Research at the Refugee Council

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About the Refugee Council

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

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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

- New safeguards for women seeking asylum at risk of domestic abuse
- New start date for the move-on period
- National Insurance Numbers now printed on Biometric Residence Permits
Our process

- Liaise with our services to identify trends
- 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?
- Collecting data and meeting participants
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

- Only archive final products
- Do not reuse data
- Store raw data in password protected files and delete after project completion
Thank you

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