

# Briefing Note

**Title: No Recourse to Public Funds – Request for Numbers**      **Date: 10 April 2019**

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## Purpose

1. To provide a snapshot of information on numbers of people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) in the City of Wolverhampton.
2. To provide an update on the multi-agency protocol and accompanying training.

## Overview

Information on numbers of families, adult individuals and children with NRPF status was requested from both social care and the Refugee and Migrant Centre. There are stark differences between these figures, highlighting the complexity in trying to arrive at a realistic estimate of NRPF populations in the city.

## Background and context

Information on numbers of people with NRPF status was asked for by Health and Wellbeing Together on 17 October 2018, following the presentation of the draft multi-agency protocol.

## Latest data

Data has been provided by the 'NRPF Team' recently established within Children's Services:

- The number of NRPF families currently being supported in Wolverhampton: 29
- The total number of children in NRPF status families: 55

In contrast, data from the Refugee and Migrant Centre shows that, for 2018, 1651 individuals were recorded by their service as NRPF. Of these, 1045 were recorded as having no dependents. 600 adults had 1237 dependents between them.

These two data sources are not comparing 'like with like'; one is a current snapshot and the other covers a 12-month period. The data does indicate what is to be expected, namely

that there are significantly greater numbers of people with NRPF status in the city than the population who are supported by the Council.

In the future, the NRPF forum will bring together these data sources with other 'soft intelligence' from the voluntary sector to help the partnership keep an eye on numbers, trends and needs, whilst being mindful of the difficulties with obtaining accurate information.

### **Update on the protocol and accompanying training**

The draft protocol which was brought to Health and Wellbeing Together in October has been going through some small but important changes. This is to ensure the messages to partners are unambiguous. Specifically, this is in regard to the circumstances in which partners should notify the Council about people with NRPF status, including what to do when such a family is under the care of a social work team from a different locality. The revisions have been carried out in conjunction with senior staff in Children's Services. This has delayed the launch of the protocol and the scheduling of the training by approximately eight weeks and training should commence in April 2019. The forum will ensure training is offered to elected members.