

## National Transfer Scheme (NTS) for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)

The National Transfer Scheme (NTS) is a scheme for Local Authorities to support Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC), to share the caring responsibilities across the Country. Under the scheme, a child arriving in one Local Authority (LA) area, already under strain caring for UASC; (above an agreed threshold of 0.07% of the population) may be transferred to another LA with capacity. Lincolnshire is part of this scheme and will accept an agreed number of additional young people into the care of the LA. The coordination and acceptance of young people is managed by a National Rota and is administered by the East Midlands Regional Strategic Migration Partnership (SMP) and Lincolnshire joins the rota with partners across the region. Please see also the [UASC Procedure](#)

If a placement is required then Lincolnshire will have no more than 10 days in which to respond to the request. The process should therefore not exceed 10 days

The lead officer for the NTS in Lincolnshire is the Corporate Parenting Manager (CPM). When the NTS rota dictates, the following is the procedure Lincolnshire will follow

1. CPM and Commissioning are notified by Strategic Migration Partnership (SMP) that Lincolnshire is soon to be required to accept young people on the NTS

2. E-mail sent to the following NTS core group to book a planning meeting:  
Front door (to be confirmed);  
LACSouthDuty [LACSouthDuty@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:LACSouthDuty@lincolnshire.gov.uk);  
FPDutyDesk [FPDutyDesk@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:FPDutyDesk@lincolnshire.gov.uk);  
Locate [office@locateaccommodation.co.uk](mailto:office@locateaccommodation.co.uk)

3. CPM and commissioning team will attend a meeting with SMP to gather details of the young people on the NTS rota with the region

4. CPM and Commissioning organise a call / meeting within 24 hours with the NTS Core group;

- In this meeting the groups will consider the YP profiles and discuss service capacity and needs for placements;
- The NTS Core Group decides which service areas will be accepting referrals

5. CPM and commissioning respond to the request for placements via the SMP;

- CPM and commissioning notify SMP of the key names of officers and service areas who will be coordinating and accepting the young people into Lincolnshire from Kent Intake Unit (KIU);
- Front door representative will advise CSC that KIU will be in contact via CSC and that these referrals should be passed to the screening team for them to be accepted and allocated to CiC South

6. SMP liaise with KIU and pass over all details of key officers and placement address for them to make contact with Lincolnshire

7. KIU directed to front door to refer and are referred to CiC teams via allocation to coordinate transport of young people to Lincolnshire address as given by Locate or Fostering teams.

8. 10 days pass and YP arrives safely in Lincolnshire