



Reference: RFI 1708093

**Request:**

1. How many refugees have been resettled in your local authority area / by your local authority, under the Syrian vulnerable persons relocation scheme, between September 2015 (when the government announced its intention to resettle 20,000 people in the UK by 2020) and the end of August / start of September 2017? Please provide a figure for the number of individuals and also, if appropriate, the number of families resettled. Please break the figures down for each year (Sept 2015 to end of Aug 2016, and Sept 2016 to end of Aug 2017).

Sept 2015 to end of Aug 2016 – 22 people in 5 families.

Sept 2016 to end of Aug 2017 – 21 people in 5 families.

2. How many more individuals (and families) are planned to be resettled in your area under the Syrian vulnerable persons relocation scheme, and when?

None.

3. Please provide the most appropriate correspondence (most likely between the local authority and government / national bodies) relating to your area's involvement with the Syrian vulnerable persons relocation scheme, and reasons for the number of refugees resettled.

There is no correspondence, (between the LA and Central Government), which is appropriate for sharing.

I can confirm that the number of refugees settled in North Tyneside was appropriate to the level of resources available in the Borough.

4. How much has it cost the local authority to resettle these refugees under the Syrian vulnerable persons relocation scheme, since 2015? Please provide any available total figure, and a brief breakdown or explanation as to what this figure most relates to (for example housing / school costs).

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Refugee Support- Staff & Expenses	£54,958.74
Housing - Fixtures, Fittings, Utilities	£16,674.79
Housing - Void Property Rent & Council tax	£11,280.92
Initial Refugee Living Expenses	£5,000.00
Refugee Support- External Support	£20,000.00
Special Educational Needs Support	£38,000.00
	<b>£145,914.45</b>



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17/18 – 1<sup>st</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> August

Refugee Support- Staff & Expenses	£25,013.73
Housing - Fixtures, Fittings, Utilities	£7,460.91
Initial Refugee Living Expenses	£1,200.00
Refugee Support- External Support	£17,412.00
Housing - Void Property Rent & Council Tax	£673.48
	<b>£51,760.12</b>

The local authority is paid a grant by the Home Office, which covers all of the costs borne by the authority.

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