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You can join the Network for free, and:

- Stay in touch with news and developments through our bi-monthly e-briefing
- Access information including practice guidance for local authorities, research on NRPF and information on developments in case law
- Get involved in your regional NRPF Network.
- Contact the Network for guidance and information

The Network is open to all local authorities and their representative bodies. Other statutory and voluntary sector organisations with an interest in the statutory response to NRPF are invited to participate in and contribute to the Network.

Contact details

To find out more about the Network or to join

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NRPF network

No Recourse to Public Funds Network

**A Network of
local authorities
focusing on the
statutory
response to
people with care
needs who have
no recourse to
public funds
(NRPF)**

What does no recourse to public funds mean?

No recourse to public funds (NRPF) refers to people who are subject to immigration control and have no entitlement to welfare benefits, UK Border Agency support or to public housing.

Why is the NRPF policy an issue for local authorities?

Local authorities are reporting that they are faced with increasing numbers of people with NRPF seeking accommodation support from social services departments. However, they currently receive no central government funding to meet costs and there is a lack of statutory regulation and guidance on how authorities should respond. In addition to the pressure on services, local authorities are concerned about the destitution and social cohesion issues that arise as a result of people having no recourse to public funds.

What is the NRPF Network?

Operating under the auspices of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) and the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) Asylum Taskforce, the NRPF Network supports and represents local authorities by:

- **Sharing** information and good practice amongst local authorities and other agencies working in this area
- **Working** with government departments to raise the practical and policy issues of NRPF
- **Facilitating** reimbursement for local authorities of the costs of providing support to people with NRPF
- **Developing** a strategic response to people with NRPF

The NRPF Network is committed to working in partnership with other agencies, including central government departments and the voluntary and community sector, to find solutions to the issues that arise with NRPF.

Network activities are at a practice, policy and strategic level and include:

- **Providing** guidance and information on service provision, legal duties and entitlement to services
- **Providing** information on developments in case law, research, and policy
- **Researching** and monitoring the scale of the issue and the associated costs to local authorities and to other agencies
- **Facilitating** information sharing and benchmarking
- **Providing** training for local authorities

A number of regional NRPF Networks operate across the UK. The regional NRPF Networks provide the opportunity for practitioners to meet and share information and good practice around NRPF issues. For details on how to take part in your regional NRPF Network, please see the NRPF Network webpages www.islington.gov.uk/nrpfnetwork