



North East & Yorkshire and the Humber Migrant Health Network: Terms of reference

Sign off date July 2023
Review date July 2025

Purpose

To provide a space for learning, networking and sharing practice regarding the health and wellbeing needs of vulnerable migrants¹ across the North East and Yorkshire and the Humber (NEYH).

Aims of network

- To maintain oversight across NEYH regarding work taking place to address the health and wellbeing needs of vulnerable migrants and highlight areas where there are gaps.
- To foster collaborative working on shared agendas.
- To share good practice and provide peer support to enable others to learn and develop.
- To encourage a more co-ordinated approach and better integration across NEYH between different sectors e.g., health, housing, immigration and social care.
- To work collaboratively, with a shared goal to advocate for vulnerable migrants' rights to receive accessible support to meet their health and wellbeing needs.
- To provide opportunities for learning and development through thematic sessions and a virtual Teams platform.
- To ensure the views of people with lived experience are routinely incorporated into the work of the group.

¹ The network will focus on those migrants who may have increased needs associated with their experiences before, during and after migration which make them more vulnerable in relation to their healthcare. This will include:

- Asylum seekers
- Refugees
- Trafficked migrants (someone who has been moved to the UK to be exploited through forced labour, slavery or sex work)
- Undocumented migrants
- Unaccompanied asylum seeker children

Membership

- Migration Yorkshire
- North East Migration Partnership
- OHID YH & NE
- UKHSA YH & NE
- NEY NHS England
- Home Office
- Individuals with lived experience
- Mears Housing
- ICBs
- Local authorities (including public health and migrant leads)
- Health providers (inc. primary care, secondary care and inclusion health services)
- VCSE organisations
- Academia
- Police (modern slavery)

Equality & diversity

The NEYH Migrant Health Network has responsibility to equalities and diversity and will value, respect and promote the rights, responsibilities and dignity of individuals within all our professional activities and relationships.

Reporting

The NEYH Migrant Health Network will report to the Migration Yorkshire SMG. Each representative on the group will also report to their own organisation/network.

Chair

The network will be chaired by the director of public health regional lead for migrant health.

Ways of working

Meetings will be on Teams and there will be opportunities for smaller breakout sessions for more detailed discussions (for example based on a theme or geography). Members will also have access to the NEYH Migrant Health Network channel on Teams to share work and communicate.

Meeting frequency

Meetings will be held for 2hrs every 3 months via Teams.

Information requirements

Papers will be circulated 1 week before each meeting and minutes will be sent out 1 week after each meeting.