy

Website: https://www.centerofexcellence.org.uk/

Email: info@centerofexcellence.org.uk

07511 161967 Tel:

Location: 4/5 The Concourse, Colindale, NW9 5XB

#### **Chinese Wellbeing Services**



- Wellbeing Club
- Social Club
- Befriending service

**Website**: https://www.meridianwellbeing.com/chinese-wellbeing-services

**Email**: info@cmha.org.uk

**Location**: Church End, Hendon, NW4 4JT

#### **Day-Mer**



Support for Turkish, Kurdish, Turkish Cypriot and Alevi communities

- Advice: General, Immigration, Housing, Employment and Welfare support
- Youth services
- Women's services
- Education
- Culture and arts

Website: https://daymer.org/
Email: info@daymer.org
Tel: 020 7275 8440

#### **IMECE Women's Centre**



Support for Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Turkish women Support for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee women

- Advice and Information
- Counselling
- Violence against Women and Girls Service including multiple Projects

Website: https://imece.org.uk/
Email: info@imece.org.uk
Tel: 0207 3541359

#### **Iranian Association**

Iranian Association

- General advice
- Arts and culture events
- Children and families workshops
- Workshops e.g. IT, ESOL, mental health
- Translation and interpretation
- Immigration advice
- Citizenship advice

Website: https://iranianassociation.org.uk/
Email: info@iranianassociation.org.uk
Tel: 020 8748 6682 / 07365656424

#### Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation

Support for Middle Eastern, North African and Afghan women and girls, who have experienced, or are at risk of gender-based violence

- Advocacy
- Refuge
- Counselling

Website: https://ikwro.org.uk/
Email: advice@ikwro.org.uk

**Tel**: 020 7920 6460

# **Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation**

ریکفراوی ژنانی کوردو رؤژهه لاتی ناومراست KMEWO

Advocacy

- Employment
- General advice
- Classes and workshops
- Counselling
- Exercise and fitness
- Services for women and girls who have experienced, or are at risk of gender-based violence

**Website**: https://www.kmewo.com/ **Referral email**: referrals@kmewo.com

**Tel**: 020 7263 1027

#### Latin American Women's Aid



Services for Latin American, and other BAME, women and children fleeing gender-based violence

- Advice and support
- Counselling
- Refuges

- English lessons
- Children and young people's services
- Homelessness project

**Website**: https://lawadv.org.uk/ **Email**: referrals@lawadv.org.uk

**Tel:** 020 7275 0321

# Latin American Women's Right Service



- Advice and counselling for women facing gender-based violence
- Legal advice in welfare benefits, housing, debt, and employment rights
- Integration activities and groups

**Website**: https://lawrs.org.uk/what-we-do/

**Email**: info@lawrs.org.uk **Tel**: 0808 145 4909

#### **MEWSO**



Support for predominantly Middle Eastern, North African and Asian women

- Welfare advice and support
- Domestic abuse advice and support
- Befriending services

- English classes
- Outdoor events
- Creative activities

**Website**: https://www.mewso.org/

**Email**: office@mewso.org **Tel**: 07958 145 666

#### Nene Tereza



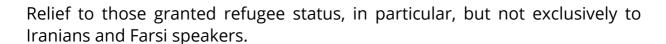
- General advice and support: Housing, Finances, Employment and Education
- Networking and befriending
- Access to health services including mental health
- English language classes

Website: https://www.nenetereza.co.uk/refugee-support.php

Email: info@nenetereza.co.uk

Tel: 02089453212

#### Persian Advice Bureau



- Advice, information and signposting
   Advocacy and mediation
- Translating and interpretation
- Counselling

- Housing support
- Cultural, heritage and art events

Website: https://www.facebook.com/persianadvicebureau

info@persianadvicebureau.co.uk Email: Tel: 020 8446 1716 / 0771 5021 333

**Location:** Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, N3 3QE

#### **Romanian Culture and Charity Together**

One-stop Hub on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Foodbank and hot meals
- Translating and interpretation
- Signposting to services
- Culture and heritage events
- GP registration support
- Welfare advice

Website: https://rcct.uk/ **Email:** office@rcct.uk Tel: 07311 488 110

Location: International Gospel Church. Livingstone House,

102A Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, HA8 0LN

#### The Romanian and Eastern European Hub



- Immigration advice
- Welfare advice
- Access to healthcare
- Access to education

- Befriending
- English classes and interpretation
- Foodbanks
- Domestic abuse support

**Website**: https://ro-eehub.org.uk/ **Email:** contact@ro-eehub.org.uk

**Tel:** 0203 833 1190 (Ukrainian) / 0204 513 1500 (Romanian)

#### **SBWA**

To support the Somali and Bravanese community, many of whom have escaped war and persecution in Somalia

- Community development
- Housing and financial support
- Health advice

- Employment advice and training
- Children's education and activities

**Website**: https://www.sbwa.org.uk/

**Email:** info@sbwa.org.uk **Tel:** 020 7018 6560

**Location:** Tarling Road Community Hub, 20 Fallows Close, East Finchley,

N2 8LG

#### **Shpresa Programme**

Shpresa Programme
Inspiring hope & change

Support for the Albanian speaking community

- Advice and support
- Children and young people's services
- Parenting services
- Women's services including women and girls who have experienced, or are at risk of gender-based violence

**Website**: https://shpresaprogramme.org/

**General enquiries**: https://shpresaprogramme.org/contact/

**Tel**: 020 7511 1586

#### Vietnamese Family Partnership



- Advice and support centre: Signposting, Wellbeing, Government
- English language classes
- Cultural events

**Website**: https://www.vietfp.org/

General enquiries: form at the end of https://www.vietfp.org/

#### Vietnamese Mental Health Services



- General information
- Access to Vietnamese services
- Partnership with other agencies
- Outreach
- Counselling

- Drop-in day centre
- Support for carers and children
- Supported accommodation
- Training and education

**Website**: http://www.vmhs.org.uk/

**Referrals**: http://www.vmhs.org.uk/useful-links/referral-form/

**Email**: info@vmhs.org.uk **Tel**: 020 7234 0601

#### **Waging Peace**



Support for Sudanese asylum seekers, refugees, and the wider community

- Information and advice
- Crisis support
- Advocacy and training
- Community events and groups

Website: https://wagingpeace.info/ Email: info@wagingpeace.info

**Tel**: 020 8191 9235

### **Mental Health**

#### Nafsiyat

- Individual therapy
- Arabic, Amharic and Tigrinya speaking Women's group
  - Workshops
  - Classes
  - Social activities

**Website**: https://www.nafsiyat.org.uk/ **Email**: admin@nafsiyat.org.uk

**Tel**: 020 7263 6947

#### **Refugee Council**

- Intensive casework
- Psycho-educationCrisis intervention
- Psychosocial groups

Individual counselling

**Website**: https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/our-work/mental-health-

support-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers/

**Email**: info@refugeecouncil.org.uk

**London team**: London.therapeutic@refugeecouncil.org.uk

**Tel**: 02073466700

#### Yaran Women's Club

For women and their children, who are suffering from isolation and loneliness, anxiety and depression or any other mental health issues

- English, literacy and IT classes
   Cooking and crafts courses
- Mental health support including mindfulness, wellbeing, and alternative forms of therapy

**Website**: https://www.yaranwomens.club/

**Self-referral form:** https://www.yaranwomens.club/membership-form/

**Tel**: 07734104266

**Address:** 54 Hutton Grove, North Finchley, N12 8DR

### **Trauma**

#### **Freedom From Torture**

FREEDOM FROM TORTURE

- One-to-one therapy
- Group activities
- Physical health support
- Medico-legal reports
- Support for asylum and rights

**Website**: https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/

Referrals: https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/help-for-survivors/therapy-

and-practical-help/make-referral

**Tel**: 020 7697 7777

#### HELEN BAMBER FOUNDATION strength to fly

#### **Helen Bamber Foundation**

- Therapy
- Medical advice
- Community and integration
- Housing and welfare
- Legal protection
- Counter-trafficking support

**Website**: https://www.helenbamber.org/ **Referrals**: https://www.helenbamber.org/refer

**Email**: reception@helenbamber.org

**Tel**: 0203 058 2020

#### **Tavistock Trauma Service**



Trauma informed psychological support

Website: https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/care-and-treatment/our-

clinical-services/trauma-service/

**Referral email**: ACN-referrals@tavi-port.nhs.uk

# Maternity

#### **Baby Basics**



Support for new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby, by providing essentials and equipment. Only takes referrals from professionals including midwives and health visitors.

**Website:** https://baby-basics.org.uk/ **Referrals:** babybasicsbarnet@gmail.com

**Tel:** 0114 2787262

**Address:** Trinity Church, Avion Crescent, Grahame Park Way, NW9 5QY

#### **Birth Companions**



Practical and emotional support through pregnancy, birth and early motherhood

- Esssential items
- Group activities
- Peer support

**Website**: https://www.birthcompanions.org.uk/

**Tel**: 020 7117 2824

#### Cariad Baby Bank



- Essential items for mothers, babies and pre-school children in Harrow
- Only accept referrals from professionals

**Website**: https://www.cariadbabybank.org/

**Email referrals**: cariadbabybank@gmail.com

# Maternity

#### **Happy Baby Community**

- Welfare advice
- Food support
- Listening and counselling
- Mother and baby activities
- English lessons

- Antenatal support
- Birth support
- Postnatal support
- New baby bundles
- Education and Employment support

**Website:** https://www.happybabycommunity.org.uk/ referrals@happybabycommunity.org.uk

**Tel:** 07736 973 200



#### Little Village

Equipment, clothes and toys to families with children under the age of 5

**Website**: https://littlevillagehq.org/

**General advice**: https://littlevillagehq.org/family-support-resources/

General enquiries: https://littlevillagehq.org/contact-us/

#### **MATCH** mothers



Support and information to mothers apart from their children

**Website**: https://matchmothers.org/

**General enquiries**: https://matchmothers.org/contact-us

**Tel**: 0800 689 4104

#### **PramDepot**



Essential baby items and baby clothes for pregnant women who have no recourse to public funds, are fleeing domestic violence or who have recently left prison. Only takes referrals from voluntary sector organisations and does not take self-referrals.

Website:https://pramdepot.com/Email:hello@pramdepot.com

### Women

#### **Asian Women's Resource Centre**



- Domestic abuse support
- Advice and information
- Community activites

- Emotional and practical support
- Signposting and referrals
- Workshops

**Website**: https://www.asianwomencentre.org.uk/

Referral email: referrals@awrc.org.uk info@awrc.org.uk
Tel: 020 8961 6549 /5701



#### **African Women Care**

- Drop-in Women's Centre
- Domestic abuse support
- Group programmes

**Website**: https://africanwomencare.org.uk/ **Email**: info@africanwomencare.org.uk

**Tel**: 0208 969 8389

#### **Crossroads Women**

- Crossroads Women's Centre in Kentish Town
- Multiple organisations available: http://crossroadswomen.net/groups

**Website**: http://crossroadswomen.net/ **Email**: contact@crossroadswomen.net

**Tel**: 0207 482 2496

### Women

#### Ella's



Survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation

- Safe houses
- Community support
- Medical support

- Education and employment
- Legal support
- Financial support

**Website**: https://www.ellas.org.uk/ **Referral email**: referrals@ellas.org.uk

#### **Hibiscus Initiatives**



Advocacy, support and specialist services to marginalised, vulnerable foreign national and black, minority ethnic, and refugee women and families facing immigration and criminal justice systems

**Website**: https://hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk/

**Email**: info@hibiscus.org.uk

**Tel**: 020 7697 4120

#### **Solace Women's Aid**

solace

Advice and support for women and children who have experienced, or are at risk of domestic abuse

- Accommodation
- Rape Crisis Service
- Therapeutic services: counselling, classes, group work

**Website**: https://www.solacewomensaid.org/ **Email**: advice@solacewomensaid.org

**Tel**: 0808 802 5565

### Women

#### **Sophie Hayes Foundation**



Survivors of trafficking and modern slavery

- Employability programme
- CREW Survivor Network

**Website**: https://www.sophiehayesfoundation.org/

**Email**: info@sophiehayesfoundation.org



#### Women's Aid

Advice and support for women and children who have experienced, or are at risk of domestic abuse

Website: https://www.womensaid.org.uk/ Email: helpline@womensaid.org.uk



#### Women for Refugee Women

Supporting refugee and asylum-seeking women in the UK to rebuild their lives

- English classes
- Drama group
- Yoga

- General advice
- Empowerment courses

**Website**: https://www.refugeewomen.co.uk/ **Email**: admin@refugeewomen.co.uk

**Tel**: 020 7250 1239

# Young People

#### **Baobab Centre**



- Pyschotherapy
- Group activities
- Monthly Consultation Service for Healthcare Workers

**Website**: https://baobabsurvivors.org/

**Email**: elisa.obrien@baobabsurvivors.org

**Tel**: 020 7263 1301

#### Barnardo's



- Mental Health and Wellbeing Project
- Foster services for unaccompanied children and young people
- Parental support and advice

**Website**: https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/services

**Tel**: 0800 151 2605

Mental Health and Wellbeing Project: boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk

#### **ECPAT**



- Youth advisory group
- Trafficked girls and young women's group
- Trafficked boys and young men's group
- Individual and peer support
- Life skills and education
- Projects and activities

**Website**: https://www.ecpat.org.uk/

**Email**: youth@ecpat.org.uk

**Tel**: 020 7607 2136

# Young People

#### RefuAid

RefuAid Hope.Resilience.Unity

- Employment
- Education
- Language

**Website**: https://refuaid.org/

#### **Refugee Council**



- Independent Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children Support Service
- Youth Development Project
- Age Dispute Project

Website: https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/service-category/children-

young-people/

**Email**: info@refugeecouncil.org.uk

**Tel**: 02073466700

#### **Refugee Education UK**

College assistance

• Wellbeing and practical help

University assistance

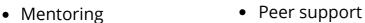
Leadership courses

**Website**: https://www.reuk.org/youthsite

**Email**: hello@reuk.org.uk

# LGBTQ+

#### Say It Loud Club



Workshops
 Referral to partner organisations

• Social events for further support

**Website**: https://www.sayitloudclub.org/

Contact form: https://www.rainbowmigration.org.uk/get-support-from-

us-if-youre-seeking-asylum/

**Email**: info@sayitloudclub.org

**Tel**: 07478 801676

**Location**: Notting Hill Genesis, 2 Killick Street, King's Cross, N1 9QL

#### **Micro Rainbow**

- Safe housing
- Social inclusion activities
- Access to volunteering, training, education and employment

Contact details vary depending on programme

Website: https://microrainbow.org/
Email: info@microrainbow.org

**Tel**: 0800 3585851

#### **Rainbow Migration**

- Practical and emotional support
- Access to health and housing services
- Legal information and advice

**Website**: https://www.rainbowmigration.org.uk/

**Email**: hello@rainbowmigration.org.uk

**Tel**: 020 7922 7812



## LGBTQ+

#### **MEWSO**



Support LGBTQ+ people from Middle Eastern, North African and Asian communities experiencing abuse and discrimination

**Website**: https://www.mewso.org/lgbtq-matters **Email**: Sodabeh.Gashtasebi@mewso.org

**Tel**: 07579 801 365

#### **African Rainbow Family**



WOMEN FOR REFLIGER WOMEN

Support LGBTIQ people of African heritage and the wider Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic groups

- Counselling
- Subsidising costs
- Social events and activities
- Signposting to advice and other services
- Moral and practical support to people in detention centres, court or immigration reporting centres

**Website**: https://africanrainbowfamily.org/ **Email**: info@africanrainbowfamily.org

**Tel**: 07711285567

**London location**: The Outside Project, Unit 1, 52 Lant Street, SE1 1RB

#### Women for Refugee Women

**Rainbow Sisters** for lesbian, bisexual and trans women, and non-binary people seeking asylum

**Website**: https://www.refugeewomen.co.uk/empower/our-activities-to-

empower-refugee-women/

**Tel**: 07918276793

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