

62148 Transport and Operational Costs Related to Asylum and Refugee Accommodation

Total spend on transport (school buses, taxis, etc.) for asylum seeker and refugee households in the last three financial years.

Any other operational costs (e.g. translation services, security, cleaning) directly linked to asylum accommodation.

The Council is unable to quantify total spend for asylum seeker/refugee households as it does not seek or hold information on residency status outwith specialist services. The Council does not incur operational costs directly linked to asylum accommodation as provision of asylum accommodation in Scotland is the responsibility of the Home Office and its contracted provider Mears Group.

Although not accounting for the total transport spend on asylum and refugee households, the Council can confirm the following expenditure on transport for households resettled under UK Government resettlement schemes (Syrian, Afghan, United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme (UKRS)):

2025/26 - £82,055.43

2024/25 - £40,081.71

2023/24 - £25,515.56

This expenditure is covered in its entirety by funds received from the Home Office for resettlement activities.