

Title of proposed EIA	Controlling Migration Fund: Preventing Crisis; Enabling Integration
Reference No	EQUA180
EA is in support of	New Service
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	25/10/2018
Directorate	Adult social care & health
Division	
Service Area	
Responsible Officer(s)	Austin Rodriguez
Quality Control Officer(s)	Gordon Strachan
Accountable Officer(s)	Kalvinder Kohli
Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal	<p>This funding bid to government recognises a disadvantaged group of residents in Birmingham, namely asylum seekers, refugees and EU migrants. This group are disadvantaged during their initial period of arrival in Birmingham in terms of being unfamiliar with the city and its neighbourhoods, public services, and local communities. This is in addition to often having a lack of English language skills to be able to understand the complexities of the immigration, housing and welfare systems.</p> <p>The purpose of the bid is to increase the capacity and expand the current advice and support offer for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. This is specifically relating to immigration, housing, welfare, local services and communities. The bid does not consider any other factors such as age, gender or faith but only the advice and support they might need as an asylum seeker, refugee or EU citizen living in Birmingham. There is though a clear link to the race and ethnicity of individuals affected by this policy due to the broad range of countries and nationalities represented in refugee and migration trends.</p> <p>The outcome of implementing this policy will be a positive one in terms of ensuring that this group are able to successfully navigate through complex public service processes and systems.</p>
Protected characteristic: Age	Not Applicable
Age details:	The services to be funded from this bid are specifically for new arrivals to Birmingham who have not been born in the UK. There is a wide collection of ethnicities and nationalities affected across more than 120 countries of origin including pre-dominantly from across Europe, Africa and Asia.

Protected characteristic: Disability	Not Applicable
Disability details:	
Protected characteristic: Gender	Not Applicable
Gender details:	
Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment	Not Applicable
Gender reassignment details:	
Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not Applicable
Marriage and civil partnership details:	
Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity	Not Applicable
Pregnancy and maternity details:	
Protected characteristics: Race	Service Users / Stakeholders
Race details:	
Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs	Not Applicable
Religion or beliefs details:	
Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation details:	
Consulted People or Groups	<p>Birmingham Destitution Steering Group- consisting of sixteen organisations in Birmingham which provide immigration, housing and welfare advice to vulnerable asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.</p> <p>Internally- Councillor Sharon Thompson and Councillor Tristan Chatfield, as well as officers from Housing Services, Finance and Procurement.</p>
Informed People or Groups	Birmingham Migration Forum -a network of over 100 organisations and groups working with and supporting asylum seekers, refugees and migrants
Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA	<p>The scope of this bid is approximately 4,000 asylum seekers, refugees and EU migrants who are understood to require the type of immigration, housing and welfare advice and support which would be provided. Geographically this bid will have bigger impacts and implications in areas with high refugee and migrant populations, particularly in West Birmingham.</p> <p>The purpose of the bid is also to help close the gap between the refugee and migrant population, with the rest of Birmingham's citizens. This is as a result of having uncertain immigration status and a lack of access to basic public services, which can enable new arrivals to settle and integrate successfully in the city.</p> <p>The bid doesn't negatively impact on any other groups but recognises asylum seekers, refugees and migrants as a group of people needing additional advice, support and</p>

consideration in order to successfully settle and integrate in Birmingham.

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing? Yes

Quality Control Officer comments

Decision by Quality Control Officer Proceed for final approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer? Yes

Decision by Accountable Officer

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Reasons for approval or rejection

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