

# **Mono-cultural communities and the effect on asylum / immigration seekers in Humberside**

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## **Aims**

The research aimed to explore if the dispersal of refugees and / or asylum seekers to relatively 'mono-cultural' communities, such as those in Humberside, can work.

## **Methodology**

The research, undertaken between August and September 2000 in Hull, analysed secondary sources and undertook 11 semi-structured interviews with statutory, private and voluntary sector representatives, six interviews with refugees and asylum seekers, one focus group with 'local' people and five with refugees and asylum seekers.

## **Key issues**

The report considers refugee and asylum seekers' attitudes about measures within the Immigration and Asylum Act [1999]; experiences of and responses to the communities refugees and asylum seekers make and inhabit; and whether dispersal to mono-cultural communities can work. The report argues that dispersal to Humberside is unlikely to work due to lack of employment opportunities; lack of existing ethnic and national social networks; lack of appropriate legal support with asylum applications; and lack of established institutionalised structures of support tailored to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers.

## **Conclusions**

The resettlement of refugees and asylum seekers to contexts such as Humberside is unlikely to work for a number of reasons.

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