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| **Study Number ES/I010831/1****Moving on? Integration and onward migration of dispersed refugees in the UK****Depositor: Stewart, Emma****Interview metadata:** **This data was gathered from interviewees at the beginning and end of the interview, and supplemented by information from the transcript when needed.** |
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| **Data dictionary** **Description of transcript identifier**W, S, L, NW Location of interview: Wales, Scotland, London, North WestF, M Female, MaleNumber Case number**Label Description**Interview ID Interviewee pseudonymAge Age rangeGender Gender (Male/Female)Employed Are you currently employed? (Yes/No)Occupation Current occupation (Job title)Student status Student status (ESOL, Student, University Student)Marital status Marital/relationship status (Single, Married, Separated, Divorced, Widowed)Children Do you have any children? (Yes/No)Country of origin Country of origin (Country specified)Religion Religion (Christian, Muslim, Other)Year of arrival Year of arrival to UK (Year specified)Mover/Stayer Whether interviewee has moved away from or remained in the original dispersal city (Mover/Stayer)Interpreter used? Use of interpreter during interview for project (Yes/No)Place of interview Location of interview (Wales, Scotland, North West, London)Date of interview Date of interview (Date specified)**Note: some country of origin and city detail has been redacted due to the sensitive nature of some cases and the need to protect anonymity in special circumstances. In such cases the place identifier may have also been removed.****There are 81 Word files of individual interviews and one Word file which contains the transcript of an interview with two different individuals.** |
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Interview Metadata

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**Description**

Since 2000 the UK has operated compulsory dispersal, a policy designed to ‘spread the burden’ of housing asylum seekers who require accommodation across the UK and discourage long-term settlement in London and the South East. To enhance understanding of refugee integration in the UK, this research focuses on the onward migration decisions of those who were dispersed and later granted refugee or humanitarian protection status. To date, much of the dispersal literature has critiqued the policy and focused on the negative outcomes for individuals removed from their networks. This project fills a knowledge gap surrounding the onward migration decisions and integration outcomes of refugees who were dispersed as asylum seekers in the UK. In this two-year (2012-2014), ESRC-funded project, we mapped the geography of onward migration amongst refugees dispersed across the UK as asylum seekers. We then explored the main factors that influence refugees' decision to stay in a town or city or move on and considered how this affects the process of integration. And finally we examined policy implications for different levels of governance, service providers and the voluntary sector, in terms of the long-term impact of UK dispersal policy upon refugee onward migration and integration.

The dataset deposited include 83 in-depth interviews that were conducted with refugees across the UK: Glasgow, Cardiff, Manchester and London. Detailed migration histories were collected from 83 refugees living in the UK and explored issues including arrival to the UK, experiences of the dispersal process, opinions and experiences of place, integration and citizenship. One-third of the sample was recruited through snowballing techniques with the rest recruited through Refugee Councils, Refugee Action and several different refugee community organisations (RCOs). Interviews typically lasted one to two hours and were transcribed verbatim. Interviews were anonymous and pseudonyms are employed. In the transcripts deposited, certain data has been redacted to protect vulnerable individuals and anonymity (e.g. detailed locational information).

The project Principal Investigator (Emma Stewart) had the main responsibility for the development of the dataset. The project Research Associate (Marnie Shaffer) conducted all of the in-depth interviews and transcription.

**Further information**

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| The final project report has been published: Stewart, E & Shaffer, M. (2015) Moving on? Dispersal Policy, Onward Migration and Integration of Refugees in the UK, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow Six themed policy briefings have also been authored and compiled by Dr Emma Stewart and Dr Mariya Shisheva. For more information please contact: Emma Stewart: onwardmigration@gmail.com; Project website: [www.onwardmigration.com](http://www.onwardmigration.com) |