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The Restricted Eligibility Support Service (RESS)

Boaz, Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit and Booth Centre are working in partnership to deliver floating support and immigration advice for people who have restricted eligibility for public funds because of their immigration status and are facing, or are at risk of, homelessness. With years of experience supporting people in Greater Manchester who are in this position, our partnership provides person-led, strengths based floating support alongside immigration and asylum advice from certified advisors. While the Service does not include accommodation provision, we are able to support people to find accommodation elsewhere where possible.

In addition, we can provide training and peer support to other frontline professionals in Greater Manchester who are working with people facing barriers because of their immigration status.

Eligibility Criteria

This service is for Non-UK Nationals with restricted eligibility for public funds because of their immigration status, including people with unknown status, NRPf restrictions or Pre-settled status.

- You should be at imminent risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness.
- You should be a non-UK national with restricted or uncertain eligibility for public funds because of your immigration status (or lack thereof).
- You should be over the age of 18.
- You should be currently located in one of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester.

Please note that couples can be referred as well as single people and offending history is not a barrier.

Referrals

Referrals to the Restricted Eligibility Support Service can be made online [here](#). Referrals can be made by individuals seeking help for themselves, or by any agency in Greater Manchester supporting a person that fits the criteria. If you are unable to use the link above, enquiries can be emailed to ress.referrals-gm@boothcentre.org.uk.

Advice and Training for professionals

We believe the only way to tackle homelessness amongst the community in Greater Manchester is to work together with other agencies and non-UK nationals experiencing homelessness themselves. We are available to any professional wanting advice and support, contact ress.referrals-gm@boothcentre.org.uk.

If you would like to access training to improve how your team supports non-UK nationals with restricted eligibility, please contact RESS@gmiau.org with subject heading 'Training'.

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A note on 'Restricted Eligibility'

A person with restricted eligibility (including those with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)) can face barriers to accessing housing, welfare support, healthcare and other publicly funded services. Immigration issues that restrict eligibility can include, for example, a refused asylum claim, problems with the EU Settlement Scheme, an expired visa or an NRPF condition on their visa.



Booth Centre

We work in partnership with many organisations including the Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit and Boaz, and a range of other agencies at the Centre such as Shelter, MCC, Urban Village Medical Practice and a benefits advisor to help people with restricted eligibility or immigration issues access the right support and maintain their accommodation. We offer a range of activities, including employment support, arts activities and an inclusive volunteering programme. We also provide a reconnection service to help people who want to return to friends or family in a European country. People receiving support from the floating support service will be able to access our existing service and have 1-1 support provided to them from a dedicated support worker.

boaztrust

We provide specialist support and shared accommodation for people who have become homeless because of their immigration status. Boaz Accommodation is for people who are homeless after claiming asylum in the UK, usually after receiving a decision on their asylum claim (either granted refugee status or refused asylum). Through Floating Support, we work with people from a wider range of immigration backgrounds, from non-EU countries, who have restricted eligibility for services due to their current immigration status (including people who have been through the asylum process). We provide holistic support including facilitating access to legal advice, practical help to relieve destitution, and other specialist support, advice and signposting.



GMIAU has been for over 30 years the lead charity in the North West providing free legal immigration advice, representation and support services to people in need due to their immigration status. We focus in particular on providing advice and representation to people who are the most at risk of homelessness, violence or exploitation. We have a team of qualified solicitors and immigration caseworkers who work alongside support workers to offer focussed and effective solutions to people whose lives are severely impacted by their immigration situation.

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