

## **Supporting People with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)**

In general, people who are seeking asylum, or who are otherwise undocumented with no legal status will have no recourse to public funds ('NRPF'). This means they are not eligible to receive benefits, they have restricted access to healthcare and are not eligible for housing support from the District or Borough local authority. They also might not be eligible for other specialist support if services or organisations have specified criteria that relates to immigration status.

[NRPF Network](#) provides a range of useful information and resources with further information.

### **Checking immigration status – NRPF Connect**

Hertfordshire County Council has access to NRPF Connect, a database on which it can view a person's immigration status. If you are working with someone whose immigration status is unclear and finding out their status would help, HCC may be able to clarify whether or not the person has recourse to public funds. This is subject to appropriate consent being obtained. Contact [jo.taylor2@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jo.taylor2@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or [zarrine.dye@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:zarrine.dye@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### **HCC advice for professionals and volunteers supporting people with NRPF**

The Hertfordshire County Council Strategic Partnerships Team can provide advice to help professionals and volunteers who are supporting those with NRPF. Email: [strategic.partnership@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.partnership@hertfordshire.gov.uk) to discuss cases you are working with that have precarious immigration status, where guidance and peer support is required and for advice on whether someone would be eligible for Social Care support as well as guidance on signposting to other support options.

### **Local authority duties**

Local authorities and public services retain their [usual statutory duties](#) towards those with NRPF status, for example in relation to education, safeguarding the welfare of children, young people leaving care and vulnerable adults.

Hertfordshire is a 2-tier local authority, but guidance often references 'Local Authority duties' as applicable to a unitary authority. In Hertfordshire the ten Districts & Boroughs hold statutory responsibility for housing duties whilst Hertfordshire County Council holds statutory responsibility for education, public health plus children's and adults safeguarding duties. The Home Office retains [Human Rights duties](#).