

REACH UASC Local Offer

Local Offer for Unaccompanied Asylum
Seeking Children & Young People aged 16-25



Welcome

Welcome to the City of Wolverhampton Council's Local Offer for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC).

If you are a young person seeking asylum, we will help you get the support and advice you need!

We would like to welcome all our UASC young people who come to Wolverhampton and will support you to feel safe and secure. We understand that during your journey to the UK you may have faced many challenges and experienced trauma. We are here to make sure that we can provide all the support we can to help you settle into a new environment.

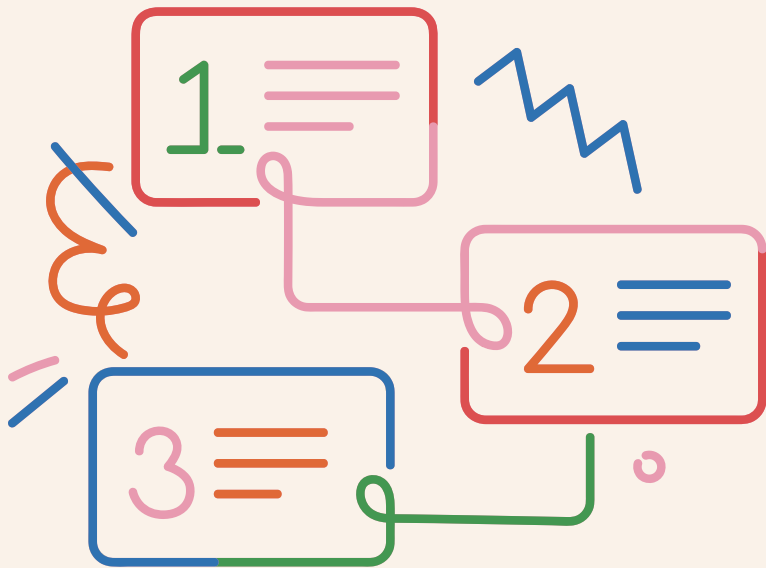
If you are an asylum seeker who is under eighteen, have nowhere to live in the UK and no parents to look after you, and have placed into the care of City of Wolverhampton Council Children's Services, we will look after you and help you to get the support and advice you need.

You will be allocated a Social Worker and Young Persons Advisor, who will work with you to find out about your wishes and feelings. They will provide support and help you to access the services you need such as immigration advice, housing, health, accommodation, and education.

[Click here](#) to understand in more detail what it means to be in care or be a care leaver.

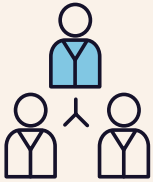


**SUPPORT WITH
THE**



**IMMIGRATION
(ASYLUM) PROCESS**

We will help you to understand the immigration process and provide the necessary support to apply for asylum. We will be with you all through the process and help you find the necessary legal assistance to progress your asylum claim.



If required, we will make sure we have an interpreter at important meetings to make sure you understand what is being said and can translate your words to the people who need to understand what you are saying.

If you require an age assessment, we will help you to understand the process and ensure that you have access to independent representation.



You can view a translation of important words and what they mean by [clicking here](#).

**SUPPORT WE
CAN**



OFFER YOU



If you struggle to communicate in English and you want to improve your skills our Employment, Education and Training (EET) Advisor can support you to identify the best options for education. We have links with the City of Wolverhampton College as well as other providers in the surrounding area who offer English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL for short) courses.

Your Social Worker or Young Persons Advisor will contact the British Red Cross to trace your family, if you have no contact with them.



Your Social Worker or Young Persons Advisor can also help you to get involved in activities or projects for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people so you can meet new people and make friends.



We have a designated **UASC Champion** who specialises in supporting and ensuring the wellbeing of unaccompanied young people seeking asylum. They are available to offer information, advice and guidance. Furthermore, if needed he can signpost you to a range of support services.





We have **UASC Ambassadors** who are young people who have also come to the UK seeking asylum. They understand the difficulties faced by asylum-seeking young people and want to provide support by being available for a chat, running activities to celebrate religious and cultural events, and organising youth clubs or planning trips.

Welcome Pack & City Tour

It can be daunting for any new young asylum seekers coming into the care of City of Wolverhampton Council and therefore, a welcome pack and city walk is available.

All the items for the welcome pack will be in a backpack which can then be used for school or college.

The Welcome Pack includes:

- A welcome letter from the UASC Ambassadors.
- Essential items of clothing, toiletries and a sleep pack. These have kindly been provided by the Separated Child Foundation, which is a charity supporting unaccompanied child refugees.
- The pack is different for males and females and comes in varied sizes.

This pack is a gift from one young person to another. It says:

“You’re not alone. Other have walked this road too. You are welcome here.”

The guided walk around the City Centre is particularly useful if you will be living in Wolverhampton. It is an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the area. The walk includes visits to the Art Gallery, Central Library, the Refugee & Migrant Centre and WV Active Central Baths.

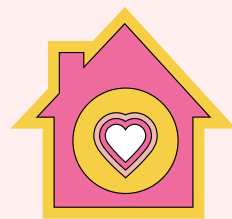
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CONTACTS

The Refugee & Migrant Centre - Black Country & Birmingham.

Provides casework, advice and guidance on immigration, housing/homelessness, welfare, education and health. They also provide English classes and support with citizenship and employment.



Address: 1st Floor Roma Parva, 9 Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4NB.

[Click to visit the website.](#)

Migrant Help.

Provides free asylum support, safeguarding advice, and referrals. There is also access to a 24/7 helpline for asylum seekers including UASC.



[Click to visit the website.](#)

British Red Cross

Provides advice and support to help find missing family as well as one to one casework, one-off support and information and signposting on where to get help.



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Refugee Council - Children & Young People.

Provide asylum and welfare support, help children who have been trafficked and support those whose age is in dispute.



[Click to visit the website.](#)

Refugee Council - My View Children's Therapy

My View Children's Therapy service provides a safe confidential space for young people to get well-being support.



[Click to visit the website.](#)

CORAM Children's Legal Centre.

Provides legal representation and advice.



[Click to visit the website.](#)

CORUM Children's Legal Centre - The Migrant Children's Project.

The Migrant Children's Project provides one-to-one legal advice on issues affecting children subject to immigration control.



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Refugee Council - Children & Young People.

Provide help and advice for refugees and asylum seekers on issues, including the asylum process and how to access support.



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