



From January 2022 up to date

Part 1

1. Can you please provide details of all council initiatives and programmes funded for the purpose of refugee settlement and comfort in the council area (for example, local events, classes, cultural events, entertainment, book provision)

Wigan has only a very small number of individuals / families that are part of the ARAP Settlement cohort.

Can you break this down by initiative, cost, and if possible, who provided the service on behalf of the council (if external)

No specific cultural/ entertainment events have been provided exclusively for this cohort.

I am particular interest in cultural & entertainment events

2. For each of the above, can you specify where the funding was sourced from: that is was it money from the council, or claimed from central government through a refugee support scheme
3. Can you please provide yearly total of council spend for the purpose of refugee settlement and comfort in the council area

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Part 2

1. How much money has the council claimed/received from central government for the purpose of refugee settlement and comfort in the council area

In relation to the schemes identified in this FOI the Council has received £85,500.

For example, under the schemes:

- United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme (UKRS)
- Mandate Resettlement Scheme
- Community Sponsorship Scheme
- Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP)
- Afghanistan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme

2. What was the total funds received?

£85,500 ARAP 2024/25

Please can you break this down by scheme, and by year, with totals provided for each year?