

# Safe Haven

A guide for social workers supporting  
refugee and migrant children in England

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# Safe Haven guide

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Social workers role

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Crossover between care and immigration

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Complex systems and changes in law

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Scotland guide – 2017, England - 2019

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Wales guide to be published

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Update May 2024

# UK context

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EU Settlement Scheme

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Nationality & Borders Act 2022

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Rwanda policy

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Streamlining process

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Illegal Migration Act 2023

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Safety of Rwanda Act 2024

# Guide

Care system

Children seeking asylum

Immigration

Nationality

Age assessments & trafficking

# The future?

## General Election 2024

- New Labour government
- Significant issues to resolve
- Backlog, broken system, accommodation, legal provision...
- Digitalisation issue

## New/amended system?

- Little information provided so far
- Parts of Illegal Migration Act unlikely to ever come in
- Re-starting of asylum interviews

## What we need to see

- Urgent work on digitalisation plan
- Funding and support for children in care/care leavers
- Improvements in accommodation and legal provision

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**QUESTIONS?**

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