

ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Action Number	Key Priorities	Strategy Reference	Planned Actions	Strategic Links	Time Scale	Lead Agency/ Officer	Evidence	Source of financial support
AS 1	To Promote Health Improvement for Asylum Seekers and Refugees	AS 1.1 (also GT 1.1 and H1.1)	To develop and implement a "Homeless and Vulnerable Groups Health Action Plan" as directed by WAG	Health of Homeless and Specific Vulnerable Groups Standards 2008/9 (WAG); WAG Health ASERT Programme; Homelessness APG; Gypsies & Travellers APG; WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy; Mental Health APG;	2008	Cardiff LHB	Implementation of WAG standards	To be advised by WAG
		AS 1.2	To identify needs and support the development of mental health services for asylum seekers and refugees		Ongoing	Welsh Refugee Council	Needs identified; Gap analysis done; Options appraisal done; Proposals for service development done; Funding identified	Various
		AS 1.3	To offer every newly arrived asylum seeker a health assessment		Ongoing	Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust	Percentage of newly arrived asylum seekers having health assessment	WAG
		AS 1.4	To integrate asylum seekers and refugees into mainstream Primary Care Services		Ongoing	Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust	Numbers of asylum seekers and refugees moving on from CHAT	within existing resources
		AS 1.5	To provide an individual hand held record book for all newly arrived asylum seekers in Cardiff		2008	Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust	Percentage of newly arrived asylum seekers provided with hand held record book	WAG
		AS 1.6	To support the establishment of a post for Health Development Work to include sexual health, disability and access to community care and secondary care services		2008-2010	Welsh Refugee Council; Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust; Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team)	Steering group set up; Person specification and Job description done; Funding identified; post developed	Funding to be identified
		AS 2	To reduce Inequalities for Asylum Seekers and Refugees		AS 2.1	To raise awareness regarding the rights of failed asylum seekers.	WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy	Ongoing
AS 2.2	To set up community-based initiatives to promote a better understanding of refugee issues.			2008	DPIA	No of events held		WAG/BLF

AS 3	To develop additional housing and resources for single refugees who are not in priority need, in particular move-on accommodation initiatives that provide accommodation for people when they first receive "leave to remain."	AS 3.1	To continue to offer services to refugees to provide advice and support at 'move on'.	WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy; WAG Refugee Housing Action Plan; Homelessness Strategy; Homelessness APG	Ongoing	Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team); WRC	Numbers of people receiving support	Supporting People and WAG
		AS 3.2	To develop new services in response to needs of refugees, and identify funding opportunities with WRC Fundraising officer.		2008-2011	Welsh Refugee Council - Housing Officer	New services set up	within existing resources
		AS 3.3	Contribute to the development of Sapphire House and Ty Golau (Taff HA Project) and put in funding bids where appropriate		2008-2009	Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team); Welsh Refugee Council	Review development of services	within existing resources; Supporting People funds applied for
AS 4	To contribute to the development of the Cardiff Language and Communication Strategy	AS 4.1	To liaise with relevant officers involved with the Language and Communication Strategy and the development of integrated interpretation services	Language & Communication Strategy	2008	Welsh Refugee Council - Policy Officer; Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust; Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team); Cardiff Council (Corporate Communications Team)	Contact made by WRC Policy Officer	within existing resources; Flexibilities Grant; MTFP bid; possibly Flying Start funds
AS 5	To support the ongoing development of Refugee Community Organisations	AS 5.1	To look at strategies for user involvement for the monitoring of services	WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy	2008-2010	Welsh Refugee Council; Refugee Voice Wales; DPIA	Meetings held and strategies developed	Voluntary Sector Grants
		AS 5.2	To assist Refugee Community Organisations with capacity building		2008	Welsh Refugee Council - Refugee Inclusion Officer; DPIA	Increased capacity of RCOs	
AS 6	To support the provision of training, information and awareness raising about asylum seekers and refugees across a range of organisations and services	AS 6.1	To develop multi-agency training sessions regarding the rights and entitlements of asylum seekers and refugees	WAG Health ASERT Programme; WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy	2008-2010	DPIA; Welsh Refugee Council; Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust; Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team)	Training package produced and sessions held	within existing resources
		AS 6.2	To provide training on asylum seekers and refugee issues to e.g.GP Practice Managers, non health professionals.		Ongoing	Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust, DPIA	Number of training sessions held	within existing resources

AS 7	To support initiatives that promote social cohesion	AS 7.1	To liaise with the UK BA (formerly BIA) Social Cohesion Officer to identify issues and contribute to initiatives to promote social cohesion	WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy	2008	Welsh Refugee Council; Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team)	Contact made with UK BA (formerly BIA) Social Cohesion Officer	Home Office
		AS 7.2	To put in bid for Refugee Integration and Employment Service		2008	Welsh Refugee Council	Bid completed; Proposed project start: October 2008	Home Office
AS 8	To develop additional services to meet the identified mental health needs of asylum seekers and refugees (adults and children) by providing counselling and support	AS 8.1	To set up steering group to develop mental health project with WRC Fundraising officer	WAG Health ASERT Programme; Mental Health APG	2008	Welsh Refugee Council; Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust; Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team)	Steering group set up and meeting regularly	Steering group within existing resources; Submission of finding bids for development work
AS 9	To support the expansion of ESOL provision to enable asylum seekers and refugees to learn English which will facilitate inclusion	AS 9.1	To secure funding for an extension of the Equal Project	WAG Refugee Inclusion Strategy;	2008	Welsh Refugee Council; Refugee Voice Wales	Funding secured	European Social Fund
		AS 9.2	To liaise with the Wales Strategic Migration Partnership (formerly Welsh Consortium for Refugees Asylum Seekers and Migrants) regarding developments on ESOL within Wales		2008-2009	Cardiff Council (Lifelong Learning/ESOL Team); Welsh Refugee Council; Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust; Cardiff Council (Asylum Seekers Team)	Wales Strategic Migration Partnership contacted and information passed on through APG	within existing resources
		AS 9.3	To continue to provide ESOL provision where gaps are identified		Ongoing	DPIA	ESOL provided	DPIA (subject to available funding)