

Introduction

Liz Manson, Chair of the Resettlement Board

Key Findings

Finance

- Complex financial and reporting framework to Scottish and UK Governments
- Prudent approach to expenditure and forecasting; need for long term commitments

Performance

- Met all our reporting requirements and had very positive feedback from all

Governance

- Programme Board fortnightly meetings; reports to the CPP Executive Group/Senior Leadership Team; and individual partners

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Communications Workstream

Lead - Ruaridh Thin-Smith

Key Findings

- Positive welcome and support for New Scots from community leaders, staff, volunteers, media and neighbours has been significant factor in successful resettlement
- Face to face engagement has been the most effective communication, with Newsletters, NewScotsDG website and social media also valued
- Regular programme of Briefings has provided this Board and other stakeholders with relevant information about all aspects of the Programme

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Education and Employment

Lead – Ann McShane

Key Findings

- School registration arrangements now a smooth process
- English as a Second or Other Language classes valued highly – range of providers and locations has been key
- Access to Benefits smooth process
- Employment successes - especially for Ukrainians – key sectors are hospitality, process work, retail, forestry, farming, construction ; care; and some self-employment

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Health and Social Care

Lead – Louise Cumbley

Key Findings

- Challenge of supporting unplanned arrivals for Ukrainian Scheme and Asylum Seekers in the Contingency Hotel
- Co-operation and support by GP Practices but challenge in capacity
- Particular support required from mental health service

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Homes and Housing

Lead - Jan Hastie

Key Findings

- Lack of social housing for Resettlement Schemes and Asylum Seeker dispersal is the highest risk item for the Board – this reflects the national position
- Commitment by Common Housing Board to provide 19 houses over 3 years for Afghan Scheme being addressed by Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)
- Welcome the Home Group programme of 20 properties back into use in Upper Nithsdale
- Possible Scottish Government and RSL Modular Housing Programme to increase capacity

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Welcome Hubs, Community Orientation and Support

Lead – Kirsty Peden

Key Findings

- Syrian, Afghan and Ukrainian New Scots settled well into our communities
- Significant partnership working across public and third sectors
- Development of third sector commissions to ensure long term sustainability of support

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Next steps

- Finalisation of the Evaluation Report which will inform the future and longer term arrangements
- Transfer of the leadership of the Resettlement Programme in Dumfries and Galloway Council from Community Services to Social Work Services

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