

## ***Perth and Kinross Council – People Seeking Sanctuary Action Plan 2023-27***

***Linked to Perth and Kinross Local Housing Strategy – Specific Action “Continue to work with partners to offer housing and support options to refugees and asylum seekers in response to national dispersal and resettlement programmes.”***

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Local Priority</b>	<b>Lead Agency responsible</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
<b>1. <u>National Theme - Language and Education*</u></b>			
1.1 All people seeking sanctuary will be offered the opportunity to access some form of ESOL provision in the first instance.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council/Perth College UHI	Ongoing
1.2 All people seeking sanctuary will be offered access to their nearest library provision through partnership arrangements with Culture Perth and Kinross.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Culture Perth and Kinross	Ongoing
1.3 Anyone seeking sanctuary of school and nursery age will be supported through the school or nursery enrolment process.	Enabling our children and young people to achieve their full potential	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
1.4 People seeking sanctuary will be advised of options and supported to access any further education opportunities where appropriate.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth College UHI	Ongoing
<b>2. <u>National Theme - Health and Wellbeing*</u></b>			
2.1 All people seeking sanctuary will receive a health check upon arrival.	Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing	Health and Social Care Partnership	Ongoing

2.2 All people seeking sanctuary will be supported to access GP registration upon arrival.	Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing	Health and Social Care Partnership	Ongoing
2.3 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the process for accessing further health and care services (e.g. dental services).	Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing	Health and Social Care Partnership	Ongoing
2.4 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of mental health and wellbeing support available.	Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing	Health and Social Care Partnership	Ongoing
2.5 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the process for accessing appropriate vaccinations should they choose to do so.	Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing	Health and Social Care Partnership	Ongoing
2.6 Age-appropriate care, welfare and support will be offered to any unaccompanied young person seeking sanctuary.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
<b>3. <u>National Theme - Employability and Welfare*</u></b>			
3.1 All people seeking sanctuary who are eligible to access benefits will be supported to do so upon arrival.	Tackling Poverty	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
3.2 All people seeking sanctuary will be supported to access employment and volunteering opportunities in accordance with their eligibility to do so.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing

<b>4. <u>National Theme - Digital Inclusion</u> *</b>			
4.1 All people seeking sanctuary will be supported to ensure they can access some form of digital device as soon as possible upon arrival.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
4.2 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of options available to them to receive any additional digital learning where required.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
<b>5. <u>Housing</u>*</b>			
5.1 All people seeking sanctuary will be supported in the accommodation that is allocated to them within the relevant resettlement scheme that they are here under.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
5.2 Should an individual's circumstances or status change they will be supported to have their individual accommodation needs assessed and be advised of their available options.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
<b>6. <u>Community and Social Connections</u>*</b>			
6.1 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the social, leisure and sporting opportunities which are available to them. An updated 'Activities Sheet' is co-ordinated by Community Integration Network members.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing

6.2 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the local relevant places of worship and introductory contacts appropriate to them.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
6.3 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the most appropriate public transport options available to them (including access to bicycles if required).	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
6.4 All people seeking sanctuary will be offered the opportunity to participate in the Council's 'Equalities Conversations' programme (shaped around the Place Standard Tool) to share their lived experiences in the local area.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
<b>7. <u>Art, Culture and Sport*</u></b>			
7.1 As per 6.1 above.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
7.2 As per 1.2 above.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Culture Perth and Kinross	Ongoing
7.3 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the process for accessing subsidised Live Active Leisure Compass Membership Cards (for which they are a priority grouping).	Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing	Live Active Leisure	Ongoing

7.4 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of local historical and cultural attractions and how to visit them (where possible to do so introductory visits will be offered).	Working in partnership with communities	In partnership with Culture Perth and Kinross	Ongoing
7.5 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the multi-cultural and wider events programme which take place in the area (many of which are free to attend) and be encouraged to come along. If there is a key date in their own 'cultural' calendar which they may wish to be marked or celebrated support will be offered to consider the most appropriate way to do so.	Working in partnership with communities	Perth & Kinross Council	Ongoing
<b>8. <u>Legal Rights and Citizenship</u> *</b>			
8.1 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of their legal rights in accordance with their status and advised of the support available to them including the local Service Level Agreement with the Ethnic Minorities Law Centre.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	In partnership with Home Office	Ongoing
8.2 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the laws of the land to ensure they don't place themselves at risk of harm, exploitation or illegal actions.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council/Police Scotland	
8.3 All people seeking sanctuary will be advised of the support available to them in relation to hate crime and community safety.	Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people	Perth & Kinross Council/Police Scotland	

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