

What our members are doing

NACCOM is a network of accommodation providers working together to end destitution and homelessness amongst people who have been refused asylum, other people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and people who have been granted refugee status.

In 2019-20, across...



 **3,373**

people were accommodated, with an estimated

 **423,552** nights of accommodation.

83% of those accommodated either had NRPF or refugee status when they first presented at services:

1,409

Adults who had claimed asylum

of whom, 90% (1,270) had been refused with the remaining 10% being people who were eligible for asylum support but were experiencing delays to access this.

277

Adults with NRPF who had not claimed asylum.

Of the 30 members that accommodated people with NRPF who had not claimed asylum, 21 (70%) had increased their provision in the last year.

1,108

Adults with refugee status

of whom, 18% (200) had just got status and were destitute when they came to member services.

Positive outcomes for people who can get support with their immigration case



427 people who had been refused asylum were known to leave services in the year, of whom...

53% received statutory support, asylum accommodation or some form of leave to remain.

A growing number of members are providing legal advice (either in house or in partnership with a local legal provider), demonstrating that with the **right kind of support there are routes forward to help people move on with their lives.**

Challenges both now and in the year ahead



The vast majority (82%)

of people who were referred to or made enquiries to member services this year identified as 'Street homeless' (including sofa surfing or rough sleeping). This is an increase from 34% last year.

Yet, the network's capacity to meet needs is limited and services have had to



turn away an estimated 1,849 people this year

year because of a lack of accommodation capacity. **Capacity within the voluntary sector to accommodate people has always been stretched, and now in the context of pandemic, availability is even more limited.**

What the UK Government needs to do



The Government should provide safe and adequate housing for people seeking asylum and those who have been refused and are unable to leave the UK. There should be no evictions into homelessness from asylum accommodation, both in and beyond the pandemic.



People who are granted refugee status should not face destitution after the 28 day 'move on' period. This is a completely avoidable consequence of government policy that urgently needs to be revised.



The pandemic has shown that it is possible to prevent rough sleeping. Now more than ever Government departments should work together to develop a homelessness prevention strategy that excludes no one.



Local Authorities should be provided with adequate funding and clear guidance so they can support everyone in need regardless of immigration status.



Ensure justice

People who are refused asylum should be supported with independent free legal advice to explore their options and make informed choices about their future. Funding and scope of legal aid should be expanded to ensure adequate provision.



End the Hostile Environment

The cruel and inhumane No Recourse to Public Funds policy should be scrapped so no one is forced into destitution.