



Request

1. Amount of migrants/refugees taken in by Wigan as a whole and amount taken by Hindley specifically.
2. Are refugees/migrants being prioritized for council housing seeing as people being told no houses are available but then amazingly migrants get the housing.

Response

This isn't data that we hold. The Home Office oversee the processing of asylum seekers who are housed by the Home Office. Once an Asylum claim has been approved the individual would move to refugee status which means they are legally entitled to remain in the UK and settle wherever they choose.

Housing applications are assessed in accordance with Wigan Council's Allocation policy. Migrants/refugees are not awarded priority points based on their nationality or ethnicity, points are awarded based on housing need and an applicant's individual circumstances. All applicants need to provide documentation showing they are eligible to apply for social housing if they are not a British Citizen.