

Migration news roundup 18 July 2022

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View of Houses of Parliament from bridge over river Thames

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Stories that inspired us this week

[Mears Foundation have partnered with local engineering firm AESSEAL in Rotherham to provide 800 mobile phones to people seeking asylum](#), to help them stay connected with families and services. (Source: Rotherham Advertiser)

An online watercolour [exhibition of migrant workers on a UK strawberry farm](#) by Sarah Hannis illustrates the tasks carried out by migrant workers during the summer. Sarah Hannis previously captured the experiences of migrant workers during the winter. (Source: MERL)

UK borders and migration policy

On the topic of relocating people seeking asylum to Rwanda, [all the Conservative leadership candidates have stated they would retain the Rwanda policy](#). The [court decision on the Rwanda scheme's legality was due in July but will now take place in September](#). It is not clear whether the Home Office will attempt to press ahead with flights before then. Despite [Home Office plans for people seeking asylum identified for removal to Rwanda to be electronically tagged](#), in most cases the devices have not been fitted following bail judge rulings. [A new commentary which considers the Home Office Country Policy and Information Notes on Rwanda has](#) been published, challenging the adequacy of the Rwandan asylum system. (Sources: inews, Sky News, Independent, Asylos, Home Office)

[The Royal Navy considers withdrawing from its role overseeing operations in the Channel](#), arguing that since they got involved they have not seen a decrease in numbers of small boats. (Source: the Guardian)

[The Home Office intends to end section 95 support for people seeking asylum who are declared inadmissible](#). Whilst they may be eligible for section 4 support, this raises destitution concerns. (Source: Home Office)

[A British resident with indefinite leave to remain in the UK, who gave birth in Jamaica, is unable to return to the UK with her baby](#) as the Home Office refused a visa for the child arguing that the baby has an 'established life' in Jamaica. (Source: Home Office)

Specific migrant groups

[Sir Mo Farah has revealed in a documentary that he was trafficked to the UK as a child. The Home Office have stated they will not take action against Sir Mo, while police are investigating the couple accused of holding Sir Mo in domestic servitude.](#) Under the new Nationality and Borders Act [it will be harder for victims of trafficking to be recognised if there is a delay](#) in coming forward. (Sources: BBC, the Guardian)

On EU nationals, [up to the end of June 2022, about 6.7 million applications have been submitted under the EUSS](#), including nearly 650,000 made after the initial deadline of June 2021. A survey by the Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) has found [25% of applicants did not receive a Certificate of Application immediately after submitting their EUSS application](#). Home Office guidance now states [comprehensive sickness insurance \(CSI\) is no longer required for naturalisation](#) applications. (Sources: Home Office, IMA, Free Movement)

On Children and Young People, [the House of Lords passed Baroness Ludford's Bill which will allow child refugees and parents to reunite in the UK](#). The Department for Education (DfE) published [an update on school placements for children from Ukraine, Afghanistan and Hong Kong](#). The data reveals that for children from Hong Kong over 700 school applications have been submitted in the Yorkshire and Humber region, 7% of the national figure. [Schools across York have welcomed at least 44 children from Ukraine, 8 from Afghanistan and 34 from Hong Kong](#). Highlighting the lifechanging difference fostering can bring, [Freddie Flintoff's new cricket series, 'Field of Dreams', features an unaccompanied young person who is seeking asylum and his foster carers](#). (Sources: Refugee Council, DfE, York Press, BBC iPlayer)

Cohesion and integration

[Getty Images has launched a free online archive of Black History & Culture in the UK](#) and the USA, to raise awareness of black history stories dating back to the 19th century. (Source: the Guardian)

['Dear Bradford' is a 21-minute documentary featuring Farhaan and his relationship with his hometown](#), as a person of South Asian Muslim heritage. (Source: the Guardian)

[Musician Angela Moran spotlights stories of Irish migration to Birmingham from the 1950's to the present day, including discrimination often experienced by earlier Irish generations, in this 1-hour documentary'](#). (Source: BBC iPlayer)

International news

[Lebanon has decided to negotiate with Syria on 'refugee repatriation'](#), claiming the war in Syria has ended and the country is now safe. (Source: Arab News)

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