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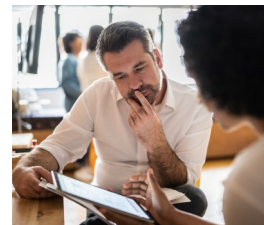
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HOMES FOR UKRAINE: LATEST REGIONAL FIGURES

As of Tuesday 11 April, the total number of arrivals in the East Midlands region is 6,730.

This data relates to Ukraine Family Scheme and Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme: visa data published by the Home Office.

Across the UK, the total number of Ukraine Scheme visa applications received is 284,200, the total number of Ukraine Scheme visas issued is 225,300, and the total number of approvals is 170,600.

Visa data by country, upper and lower tier local authority is available here:

| | Number of visa applications | Number of visas issued | Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Derby | 270 | 221 | 179 |
| Derbyshire | 1776 | 1568 | 1346 |
| Leicester | 250 | 181 | 148 |
| Leicestershire | 1364 | 1178 | 982 |
| Lincoln | 173 | 139 | 118 |
| Lincolnshire | 1648 | 1401 | 1137 |
| North Northamptonshire | 819 | 694 | 581 |
| Nottingham | 400 | 324 | 253 |
| Nottinghamshire | 1529 | 1302 | 1076 |
| Rutland | 179 | 163 | 139 |
| West Northamptonshire | 1,110 | 919 | 771 |
| TOTALS | 9518 | 8090 | 6730 |

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VOTER ID RESOURCES

From May, residents will need to bring photo ID with them to in order vote in an election. A guide has been produced by the Electoral Commission for councils and residents which includes information on what ID will be accepted and the process of applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Please also note, the deadline to register to vote is next **Monday 17 April**.

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REMINDER: UK EMERGENCY ALERT

SUNDAY 23 APRIL — 3PM

The Cabinet Office has launched a new system that will give the Government and emergency services the capability to send an alert directly to mobile phones when there is a risk to life. A UK-wide alerts test will take place on **Sunday 23 April at 3pm**, which will see people receive a test message on their mobile phones.

The Emergency Alerts system will allow government to get urgent messages quickly to nearly 90 per cent of mobile phones in a defined area. The alerts will only ever come from the Government or emergency services, and they will issue a warning, the details of the area impacted, and instructions about how best to respond.

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LAHF: GRANT DETERMINATIONS FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS

The Local Authority Housing Fund is a £500m capital grant fund in financial years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to support selected local authorities in England to obtain and refurbish property in order to provide sustainable housing for those unable to secure their own accommodation who are here under the following schemes:

- Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)
- Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP)
- Ukraine Family Scheme
- The Homes for Ukraine
- Ukraine Extension Scheme

| LAHF Final Grant Determinations | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Leicester City | £578,739.00 |
| Lincoln City | £230,250.00 |
| Boston Borough | £207,450.00 |
| Derbyshire Dales | £610,870.00 |
| Harborough | £520,848.00 |
| High Peak | £370,140.00 |
| Newark and Sherwood | £366,557.00 |
| North Northants | £970,315.00 |
| South Kesteven | £629,625.00 |
| West Northants | £1,119,380.00 |
| TOTALS | £5,604,174.00 |

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THE BIG HELP OUT

The Big Help Out is launching on the 8 May as part of the King's Coronation. It is an initiative to celebrate the people who are already volunteering, and encourage those who want to get started, to make a difference in their communities.

The public launch for local government's involvement in the Big Help Out will be happening on the 24 April.

On this date Neighbourly Lab, which is partnering with the Big Help Out to deliver sector support, is encouraging councils to share what they are planning to do on their social media and communications channels.

Neighbourly Lab is also having fortnightly drop-in Q&A sessions to come together, discuss plans, network and ask questions about the initiative. The next session will be on 27 April.

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EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To support our member councils following the elections, East Midlands Councils is providing a comprehensive and value for money Councillor Development Programme, complementing the in-house learning provided by your own local authority.

Bookings are now open for the first sessions within our 2023 Programme, starting with a virtual **Chairing Skills** session on 25th May from 6pm – 8.30pm.

Our **Role as a Civic Head** session at Rushcliffe Borough Council on 7th June, is the perfect way to understand the role and learn some key tips and strategies.

At our **Planning Reform** event on 22nd June in Leicester you will benefit from an update on the Government's planning reform agenda and the future role of local planning authorities.

And before the summer break, we have also provided an opportunity for our new members to network together and be informed by experienced councillors and officers in our **"hitting the ground"** running session on 14th July in Nottinghamshire.

Information about the programme from September onwards, will be released in due course.

Find out more about our planned sessions and reserve your space:

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