Research at the Refugee Council

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About the Refugee Council

o Founded in 1951 in response to the UN Convention for Refugees

o For 68 years, we have been **providing support and advice to refugees & people seeking asylum**. We currently do this through:

- ➤ Integration Services
- ➤ Resettlement
- ➤ Therapeutic Services
- ➤ Children's Services
- ➤ Destitution and Access to Health Services

o We also work to improve policy and practice through our **Advocacy and Engagement team**

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Advocacy & Engagement

Advocacy

Policy

Research

Parliament

Advocacy Network

Engagement

Campaigns

Media

RCOs

How we work

Private dialogue

- Decision makers
- Those with formal role to scrutinise
- Joint partnership work
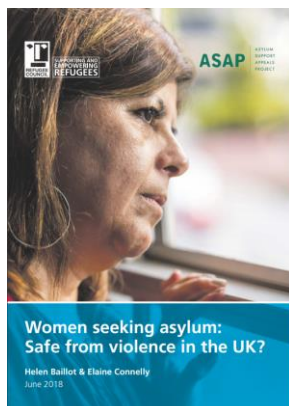
Parliamentary work

- Parliamentarians
- APPG for Refugees
- Select Committees

Public campaigning

- Mobilising the public
- Media
- Supporter engagement

Our research

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Our research

- *Women seeking asylum: Safe from violence in the UK?* 2018

- *Refugees without refuge,* 2017

- *England's forgotten refugees,* 2016

- *28 days later: Experiences of new refugees in the UK,* 2014

Policy successes

o New safeguards for women seeking asylum at risk of domestic abuse

o New start date for the move-on period

o National Insurance Numbers now printed on Biometric Residence Permits

Our process

o Liaise with our services to identify trends

o Assess whether research is needed and valuable at this point
  ➢ What are others in the sector doing?
  ➢ Do we have robust operational evidence to speak out?
  ➢ What would the impact of potential change be on our clients?
  ➢ How successful have we been with private advocacy?

o Collecting data and meeting participants

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Informed consent

- Tailored informed consent form per research project and for case studies

- Focus on practical applications of use of data

- Anonymising and proactive discussions around risk

- Checking back afterwards with the client

- Support participant's agency through the process

Archiving data

o Only archive final products

o Do not reuse data

o Store raw data in password protected files and delete after project completion

Thank you

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