

### 35671 Afghan Refugees

Since the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan on 15th August 2021, how many Afghan refugees have been resettled in the City of Edinburgh Council area?

(This can be via the Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy or other official channels.)

The City of Edinburgh Council has not yet permanently resettled any Afghan refugees but expects to resettle its first households later this month.

Of those who have arrived in the City of Edinburgh Council area to date (January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022), how many Afghan refugees are still living in hotel accommodation?

The Council has supported two cohorts of refugees in temporary bridging accommodation. The first cohort of 75 arrived in September 2021 of whom 55 are still in hotel accommodation in Edinburgh. The second cohort arrived on various dates during January 2022 and currently numbers 89. The Council is therefore currently supporting 144 Afghan refugees in temporary bridging hotel accommodation.