

# **A report by Leeds Health Access Team detailing the health impacts of destitution amongst 'failed' asylum seekers in Leeds, March 2006**

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## **Aims**

The purpose of the report was to inform the Leeds NEPCT directors and managers of the increased issue of destitution among 'failed' asylum seekers in Leeds.

## **Methodology**

The report is based on data gathered by the Health Access Team on destitute clients.

## **Key issues**

The report addresses the issue of defining who is destitute and hidden homelessness and reviews estimates of destitute asylum seekers in Leeds. Reasons for a recent rise in estimated numbers are discussed, including changes to Section 4 support, and the Section 9 pilot. Areas of concern and health implications are outlined: rough sleeping, staying with friends or community, Section 4 support, pregnancy, families, restrictions on entitlement to primary and secondary NHS health care, and mental health. Organisations and initiatives working to address the issue of destitution among asylum seekers in Leeds are listed.

## **Recommendations**

The report makes a series of recommendations to the Board of the NEPCT to address concerns about the health implications of asylum and health policy for failed asylum seekers and their children.

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