



Forced Migration Update: Key Items

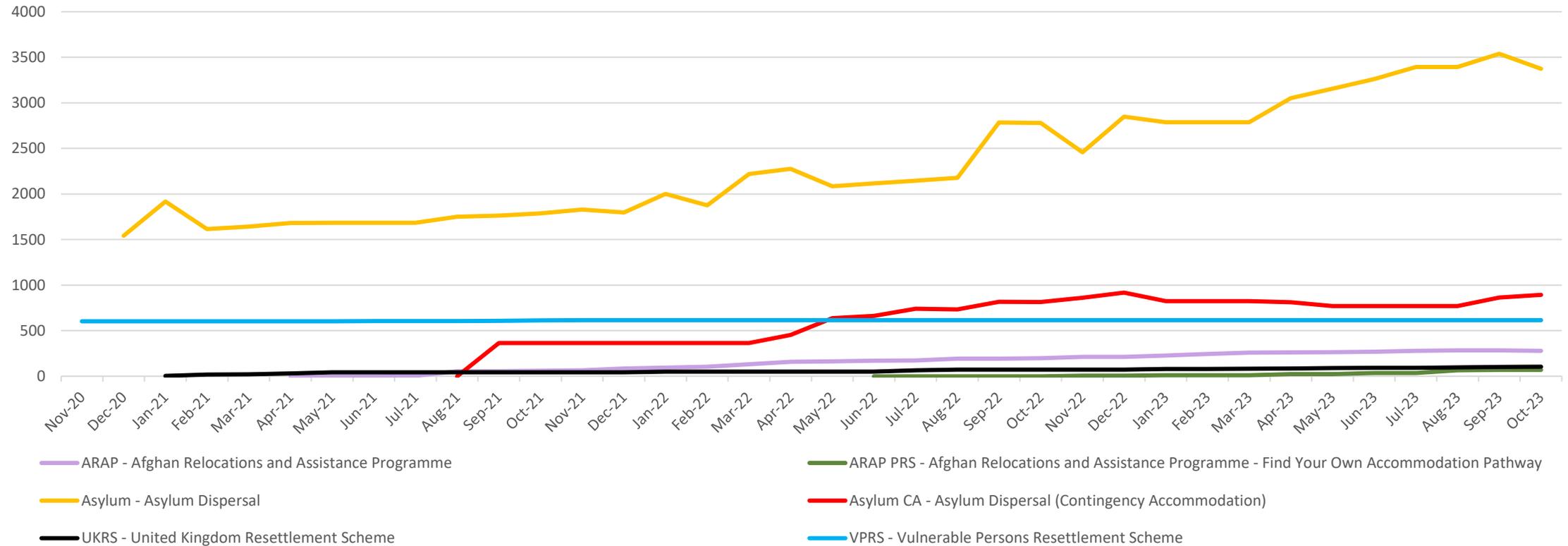
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Key Items

- Current Numbers
- Strategy and Database
- Asylum Cessations and Housing
- Cap Consultation – ‘Safe and Legal Routes’
- Weeton Barracks

Current Numbers

Lancashire Total Migration by Scheme



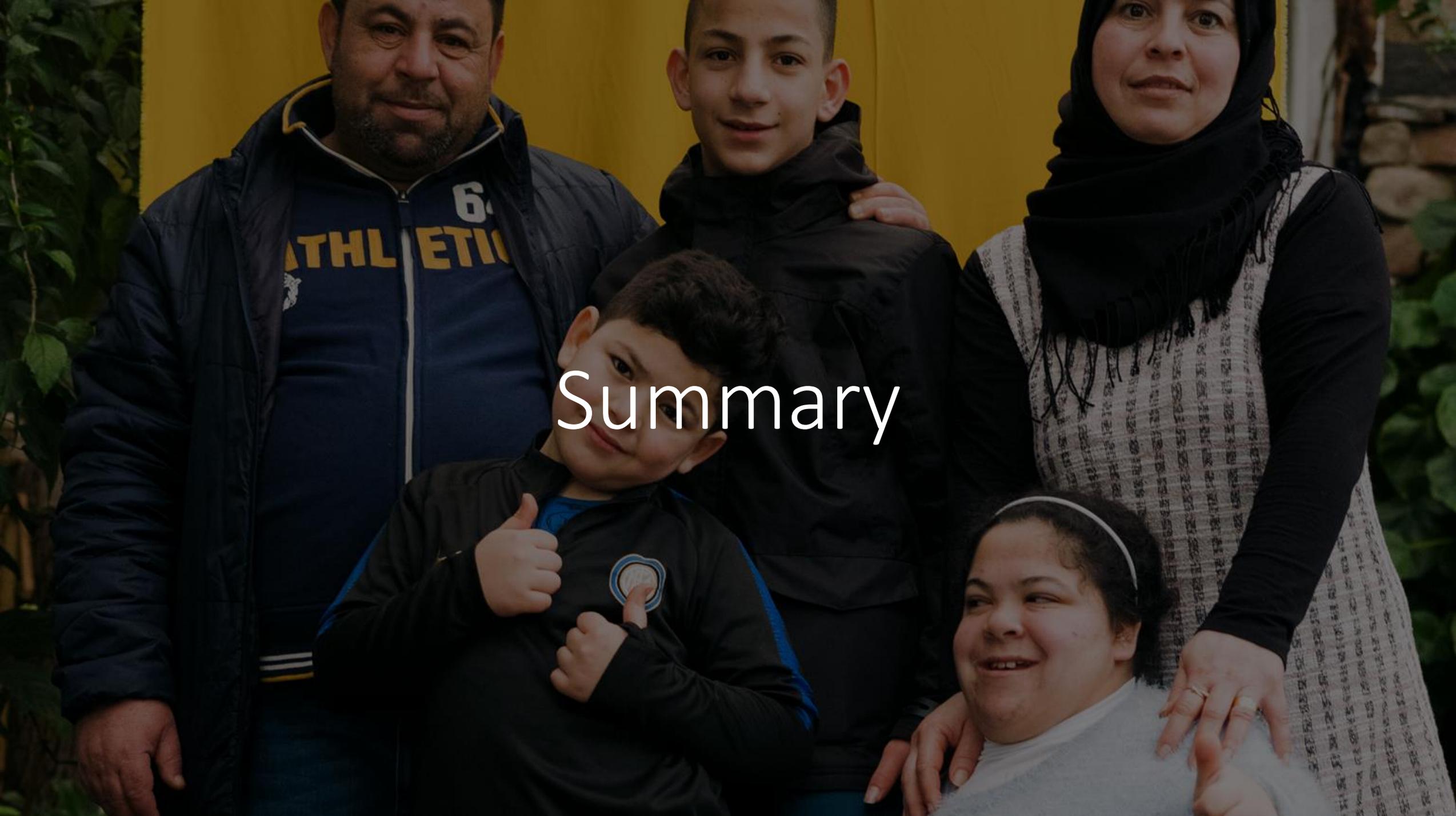


Pan-Lancashire Forced Migration Strategy 2023 - 2026

Lancashire Refugee Integration Team, May 2023

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- What will success look like?





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2021 Census data tells us that just under 3% (37,277) of Lancashire's current population are resettlers, meaning they have come to Lancashire as either a refugee or asylum seeker.

In addition to this number, we currently have over 6,000 resettlers requiring active support through a government forced migration scheme. This is an increase of 200% since May 2021 and data forecasting suggests that this number will continue to grow over the next few years.

Refugee Integration is currently coordinated by Lancashire County Council on behalf of the 12 district councils and two unitary authorities. All 15 councils work in close partnership to deliver 10 active migration schemes.

In order to achieve the vision of Lancashire 2050 and to ensure that Lancashire remains the best place to live, work, visit and prosper, it is important that the whole county adopt a meaningful integration strategy.

A photograph of a woman wearing a brown hijab and a grey cardigan over a dark blue top, holding a young child in a pink dress with floral embroidery. The woman is smiling and looking towards the child. The child is looking off to the side. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a white building. The text "Our Partnership Vision" is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

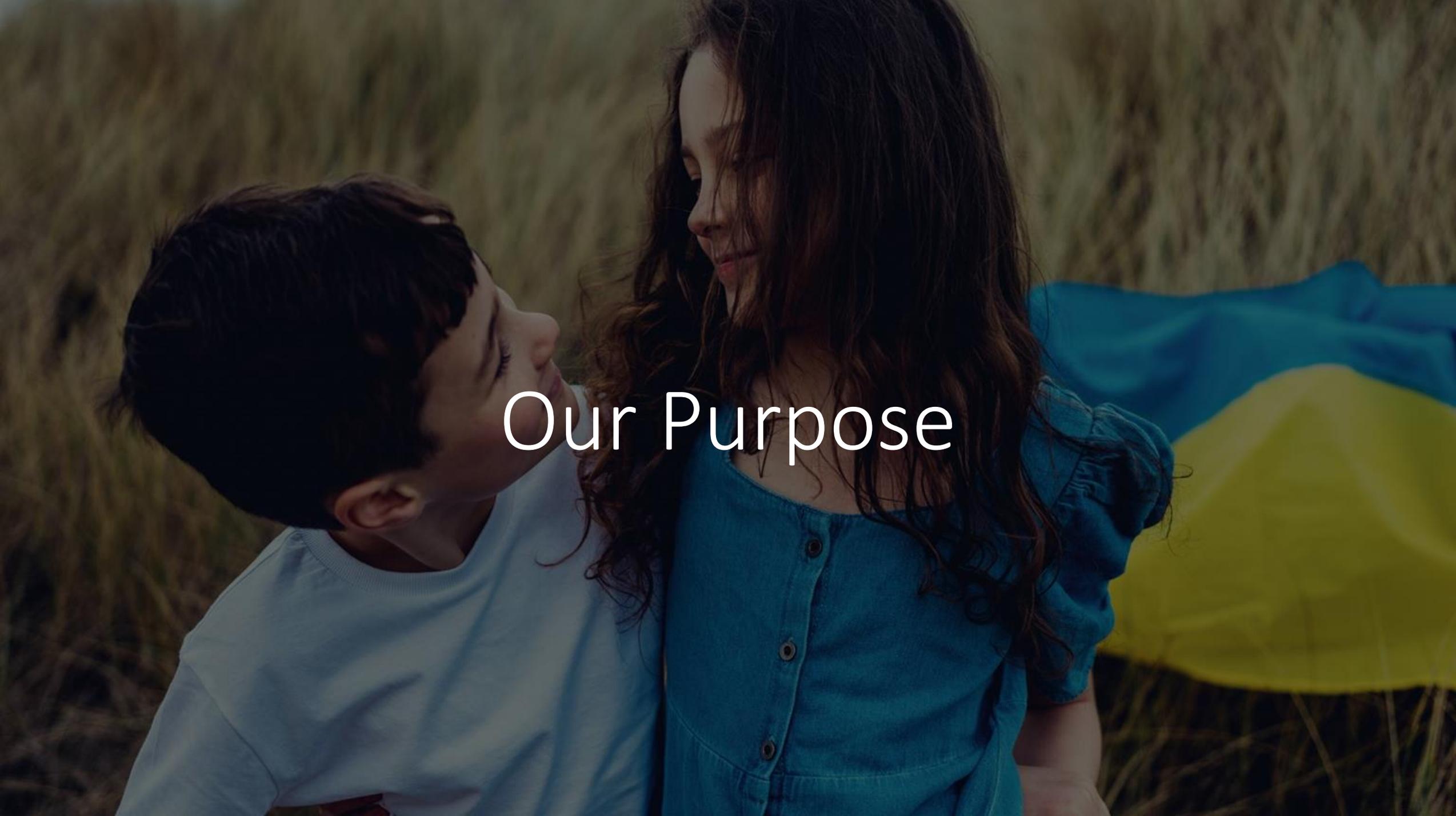
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Lancashire is a geographically and socially diverse county. When we talk about integration, we must focus on the unique characteristics and opportunities of each local authority area, as well as the type of resettlement scheme we are delivering. There is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to integration.

Our strategy aims to ensure that both the resettler and the local community thrive economically and socially as a direct result of Lancashire's participation in resettlement schemes.



A romantic couple is shown in a close embrace in a field of tall grass. The man, on the left, is wearing a light blue t-shirt and looking up at the woman. The woman, on the right, has long dark hair and is wearing a teal button-down top. In the background, a Ukrainian flag is partially visible. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

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Local Authorities in Lancashire have different responsibilities for each of the various forced migration routes designed by central government. Migration routes can broadly be divided in to three categories:

- Resettlement Schemes
- Asylum Dispersal
- Visa Routes

Our Forced Migration Strategy will ensure that whether councils are playing a central role in resettlement delivery, or responding to the implications of government-delivered asylum dispersal, we will have a robust and proactive approach to enabling the managed integration of new arrivals into Lancashire.



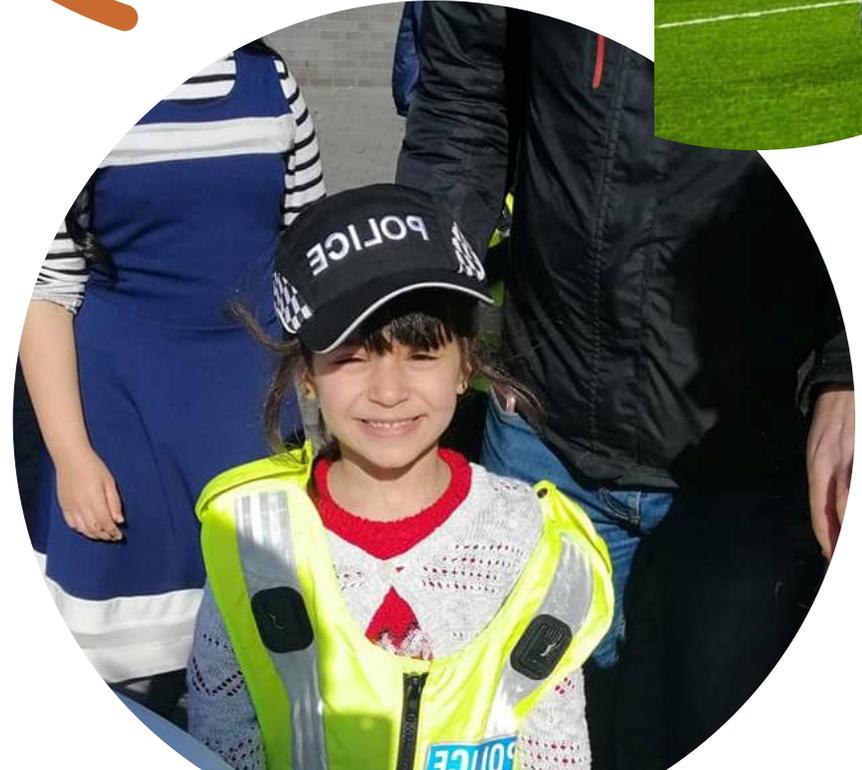


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To best represent the needs of Lancashire to the Home Office and other central government departments in conversations around migration dispersal, our strategy is comprised of the following five key priorities:

- Ensure the service impact of Forced Migration in Lancashire is measured and monitored
- Undertake migration forecasting to enable informed and data-driven future service planning
- Connect the various migration route funding streams to benefit all
- Harness the benefits of migration to Lancashire
- Deliver high quality integration (not just numbers) and high-level provision for our service users



A young boy with short hair, wearing a grey and tan jacket, is smiling. He is standing next to a large, wrapped Christmas gift. The gift is wrapped in red paper with a pattern of small, embossed Christmas trees and stars. The gift is decorated with colorful paper cutouts of stars and reindeer. In the background, there is a window with a view of green foliage and a building. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

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Lancashire has a reputation for delivering fantastic integration experiences, with 100% of resettlers surveyed stating that they feel like they “belong” in Lancashire. We will continue to deliver on our successes and will also continue our work of engaging with and funding voluntary, community and faith sector organizations to provide grass-roots integration support.

In addition to our existing work, we will implement the following:

- I. A county-wide Resettler Database that utilizes the Home Office Indicators of Integration to enable integration analysis
- II. Data feedback loop with Districts Councils and markers across councils to identify 'interaction points' with resettlers by type
- III. Policy and process implemented across schools and social care to claim exceptional costs
- IV. New Burdens Assessment criteria monitored on a quarterly basis across Lancashire
- V. Develop Migration Forecasting and information on asylum-route refugees retention levels.
- VI. Create a uniform 'Lancashire resettlement offer' for all resettlers in Lancashire

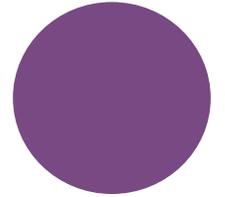




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- Local Authorities will be fully informed about migration routes and the expectations on services
- All eligible costs will be claimed for and used to fund highly impacted services such as education, social care and housing
- Forced migration will have a demonstrably positive impact on Lancashire both socially and economically
- High quality integration: A school place for every child with the support they need – and not to the detriment of any other child.
- Lancashire services will be supported to plan more effectively for future migration trends.



A group of people are gathered around a table in a meeting room, focused on their work. In the foreground, a man with glasses and a grey sweater is writing on a document. Behind him, a woman in a pink patterned shirt is also writing. In the background, another woman wearing a grey hijab is looking down at her work. The table is cluttered with papers, a smartphone, a pen, and a pink mug. A world map is visible on the wall in the background.

Future Considerations

Asylum Cessations

- Positive Asylum Decisions increase (streamlined) – Liverpool increase in TA spend
- Shorter move on period (28 days to 7 days)
- Forecasted 80 homelessness presentations in one week – plus bed rotation
- How do we spend our money – LCC on integration infrastructure, districts on housing.



Cap Consultation – ‘Safe and Legal Routes’

- Resettlement Numbers for 2025
- Not including ARAP and Homes For Ukraine
- District and County ‘politically agreed sign off’
- Funding tariff the same
- Agreement of 3 per District to maintain integration infrastructure
- Social Care and Education sign off



Weeton Barracks

- Forecasted Move On trajectory
- Mears procurement of 5 beds without LA input
- Centralization of resettlement – lacks on-the-ground insight and funding



The Ask

- Agree to the Strategic approach. Embed within Lancashire 2050?
- Pool 5% on in-year asylum funding tariff?
- To note the consultation on the cap and confirm commitment or otherwise to the proposal of minimum of 3 families for district.

