

# Kirklees Refugee Forum event. The rights of women seeking asylum: a charter. Women's discussion group.

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## Aims

This is a report of an event to gain a snapshot of the issues affecting women in Kirklees with a focus on financial support and accommodation.

## Methodology

17 women attended the informal event including women seeking asylum, those refused, those who had been granted refugee status and support workers.

## Key issues

Main issues that arose on the day were: shared accommodation for mother and babies; Section 4 vouchers causing embarrassment and restricting choice and financial creativity; access to education and lack of childcare, and women with no recourse to public funds and domestic violence.

## Recommendations

The report identifies solutions aimed at central and local government and a range of agencies that relate to Section 4 vouchers, funding for college courses, crèche provision, separate accommodation for families, and location of Section 4 housing.

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