# Age Assessments and Age Disputes

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## **Policy and Guidance**

This section provides information on policy and guidance on age assessments and age disputes.

- Home Office provides <u>policy guidance on age assessments</u> (recent version released November 2024). You can also refer to Association of Directors of Children's Service (ADCS) guidance which informs on how to undertake high quality age assessment.
- Home Office sets out <u>guidance on the procedures to follow when the age of an immigration</u> <u>detainee is disputed.</u> (recent version released March 2023)

### Resources

You can find different resources on age assessments and age disputes here.

- BASW have written a new best practice guide for social workers undertaking age assessments. You can download it here.
- ISWS have designed a useful free guide & resource pack for those undertaking age assessments. You can download it here.
  - ADCS provides <u>age assessment information sharing proforma</u> which is useful for professional conducting age assessment.
  - CORAM Children's legal centre provides a useful factsheet on age assessment.
- Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit provides <u>young people's guide to the age</u> <u>assessment process</u>.

• <u>Children's Society Refugee Toolkit</u> offers resources that informs the needs, rights and entitlements of young refugees and asylum seekers. Right to Remain also provides a <u>useful</u> toolkit to explain the stages of a young person's asylum journey.

Migration Yorkshire provides <u>a list of available solicitors to support the young people with</u>
<u>their asylum claim</u>

## Training

We offer a range of training where we discuss age assessments and age disputes. Please check our <u>Events & Training page</u> for updated training courses. If you would like to commission us to deliver our 'Welcoming & Supporting Young Refugees training' please contact us on: wyr@migrationyorkshire.org.uk

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