

REPORT TO:	PRIMARY CARE COMMITTEE	
MEETING DATE:	17 October 2016	
REPORT TITLE:	Syrian Resettlement Update Report	
SUMMARY OF REPORT:	The report provides details of the Syrian Refugees Resettlement programme and outlines the arrangements taking place in East Lancashire.	
REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:	Committee are requested to note the content of the report and agree Executive decisions	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	None	
REPORT CATEGORY:	Formally Receipt	Tick
	Action the recommendations outlined in the report.	
	Debate the content of the report	
	Receive the report for information	✓
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	Report supported & approved by your Senior Lead	Y
PRESENTED BY:	Sharon Martin Director of Performance & Delivery	
OTHER COMMITTEES/ GROUPS CONSULTED:	Executive Management Team	
EQUALITY ANALYSIS (EA) :	Has an EA been completed in respect of this report?	Y/N
RISKS:	Have any risks been identified / assessed? State Reference No. if currently on the Risk Register.	N
CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	Is there a conflict of interest associated with this report?	N
PATIENT ENGAGEMENT:	Has there been any patient engagement associated with this report?	N
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Which Strategic Objective does the report relate to		Tick
1	Commission the right services for patients to be seen at the right time, in the right place, by the right professional.	
2	Optimise appropriate use of resources and remove inefficiencies.	
3	Improve access, quality and choice of service provision within Primary Care	
4	Work with colleagues from Secondary Care and Local Authorities to develop seamless care pathways	

**NHS EL CCG – PRIMARY CARE COMMITTEE
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Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme Update

1. Introduction

1.1 The Syrian Resettlement Programme (SRP) was announced in September 2015 and its aim is to resettle, nationally, up to 20,000 Syrian refugees over a five year period. Lancashire County Council agreed to resettle 150 Syrian Refugee families over the next 5 years; which could be up to 30 families a year (approximately 100 – 150 individuals per year). Lancashire County Council has agreed with four local authorities (Blackpool Council, Pendle Borough Council, Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council) to resettle the first 30 families in 2016 as follows:

- Blackpool: 10 properties/families
- **Pendle: 10 properties/families**
- Preston: 05 properties/families
- South Ribble: 05 properties/families

1.2 As part of the national resettlement programme, half of all refugees being resettled will be children and each co-hort will be granted leave to remain for 5 years after which they will be eligible to apply for permanent leave to remain.

1.3 The Lancashire SRP will allow the County Council and its partners to play a significant humanitarian role in mitigating the impacts of the global refugee crisis, particularly in the Middle East, and will help the UK government to deliver its resettlement pledge. It will also help raise awareness of refugee and asylum issues both internally and in our communities. Organisations need to be mindful that Refugees arriving through this programme are from the Middle East, many of whom will have complex medical health needs, victims of torture and/or vulnerable women and children.

2. Funding

2.1 The SRP is fully funded by central Government with no net costs to the County Council or of any partners. The programme also provides funding for Clinical Commissioning Groups to cover costs for primary and secondary health care.

Additionally, there may be some demand for adult and children social care, as some of the Syrian refugees will be particularly vulnerable and may have some complex social care needs. This would apply to a very small number of refugees, if any. Again these services will be fully reimbursed by the SRP grant and if necessary, by additional funding provided for exceptional on a case by case basis.

3. East Lancashire CCG/Pendle Locality Input to Date

3.1 *Arrival of Refugees*

In September 2016, 8 of the 10 families destined for Pendle arrived in the United Kingdom (UK), a further 2 families will enter the UK and settle in Pendle later in the year.

3.2 *Housing Arrangements*

The 8 families have been allocated terraced house accommodation (no modification required) and will be resettled in Pendle (Nelson area).

3.3 **Service Level Agreement**

A Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been formulated with input from the Primary Care Team, Clinical Directors and Safeguarding and signed off by the Executive Committee. This was cascaded to Pendle practices to identify whether or not any primary care provider was interested in undertaking the work contained within the SLA.

3.4 **Primary Care Input/Preferred Provider**

Expressions of Interest were received from 2 practices from Pendle:

- Whitefield Healthcare
- ELMS

Of the two expressions, colleagues within the CCG felt that ELMS had the capacity and appropriate clinicians to undertake the work contained within the SLA.

Executive Management Team have had oversight on this process and agreed that ELMS would be the preferred provider.

3.5 **Funding arrangements for Clinical Commissioning Groups**

The initial funding shall be £2,600 per person which is intended to cover the following:

- Initial registration with health professional and initial primary care costs (at a cost of £600.00 per person) and
- Some initial secondary care costs (at a cost of £2,000.00 per person)

The funds will be aggregated on the basis of family groups, forming a pooled fund on which the CCG can draw as required.

Payment to the CCG will be released once evidence that the individuals have been registered with an appropriate health provider. This evidence will normally consist of registration with a GP.

3.6 **Media Programme**

A media programme has been produced which sets out the procedure for pro-active and reactive media relations work around the Government's SRP in Lancashire. The aim of the protocol is to provide an agreed process for the handling of media enquiries and all communications relating to the SRP.

4. **Recommendations**

- 4.1 Primary Care Committee members are asked to receive the report for information and note progress and actions to date in implementing the required actions as mandated by the Home Office.

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