

Supporting refugees from Ukraine

An overview of Barnardo's support for children and families arriving in the UK, and recommendations for the next stage of the Government's response.



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Summary

- It has been over six months since Russia invaded Ukraine forcing millions of vulnerable people to flee their homes.
- The UK Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme¹ opened on 18 March 2022, for visa applications from individuals or households fleeing from Ukraine who have named people in the UK willing to sponsor them. As of 29 August 2022,² the UK has seen a total 86,100 arrivals via the Scheme (and a further 34,500 arrivals via the Ukraine Family Scheme).³
- Hosts were required to agree to have families staying with them for a minimum of six months, meaning that this September these arrangements will start to come to an end. ***This risks tipping families and children into poverty, homelessness and leaving them vulnerable to exploitation.***
- In addition to the Homes for Ukraine Scheme operated by the UK Government, both the Scottish Government and Welsh Government launched their own 'Super Sponsor' Schemes. This allowed the Governments to act as the sponsor for refugees from Ukraine and removed the requirement for refugees to be matched with a host family before being given permission to travel. The Welsh Government paused the scheme⁴ on June 10 and the Scottish Government has also temporarily paused the scheme as of 13 July.⁵
- Children arriving from Ukraine have often suffered trauma and loss, and are in need of specialist support.
- Governments across the UK must therefore urgently focus on child protection and safeguarding, access to food, clothing and education, supporting mental and physical wellbeing including trauma, and the needs of unaccompanied children who require care.



This briefing is intended to provide a summary of Barnardo's support for refugees since the war in Ukraine started, and reflections six months on from the UK's Homes for Ukraine and Family Visa Schemes. We have also made a number of recommendations for the UK Government.

While this report covers the support and experiences of refugees from Ukraine, Barnardo's is strongly of the view that there is a need for refugees and asylum seekers from **any nation** to be treated equally in relation to their access to support, housing, education and employment opportunities. We are particularly conscious that thousands of families from Afghanistan remain in unsuitable hotel accommodation.⁶

Barnardo's work

Barnardo's has a long history of helping people seeking sanctuary in the UK, and today our work includes supporting children and families who have arrived in the UK fleeing the invasion of Ukraine. Barnardo's support to families from Ukraine, over the past 6 months, builds on our significant experience of supporting refugees arriving from Afghanistan and Syria through a range of services:



UK-wide Helpline: **22,235** contacts via phone and email



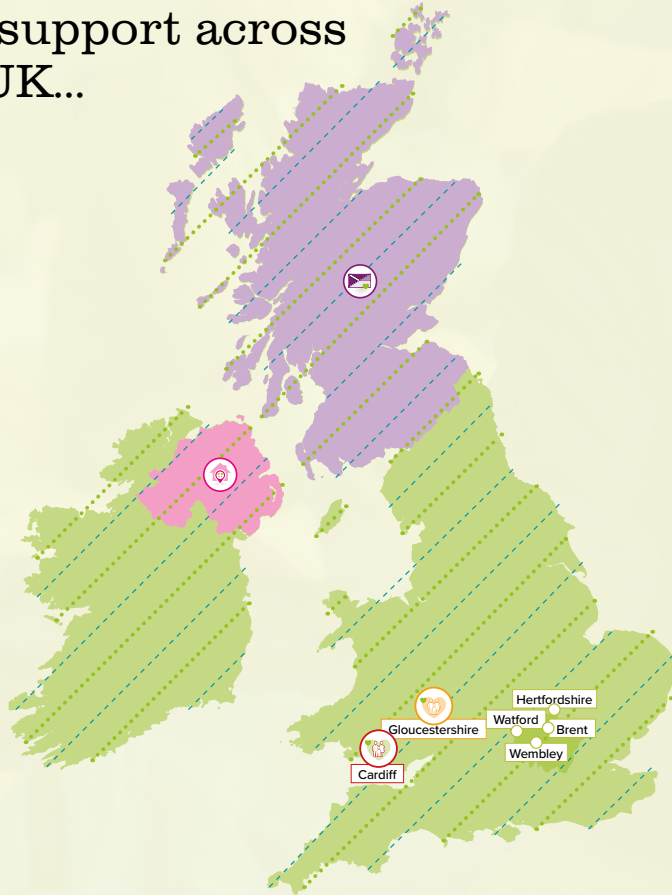
UK-wide Therapeutic support: **66** referrals



Northern Ireland Home visits: **447** health and social care checks



Our support across the UK...



Helpline and therapy:
Covers the whole of the UK



Stay and Play Sessions:
Hertfordshire, Watford, Wembley, Brent



Family activities and support:
Gloucester



Barnardo's Scotland Welcome (Ukraine) Service:
Covers the whole of Scotland



Northern Ireland:
Home visits cover the whole of Northern Ireland



Cardiff Family Wellbeing Service:
Cardiff



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Helpline

Following discussion with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, Barnardo's set up the Ukrainian Support Helpline to provide a holistic support service.

The Helpline is available to anyone fleeing to the UK as a result of the war in Ukraine. The Helpline provides;

- Therapy with a qualified psychotherapist, delivered via the phone or online, with access to interpreters.
- Advice on a range of issues e.g., housing, accessing key health services, education, employment and more via our trained helpline support workers.
- Practical support, such as access to digital devices to ensure families stay connected to loved ones during this worrying time, as well as stimulating toys for children, food vouchers and more.

“I had someone to talk to, someone who was willing to listen to me, because I never feel people want to listen to me. I feel stronger now and I wish everyone would listen to me like you have.”

Quote from a Ukrainian caller to the Helpline

Case study

A mother and 12-year-old daughter arrived in the UK from Ukraine as part of the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. The mother contacted the Helpline initially to seek practical and emotional support. The Helpline was able to support her with a food voucher as well as a mobile phone to contact family members. The advisor built trust with the mother and she contacted them again several weeks later when the relationship with the host had broken down.



The mother reported that the host had become verbally abusive and was afraid that this would escalate further. She was unaware of her options and was supported to contact her local council. While she had a good level of English and was able to advocate for herself, she did need some support to feel confident and empowered to deal with the situation. The Helpline advisor also liaised with the council throughout the day to ensure the situation had been resolved and that the family would be moved to alternative accommodation.

When at her new accommodation the mother contacted the helpline again to request therapeutic support as she felt the situation with her host had caused a lot of additional anxiety and stress and was referred to Barnardo's LINK service to receive therapeutic support. During these sessions the Helpline advisor continued to check in with her to ensure she was receiving the support she needed. The mother responded:

“I would like to take the opportunity to express my great thank you for all your help and support. Thank you ever so much!! Sometimes even a kind word can be absolutely helpful and comforting for a Ukrainian refugee.”

As of 22 August 2022, the Helpline has received 22,235 contacts via email and phone with an additional 5123 outgoing calls made to support families to provide follow-up and continued support. We have also had 21,000 hits to our webpages on support for Ukrainians. Key themes identified by Helpline workers include:

- A high level of need for practical support for example, food vouchers, and access to digital connectivity to connect with relatives/employment/education.
- An increasing need to support families with basic needs, staff have reported that requests for food vouchers are increasing (we have given out 370 food vouchers since mid-March). Calls are becoming more diverse with
- increased complexity and as a result are taking longer. Advisers are dealing with scenarios involving complex trauma, in which interpreters are needed or where families need time to talk about their experiences.
- There is an increasing need for advice and support around housing options and benefits.
- There is an increased number of calls about housing issues, mostly due to refugees wanting to move out or rent or being afraid of being made homeless due to breakdown in relationship with hosts.
- There are roughly two safeguarding issues per week, mostly related to homelessness or being threatened or bullied by hosts.

As part of The Great British Tech Appeal, Barnardo's has partnered with Vodafone to provide free digital devices and SIM cards to those who need them most,⁷ and has so far provided Ukrainian refugees (via the Helpline) with:



500
phones



1790
sim cards



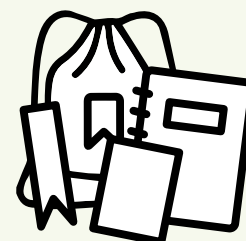
Barnardo's has also provided Ukrainian refugees with a further:



700
Food bank
vouchers
(Trussell Trust
Foodbank network)



134
Boxes of
toys
for 200 children
(all provided for by IKEA)

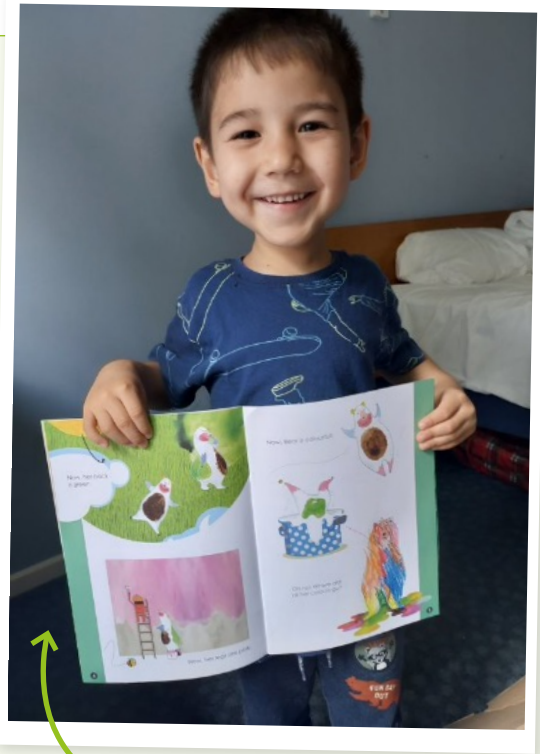


260
BookMark
education packs
(donated by BookMark)

Case study

The Helpline received a call from a young woman who fled from the war in Ukraine and arrived in the UK with her four young children and her husband. However, upon arrival, her sponsor informed her that he was moving to France and was not able to offer them a place to stay. As they had driven to the UK in a car, this is where they had been sleeping for the past few nights. They needed support with accommodation and informed the Adviser that they had no money or food for their children. Barnardo's was able to support the young family by:

- Contacting the Local Authority Homelessness Emergency Duty Team and informing Children's Services about the vulnerable children. They were able to provide emergency accommodation that night.
- Researching emergency out-of-hours foodbanks and signposting to a nearby soup kitchen for the homeless. The family were then able to go and have a hot meal that evening.
- Continuing to support the family, until they were placed in a temporary accommodation a few weeks later, with food bank vouchers, mobile phone, SIM cards and a Bookmark Tablet (educational activity pack) for the children.
- Signposting the family to a Children Centre in the area where they were housed and to the Salvation Army for clothes for the family.



Pictured: son with educational activity pack

The family were extremely grateful for the support Barnardo's was able to provide for them and sent the following feedback:

“The first days when we arrived from Ukraine and stayed on the street, we were given the phone number of the Barnardo's Foundation. I called them and told them my situation and from that day on, for a month, a worker supported our family and helped in every way she could. They gave us food bank vouchers, gave us a lot of useful advice on where else to turn for help, and sent us a smartphone and a SIM card so that we could contact our relatives. Thank you for your support and help during our most difficult time.”

Vouchers to use in Barnardo's shops:

Barnardo's and the Loomba Foundation developed a partnership to provide financial support to refugees from Ukraine to assist them in taking the first vital steps towards settling in the UK and helping them build a more positive future.

The initiative aimed to provide financial support to 1,000 families. **Each family received a voucher worth £100. We have now issued all 1,000 vouchers** which can then be spent in any of Barnardo's 630 shops across the UK or online on essential items including clothing, toys and furnishings.



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"I am so grateful for your help, and we spend voucher in online store. Today got delivery and make my kids so happy. Thank you so much for supporting, we will always remember it."

Quote from a Ukrainian refugee who used the voucher



Therapeutic support

The Helpline can refer Ukrainian refugees as well as hosts of refugees to our therapy service which offer counselling in a variety of languages, including Ukrainian and Russian. Two different types of support are available:

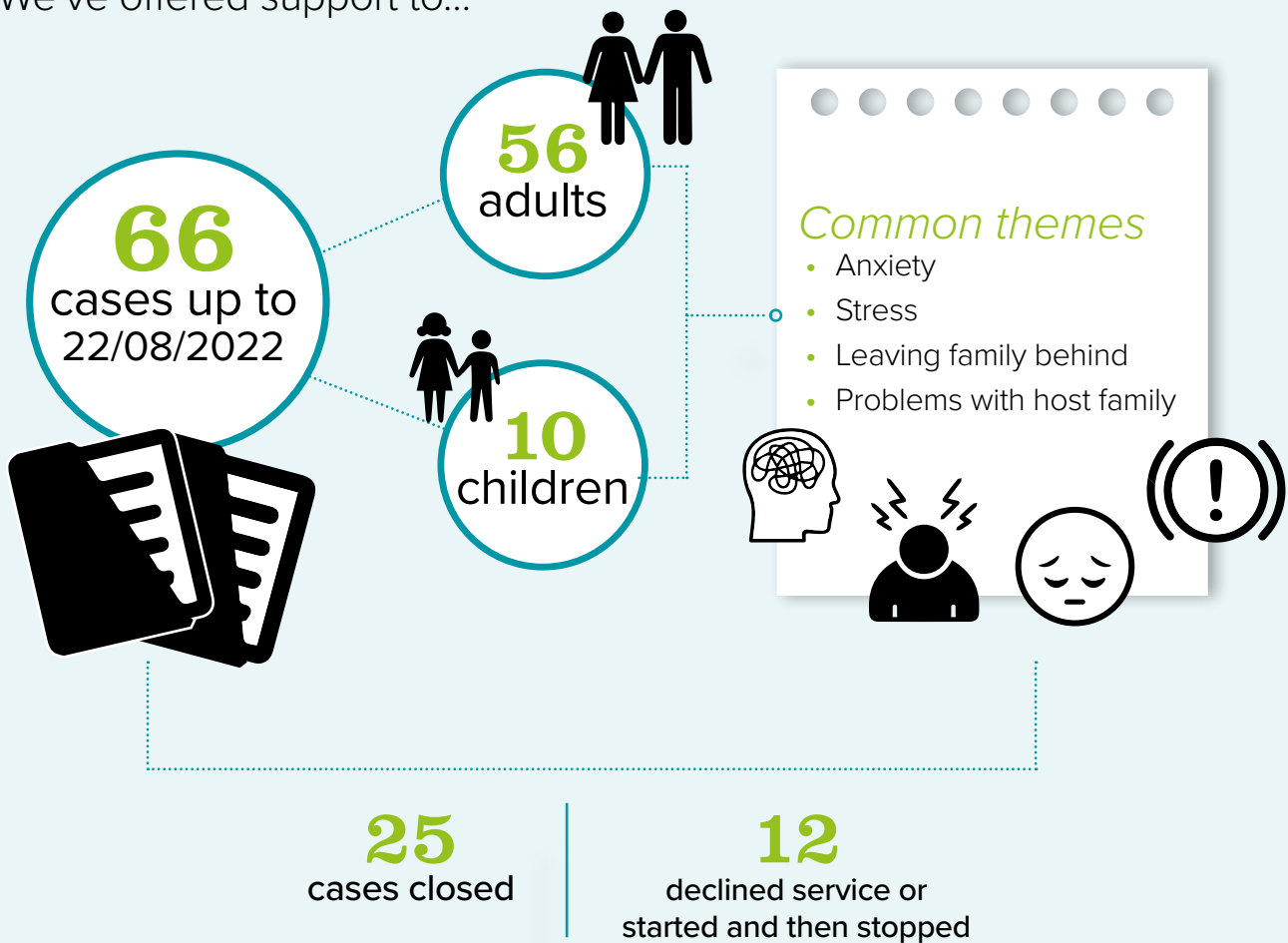
Individual Therapy for refugees

- 8 sessions lasting 45 minutes by telephone with a qualified, approved therapist.
- Free of charge
- Sessions can be arranged to fit around their schedule.
- Additional sessions will be considered if needed.

Group Therapy for host families

- Meet with other host families to discuss practical issues as well as the emotional and psychological problems that can arise from hosting
- Free of charge
- Sessions are held monthly online and are facilitated by a therapist
- Flexibility of either a day or evening drop in.

We've offered support to...





Barnardo's help through Family Support Services

Summer 'stay and play' sessions for families in hotels:

Throughout the summer period Barnardo's has been supporting families through Family Support Services, in areas such as Hertfordshire, which covers the south and west of the county where many Ukrainian families have been placed in hotels awaiting resettlement. Barnardo's are providing weekly 'stay and play' sessions for children and their parents/carers (largely focused on the 0-8 age range). At these sessions a wide range of play activities are available covering all areas of development.

The themes we have picked up through these summer sessions include:

- The bulk of refugees we have supported through this service were living with very friendly, welcoming and supportive host families but these are largely in outlying villages, so transport is a problem.
- All were being supported by a volunteer befriender, via a refugee charity.
- Immediate needs were finding school, nursery, and playscheme places.
- Many adults held good jobs in Ukraine, but support workers are only help families to find work after appropriate education or childcare has been found.
- When supporting these families through the service, we have struggled to access face-to-face translation support as these services are overstretched and virtual translation support has been ineffective.
- Children and families are arriving with very few clothes and belongings, and no toys for the children.

Case study

A mother was 38 weeks pregnant and attended Honeyhill Child and Family Centre, a family support centre run by Barnardo's, with her husband for her first midwife appointment. The family had fled Ukraine with only one bag that contained personal belongings and had nothing for their baby. The couple shared that they were living with Dad's relatives but had nothing for the baby who was due in two weeks. Barnardo's was able to support the family by:



- Providing baby items such as clothing, nappies, feeding equipment, bedding and personal care items for after birth.
- Accessing funds for the family to purchase a cot, mattress, and baskets.
- Encouraging the family to attend the child and family centre for self-weigh, baby groups, baby massage and information of other offers of support such as Ukraine support groups and volunteering to help getting back to work.
- Signposting to NCT breastfeeding support groups.

The simple support provided reduced stress and worry on both parents, the baby was born safe and secure, and their needs were met. Further observations were that although this was a very happy home, the amount of people in the accommodation is becoming very overcrowded.



Barnardo's Scotland Welcome (Ukraine) Service

Barnardo's is supporting children and families who arrive in Scotland as a result of the war in Ukraine through their Scotland Welcome (Ukraine) Service. We fully understand that families fleeing Ukraine are likely to have experienced significant trauma and have limited resources, which in combination make them highly vulnerable.

Barnardo's Scotland has established a Scotland-wide welcome service to help families with practical support: identifying needs including help with their mental health and wellbeing, with a big focus on children's education and integrating them into society.

“I feel the worker has met my needs in several ways, all of which has been vitally important to me. For example, he was able to contact Parcel Force, Glasgow Women's Library, Just Right and others to help with on-going concerns I have.”

Quote from a Ukrainian Refugee who used the service:

Barnardo's Scotland Welcome (Ukraine) Services objectives:



Case study

A family of five from Ukraine were placed in a hotel in the Highlands of Scotland. They were referred to the Scotland Welcome (Ukraine) Service for family support. Communication began between the Barnardo's support worker and the family to establish their needs. The family advised that although they were grateful to be safe and feeling well cared for, they still required some practical support.

The father recognised that his children needed to be active and wanted to explore their local area. He sourced bikes from residents, however there was no bike helmets and chair for his youngest child. Barnardo's was able to help by:

- Sourcing a bike chair: The father sent pictures of a very happy little one and commented he had so much fun when they went with another family to one of the lochs; previously he had to stay with his mum whilst his father went out with the other two children.
- Sourcing a tablet: The eldest child was delighted to be able to watch cartoons in Ukrainian on the tablet.
- Buying train tickets to visit Stirling where there were shops that were not as expensive. This is a 2-hour journey and the family indicated that they loved to travel and wanted to see more of Scotland. Through discussions it had been evident that to buy helmets without checking they fitted may not be practical, and the children also required some warmer jackets and some clothes. The family were able to have a day out and source safe helmets and clothing to continue to enjoy the outdoors.
- Providing access to library services to access books in their own language.
- Exploring how Barnardo's can setup therapeutic activities for children within the hotel.
- Starting discussions with their local authority and the hotel about setting up English lessons for the parents.

Through the Welcome Service, the family and children were able to explore, get fresh air, have fun together and ultimately integrate into their new community with the two boys recently starting school. The family has been very thankful to the staff and to Barnardo's and it is likely that this relationship will continue to grow with the father offering to translate children's stories into Ukrainian.



Feedback from the family's father:

“We received the bike chair, the kids are so happy, we cycle every day now all together. I can cycle both kids, they are so happy. Thanks for the tickets and travel arrangements. Thanks so much for all your support.”

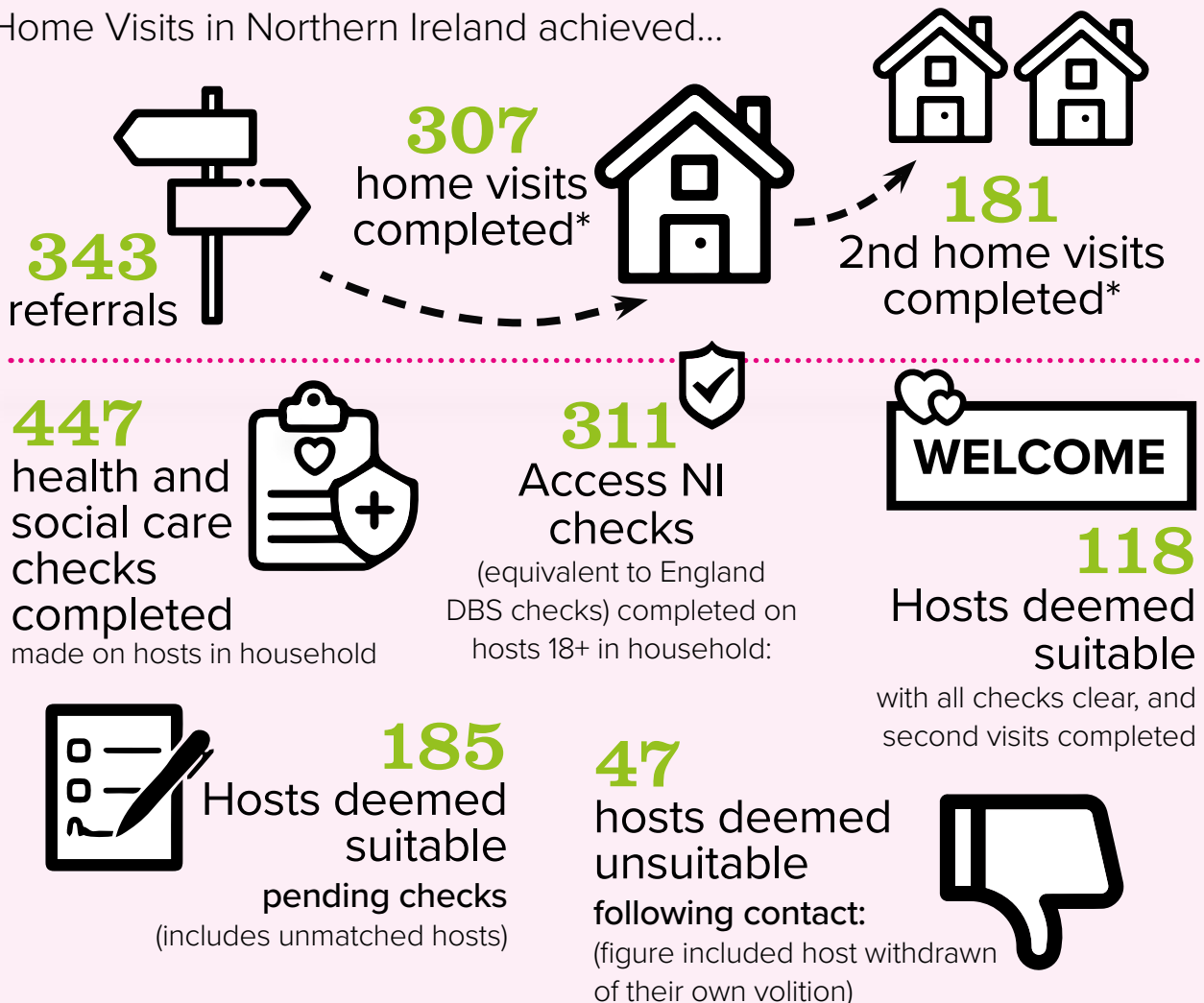
Barnardo's Scotland Welcome (Ukraine) Service is also working towards developing specific training for Hosts of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. This support will offer 6 digital sessions covering areas such as safeguarding, exploitation and tracking, setting safe boundaries and understanding the impact of trauma. This will also be supported by our therapeutic services which will offer 1-1 support if needed, and a peer support option both during and after the 6 sessions are complete.



Home Visits in Northern Ireland

To ensure the safety of both Ukrainian guests and hosts, Barnardo's is delivering home visits on behalf of the Department for Communities in Northern Ireland, in partnership with Extern (a charity supporting young people). Barnardo's NI developed and rolled-out this support at pace, using our expertise to rapidly respond to crisis. Barnardo's support and ability to step in quickly has been recognised and is highly valued externally; **staff teams have been responsive, adjusting priorities to ensure that support is in place where it is needed.** The importance of positive relationships with partners and government has been key in the rapid development of support and home visits to ensure the people coming to Northern Ireland will be received in suitable homes for their needs. The visits also provide an opportunity to ensure that both the guest and sponsor are aware of all the support available and linked into useful networks and important services.

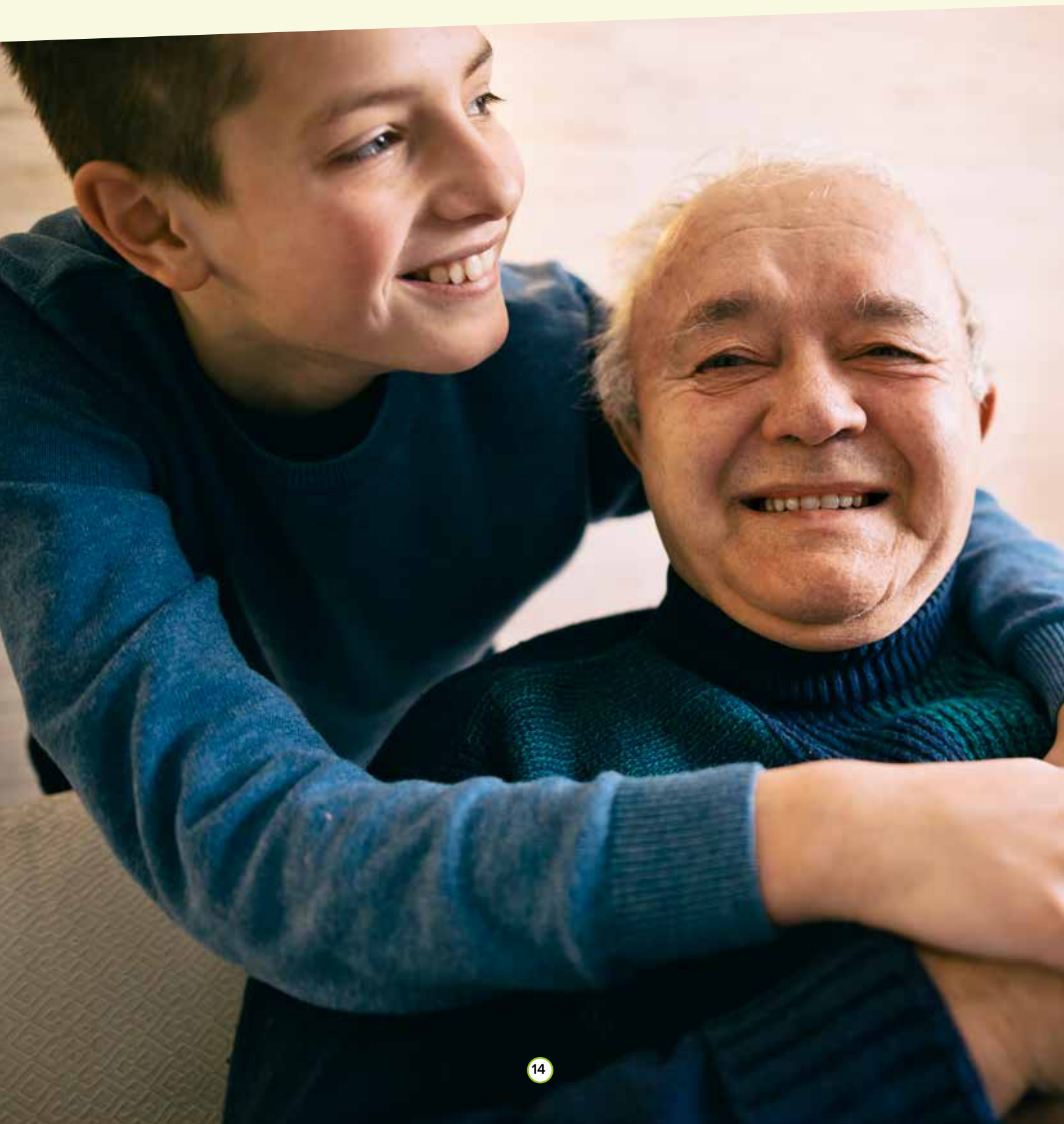
Home Visits in Northern Ireland achieved...



* Home visits all take place after guests have arrived.

Cardiff Family Wellbeing Service

Barnardo's has been supporting refugee families through our Cardiff Family Wellbeing Service in Wales. This provides early intervention and support to families living in Cardiff with children and young people up to the age of 25 and that have an identified need for support in relation to emotional wellbeing and mental health but below the level where they would be entitled to specialist health service and/or statutory care and support **Family Wellbeing Service Cardiff | Barnardo's (barnardos.org.uk)**



Where next for Ukrainian refugees?

Homes for Ukraine Scheme:

What happens after the compulsory six month period comes to an end?

Hosts under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme are committed to hosting refugees from Ukraine for a minimum of six months. For those who arrived early on the Scheme, September is a crunch-point. The time for an early resolution to the war in Ukraine has passed and the future remains uncertain while refugees continue to arrive. The Government is taking steps to ask hosts to extend their welcome for longer, but recent Office for National Statistics (ONS) data shows that **19% of hosts intend to provide accommodation only for the initially agreed period of six months, meaning over 15,000 Ukrainian refugees will likely need to find alternative accommodation in the near future.**⁸

The ONS data also suggests that just under one-quarter (23%) intend to provide accommodation for longer than 12 months, meaning nearly 50,000 will also need to find alternative accommodation within a year.⁹

The Government announced, from 15 July 2022, the Homes for Ukraine Scheme was expanded to eligible to unaccompanied minors who had already applied for visas through the scheme, which would mean more than a thousand children were eligible to come to the UK alone.¹⁰

Following this, the visa application process for new applications from eligible children opened on 10 August 2022.¹¹ We understand that, with respect to unaccompanied minors entering via the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, hosts will be asked to commit to hosting the child for up to three years.¹² This is welcome, in recognition of the need to give children greater security. However, the minimum hosting period can also be reached if the young person turns 18 and the sponsorship has lasted 6 months. We understand that many of the cohort arriving on the scheme are 15-17 years old. That means that in a year's time, many children will turn 18 and the arrangement may end leaving them at risk of homelessness. We are concerned that this will leave a group of vulnerable young adults without clear access to support.

Safeguarding concerns

Safeguarding concerns should be the central focus of the rules and guidance setting out the details of how the extension of Homes for Ukraine will operate in practice for unaccompanied minors and for families with children on the Scheme. It is imperative that draft rules and guidelines are shared for input with organisations such as Barnardo's who specialise in children's safeguarding and refugee support, to ensure that the full range of safeguarding concerns are addressed and to minimise any unintended consequences of the scheme's extension. We are concerned about what will happen in the event of relationship breakdown with the sponsoring adult and the lack of consistent guidance for local authorities carrying out the ongoing checks, child safeguarding requirements and support for this vulnerable group of children.

Impact of the cost-of-living crisis

With asylum seekers and refugees already reporting, through our Helpline and family support services, a lack of access to basic amenities and practical support, the cost-of-living crisis is only going to further push the most vulnerable individuals who have faced war and trauma into homelessness and poverty. A recent ONS survey also found that seven in ten previous or current UK hosts of Ukrainian refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme say their ability to provide support has been curbed by the cost-of-living crisis.¹³ Almost all current or previous hosts (99%) said they had incurred additional costs as a result of hosting. This is further adding to the significant risk that, many Ukrainian refugees will be forced to present as homeless, with many hosts being unable to afford to house them.

Continuity of support for families

Ukrainian refugees are currently hosted right across the UK, although reports have shown that there is strong concentration in the south of England and in rural areas.¹⁴ Lack of accommodation options in rural areas may

lead to refugees being relocated after hosting arrangements end, which will risk undoing much work to find nursery, school and employment places, alongside the roots Ukrainians have started to build in their local communities. For children who may have already endured trauma in Ukraine and difficult journeys to get to the UK, moving again is likely to compound their experiences, particularly if they are unable to access therapeutic support. Long waiting lists for assessment and treatment by children's mental health services are well documented, with children waiting anywhere from seven days to almost three years for assessment.¹⁵ Our services have reported declining mental health as a common theme for this cohort. It is therefore essential that children are able to access the appropriate support as soon as they need it. This could be through lower-level support provided for in schools and communities or specialist support. Specialist support will require sufficient investment, to combat the long waiting times and ensuring the right pathways are in place to access support by the NHS.

It is essential that the importance of consistent childcare/schooling, access to employment, English language courses are taken into account before relocating refugee families with children. Where children are attending school, schools need to ensure they are equipped to welcome and provide support to these highly vulnerable children; ensuring the curriculum is culturally sensitive and accessible to those whose first language is not English.

Importance of housing support

We are concerned that without appropriate planning for follow-on housing for Ukrainian families, they will end up in temporary accommodation, in a similar position to many Afghan and Syrian refugees who have come to the UK in previous schemes. Currently there are around 25,000 asylum seekers¹⁶, and nearly 10,000 Afghan refugees¹⁷, including children, living in hotels across the UK waiting for permanent housing. The UK remains in a housing crisis and does not have enough housing stock to accommodate families. According to the Local Government Association (LGA) council housing

waiting lists could almost double to as many as 2.1 million households in the next year.¹⁸ The Home Office has advised Afghan refugees to look for housing in the private rented sector, pointing them to Rightmove,¹⁹ however access to the sector remains severely limited, with landlords reluctant to rent to people in receipt of Housing Benefit and difficult finding affordable accommodation without the Local Housing Allowance rates.²⁰

Government data shows that since the war began in February, 1,335 Ukrainian households (including 945 families with children) have already registered as homeless.²¹ We urge the Government to act swiftly to ensure that all refugees have access to long-term, safe, and suitable accommodation. The government has a commitment to welcoming those on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme into the UK offering them safety for three years, not six months. It is vital that the government offers more support to host families and increases the financial assistance offered to hosts to offset the cost-of-living crisis and allow them to continue hosting. Doubling thank you payments to hosts will also assist with re-matching should the first host relationship breakdown.

Where refugees are unable to live with host families, we urge the government to help families find alternative accommodation; additional support is vital for families to help them get access into social housing or the private rented sector. Support could be provided in a number of ways, including the use of Rent Deposit Schemes (currently in place through the Refugee Council)²² or with support from guarantors, allowing families to find affordable accommodation through sustainable tenancies. We are calling for this urgent resolution for **all refugees** on the same terms, given thousands of Afghan and Syrian families have been living in temporary hotel accommodation for months.

Top Recommendations:



1. Accommodation: We urge the UK Government to act swiftly to ensure that all refugees have access to long-term, safe, and suitable accommodation. It is vital that the government offers more support to host families and increases the financial assistance offered to hosts to offset the cost-of-living crisis and allow them to continue hosting. Where refugees are unable to live with host families, the government should provide greater support families to find alternative appropriate accommodation either through social housing or in the private rented sector.



2. Safeguarding: Safeguarding should be the central focus for all children who are seeking sanctuary in the UK. Safeguarding should be at the heart of the rules and guidance setting out the details of how the extension of Homes for Ukraine will operate in practice for unaccompanied minors and of families with children on the Scheme. It is imperative that draft rules and guidelines are shared for input with specialist organisations such as Barnardo's to ensure that the full range of safeguarding concerns are addressed.



3. Specialist foster care: There is already a shortage of foster carers in the UK, which will require a coordinated and well-resourced approach to recruit and mobilise new foster carers with specialist skills to support refugee and asylum seeking children who have experienced deep trauma. We strongly urge the UK Government to take steps to increase the provision, training and funding for specialist foster carers for children who need them.



4. Continuity for families: If families welcomed to the UK under the Homes for Ukraine scheme are moved to alternative accommodation either at the six-month sponsorship cut-off point or at a later cut-off point (if this is extended) efforts should be made to ensure there is consistency in childcare, schooling and healthcare, and that access to employment and English language courses are considered.



5. A consistent approach: The UK offers a number of different schemes for settling unaccompanied children in the UK depending how they arrived in the UK and their country of origin. We urge the UK Government to consider these together to ensure uniformity and consistency for all children regardless of their nationality and route to entry. For example, thousands of families from Afghanistan remain in hotel accommodation, and they would benefit from a scheme similar to Homes for Ukraine. All refugee and asylum-seeking families and children we are supporting need support to address their trauma and to access education, training, and suitable housing.



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End notes

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