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# **Ukraine Crisis Response: Update for COSMIC Committee**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

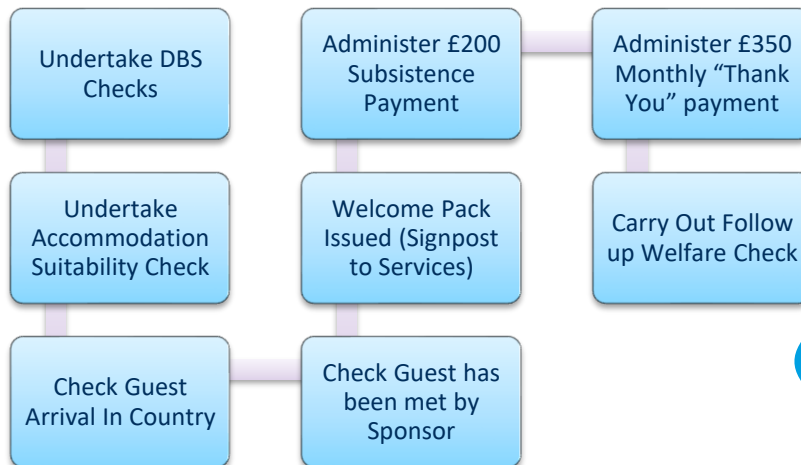
# Refugee Schemes

- 2 Refugee Settlement Schemes
- The **Ukraine Family Scheme** which allows applicants to join family members or extend their stay in the UK.
- **Homes for Ukraine Scheme** which allows Ukrainian nationals to be sponsored to come to the UK.
- Under both schemes refugees can live work and study in the UK and access public funds
- Under both schemes refugees can stay for up to 3 years
- However it is also important to note that are other possible routes of entry that fall outside of the official routes (e.g. those extending visas to stay who are already in the country)

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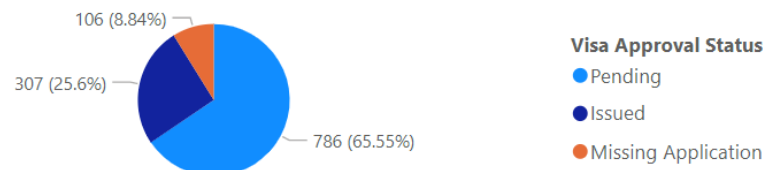


# Homes for Ukraine Scheme

## Number of Guests by Expected Date of Arrival



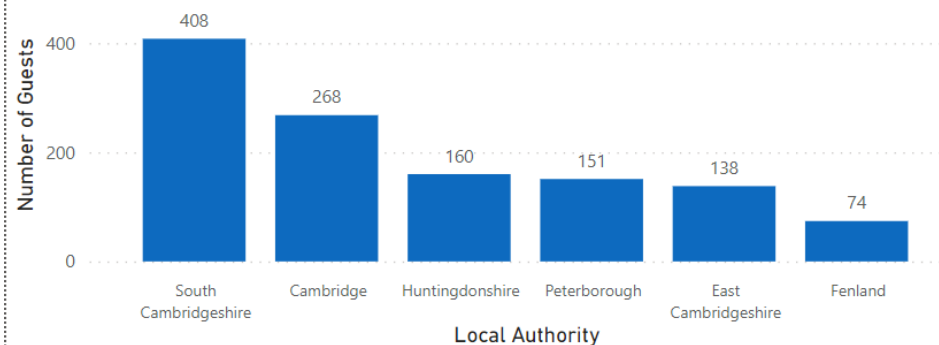
## Guests by Visa Approval Status



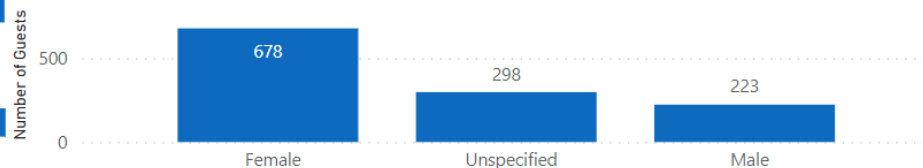
Number of Guests	Number of Group IDs	Number of Accommodation IDs	Number of Sponsor IDs
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1,199	782	519	531
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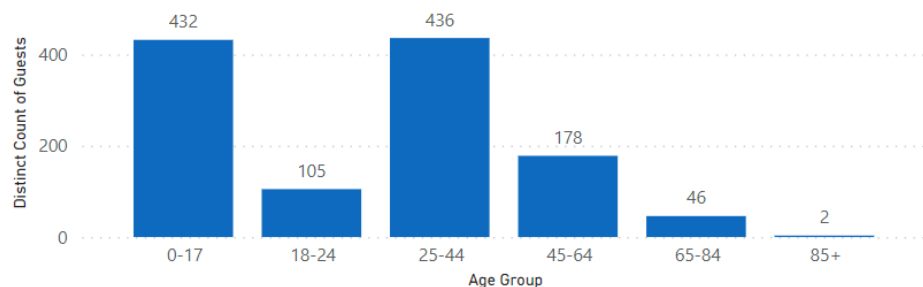
## Guests by Local Authority of Accommodation



## Guests by Gender



## Guests by Age Group



# Operational Structure

Strategic Assessment Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (SCG to be stood up if TCG feel this is required)

Tactical Coordination Group 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Weekly)

- Health Sub Group
- Police Weekly Community Impact Meeting

Key workstreams:-

- Data Management (Capture, Processing and Reporting)
- Business Intelligence (MAIC) (Projections, Trends, Analysis)
- Safeguarding and Welfare (Process Development, Monitoring)
- Community Support (Welcome Pack, Events, Links to wider services)
- Communications (Joined up Consistent Messaging)
- Finance (Drawdown and Dissemination of Allocated Funding)

# What has been done so far

## Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

- Information sharing agreement developed.
- Shared first cut of data with Districts.
- Written to all Sponsors to let them know we would be in touch.
- Developed and shared FAQs to manage contacts in to services.
- Updated website with FAQs and information of matching services.
- Agreed DBS and accommodation check process with Districts including safeguarding escalation route.
- TCG formed and met to inform development of programme and form key workstreams and start to identify risks.

## Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- DBS and Accommodation Checks commenced led by Districts.
- Some Districts started group support meetings with sponsors.
- Welcome Pack first drafts coming online.
- District secured direct access to data portal.
- Adult care and support needs guidance shared with Districts to support welfare checks
- Agreed Interim process for payment of £200 subsistence payment.

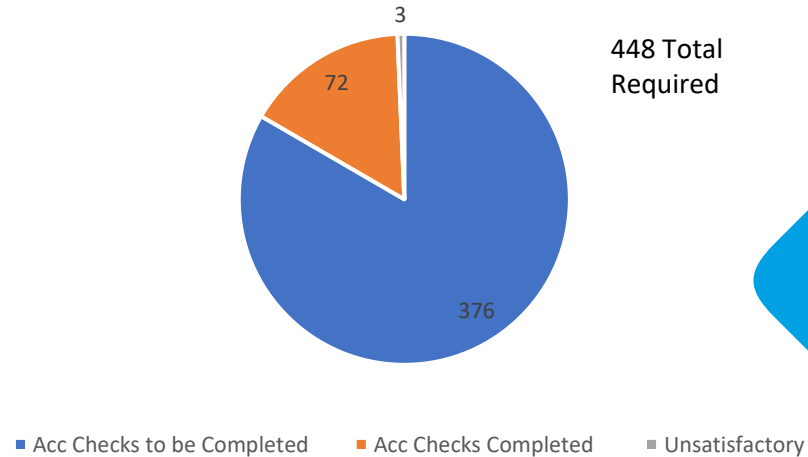
# Progress on DBS and Accommodation Checks (8<sup>th</sup> April)

## Cambridgeshire DBS Checks

304 DBS Checks  
Initiated

79 DBS Completed

## Cambridgeshire Accommodation Checks



# Immediate Next Steps

- Finalise and publish all welcome packs.
- Establish regular reporting framework to monitor progress.
- Continue with key comms into community groups (link family scheme to welcome packs)
- Develop finance model for core elements of the scheme
- Develop process for placement breakdown (temp accommodation, rematching)
- Develop process for cross boarder movement.
- Put in place SOPs for DBS, Accommodation and welfare checks
- Embed early help support to be proactive in preventing inequalities
- Continue to develop wrap around services



# Ukraine Family Scheme

- There are around 510 registered Ukrainian adults in Cambridgeshire (Census data 2021)
- Councils won't receive any formal information regarding incoming refugees on this scheme.
- Services has been briefed about their responsibilities if Ukraine families need support.
- The Multi Agency Information Cell is undertaking work to estimate numbers who may arrive using provisional totals of Ukrainian nationals already living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from Census 2021 (which the Government released early). We estimate that a further **700** people (approx.) could arrive if the proportion of the applications made to the scheme reflects the number of Ukrainian people living in C&P as a proportion of all the Ukrainians in the UK.
- Developing communications to reach out to Ukrainian families to signpost to welcome packs.
- Investigating how we can set up our own registering system for those intending to bring family members over.
- This would give us the ability to signpost to the already developed welcome packs as well as link in to wider community support.

# APPENDIX: Homes for Ukraine Scheme



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