

‘Supporting the commissioning of provision to meet the health and wellbeing needs of people seeking asylum’

Yorkshire and the Humber Migrant Health Webinar

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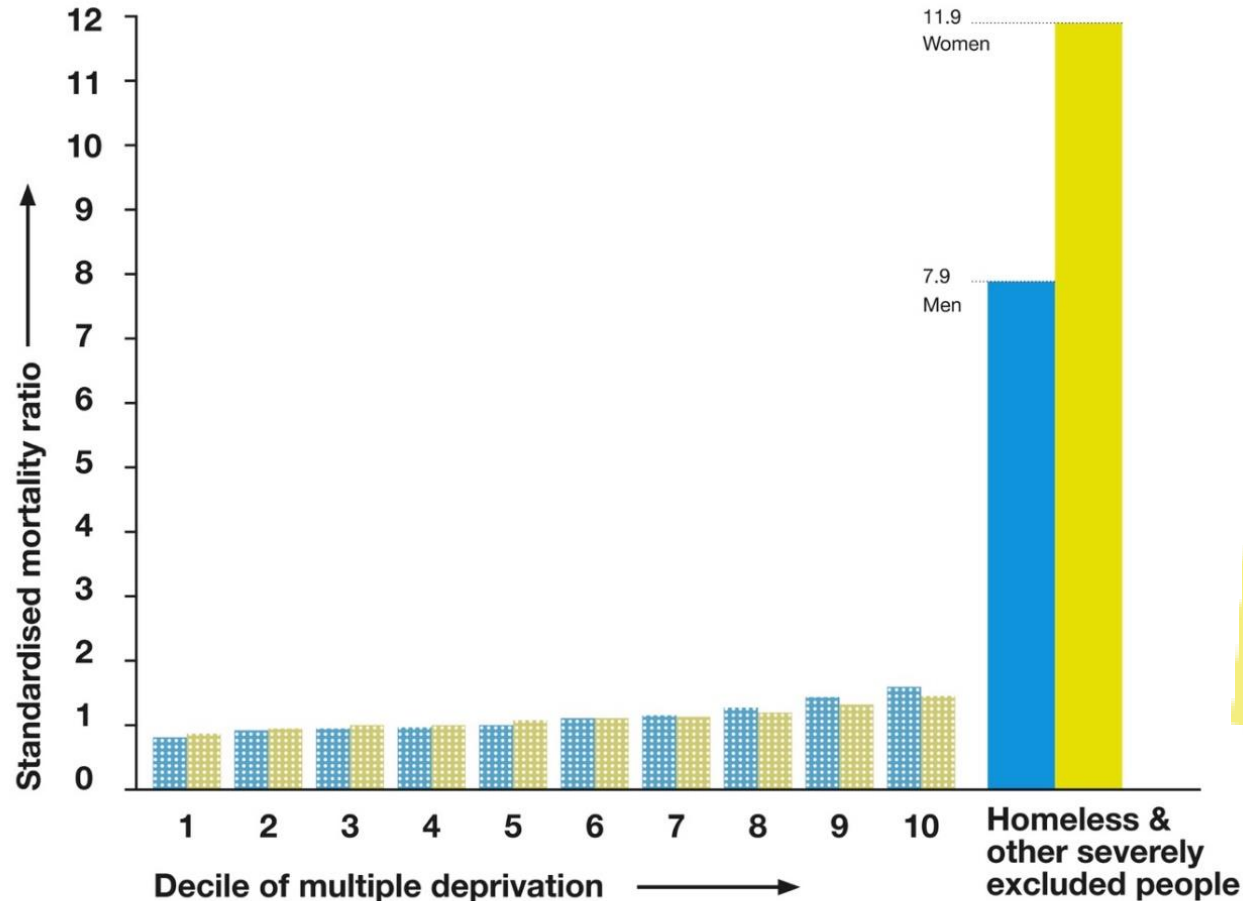
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Mortality and multiple exclusion: the cliff edge effect



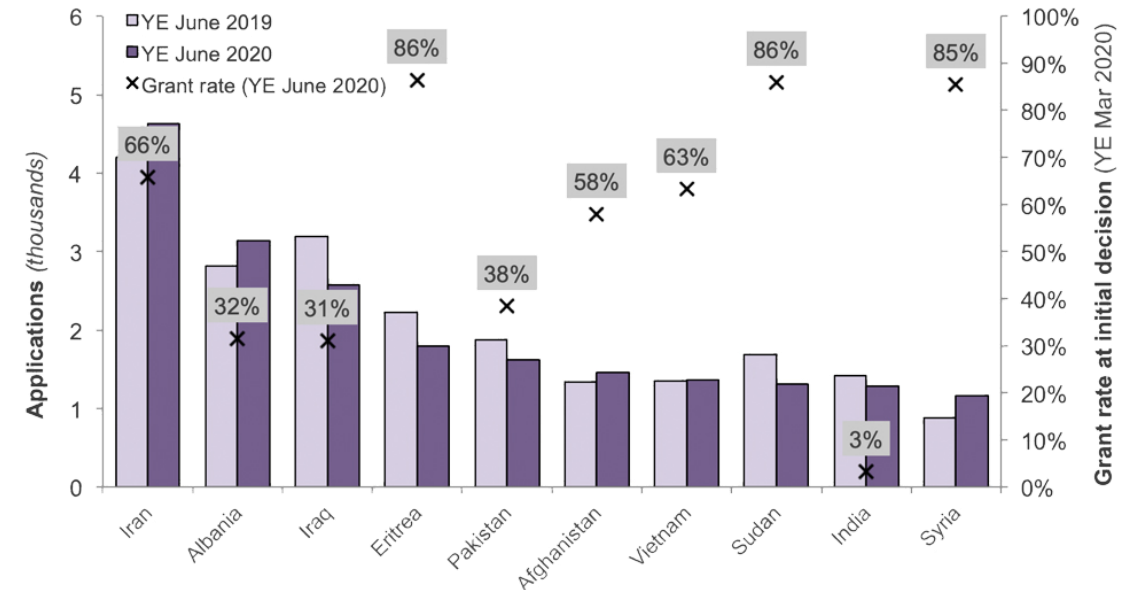
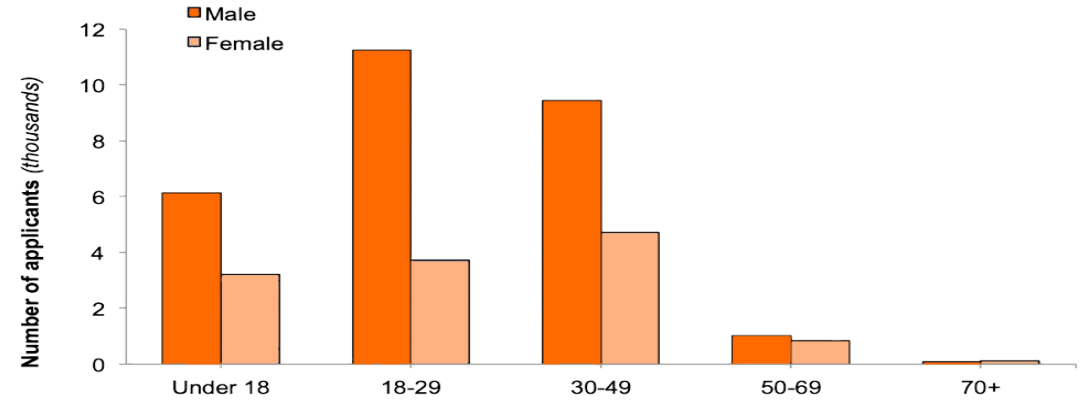
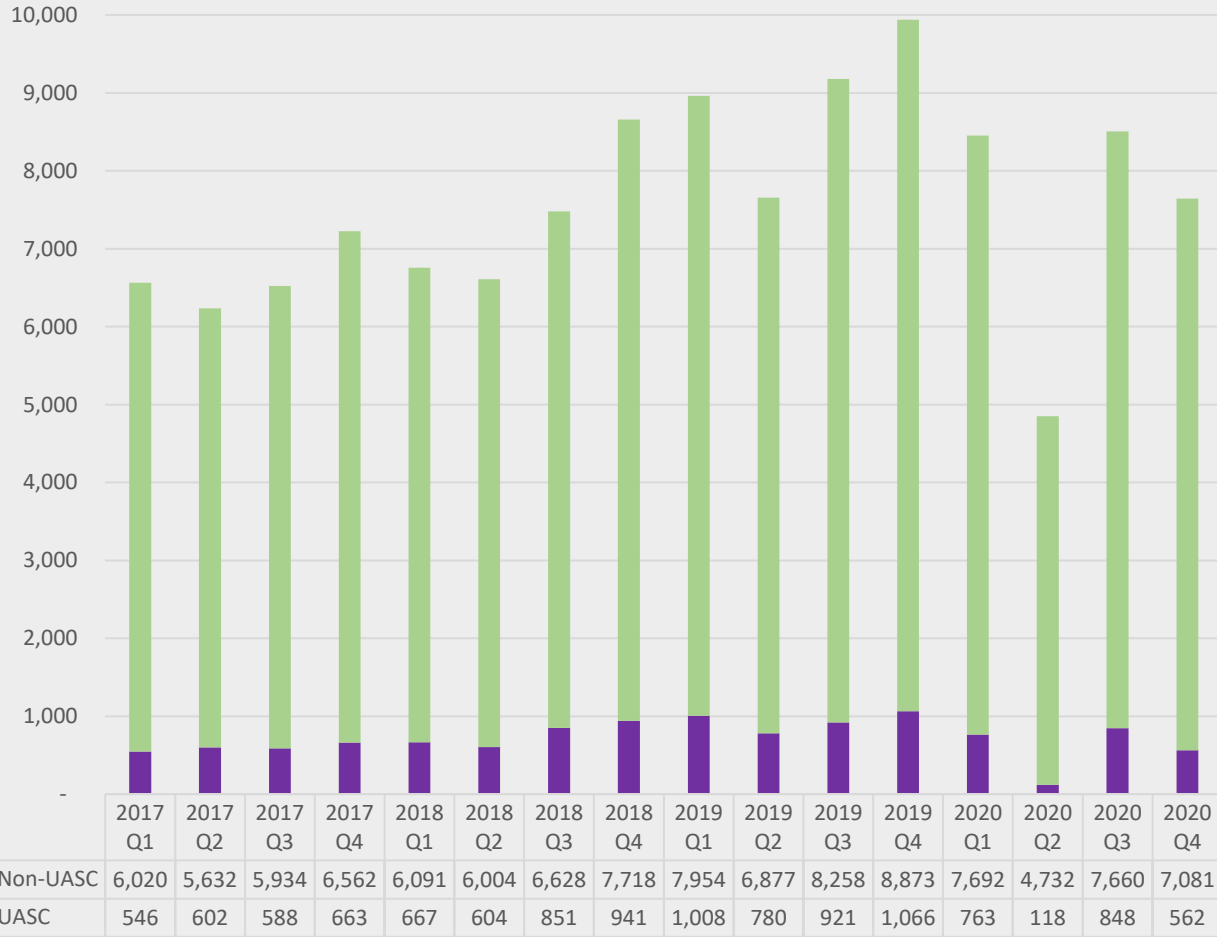
Deaths by underlying cause, deprivation decile areas, 5 year age groups and sex, England and Wales, 1981 to 2015.
Populations by deprivation decile areas, 5 year age groups and sex, England and Wales, 2001 to 2015.

COVID 19

1. Average age of death homeless 44 years vs average 78 years (pre- COVID)
2. Disproportionate/ Further Impact of COVID
3. Increased homelessness
4. Child and family poverty
5. Mental health
6. Impact of further trauma
7. 1.4 million 'vulnerable migrants' – EU exit
8. Negative impacts on wider determinants of health

Key Facts:

Asylum applications over time



Background:

- Ministerial decision to pause all moves out of supported accommodation at the start of lockdown resulted in supported asylum population increasing by 15% nationally
- C.9500 supported asylum seekers accommodated in Initial Contingency / Hotels nationally – c.50% in London but also across the NE and Y & H.
- Accommodation moves for those with Leave to Remain in the UK resumed from September 2020
- No moves on Negative Decisions still

Objectives:

- Move supported asylum seekers from hotels into Dispersed Accommodation and divest use of hotels and other IA/Contingency
- All accommodation to meet AASC standards and supported asylum seekers to be accommodated in safe, secure accommodation and in liaison with LAs, Police and other statutory services

Operationalised:

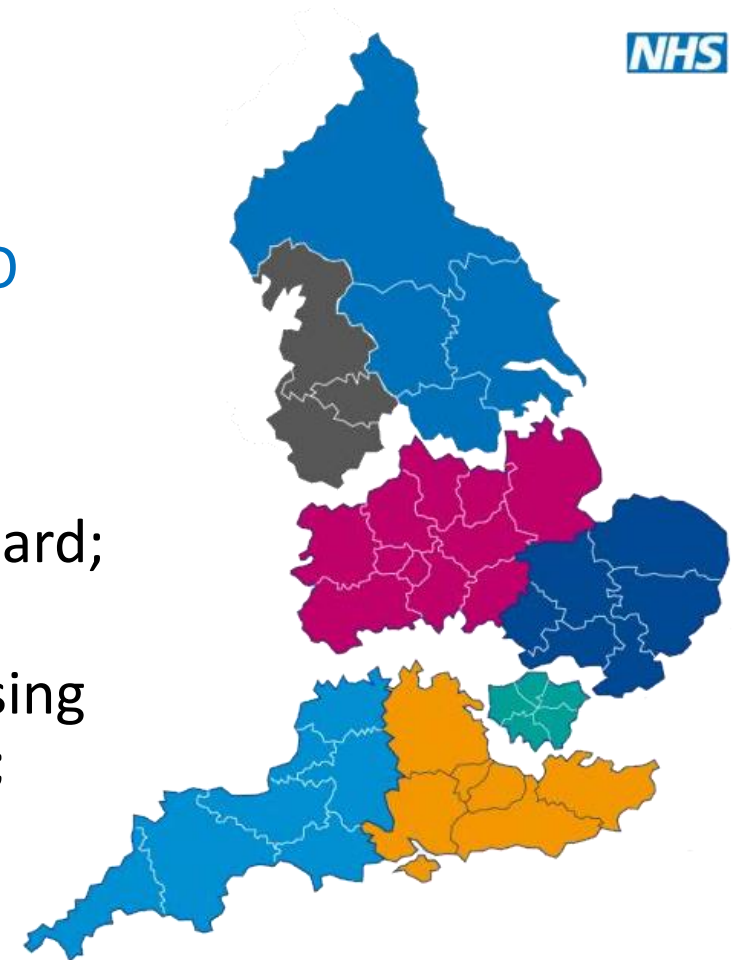
- Supported by Deloitte - Timeline between March to June / 2021



NHSE/I Strategy and Regional Support



- New Director of health Inequalities
- Health Inequalities Programme Phase 3 & 4
- 8 urgent actions
- Equalities and Health Inequality Network and [#teamCNO](#)
- Named PHE and NHSE/I Leads
- Key programmes
 - Primary Care Access; PCN Training; GP Registration Card; Expectation of Housing Providers;
 - Covid Vaccine – JCVI & Mobilising Guidance; Addressing vaccine Hesitancy; Toolkits DOTW; Outreach Models;
- National Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Scope



- Impacts on health, wellbeing and safeguarding
 - Access to Health care
 - GP registration
 - Maternity
 - Child Health and Wellbeing
 - Health & Wellbeing outcomes
 - Maternal health
 - Child health
 - Mental health
 - Disability
 - Safeguarding and vulnerability
 - Contextual issues that increase risk



- System Findings
 - Asylum process, contingency and next steps
 - National leadership
 - Data flow
 - Communication
 - National Specifications
 - Health
 - Home Office
 - Policy alignment



Next Steps:

- Draft recommendations from scope
 - To establish National Steering Group
 - Key workstreams;
 - Systems Leadership Roles and Responsibilities;
 - Data flow/ communication;
 - Initial health assessments/primary care new patient checks;
 - Mental; maternal and child health pathways;
 - Training for all key stakeholders
- Present finding to National Safeguarding Steering Group
- Vulnerable migrants & no recourse to public funds



Resources:

- NHS Futures Platform - Equalities and Health Inequality Network: Great network and links to national resources and information. Includes twice monthly newsletter Register on www.future.nhs.uk
- The Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health has produced Homeless and Inclusion Health Standards for Commissioners and Service Providers , which, in addition to detailing the healthcare interventions that should be provided, also usefully discuss the importance of healthcare staff working creatively and flexibly to support them
- Doctors of the World Safer Surgeries initiative: DOTW can provide support and training to GP surgeries who are able to commit to improving access to groups such as vulnerable migrants who find accessing primary care a challenge. They have a comprehensive toolkit to support surgeries in working with vulnerable migrants.
- The Migrant Health Guide is a free-to-use, online resource designed to support primary care practitioners in caring for patients who have come to the UK from overseas.
- The BMA have produced a refugee and asylum seeker patient health toolkit which is very comprehensive resource and discusses the health issues facing these populations and how to overcome the barriers they face in accessing healthcare.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination>
- (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-the-health-and-social-care-secretary-on-covid-19-vaccination-phase-1-advice/letter-from-the-health-and-social-care-secretary-to-the-jcvi-11-march-2021>)
- COVID-19 Cohort 6 Homeless – Mobilisation Guide v1 (12th March 2021), **publication imminent**
- DCMS COVID-19 Vaccine Comms Pack , this covers: Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations
- Cabinet Office Stakeholder and Influencer Toolkit v10 (19th Feb 2021), **publication imminent**. [Link to 30th December 2020 version](#)

