



MANCHESTER
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North West Gateway Resettlement Partnership

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Gateway Resettlement Project
Co-funded by the European Union's
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Gateway Protection Programme

- Operated by the Home Office and UNHCR
- UK commitment to resettle 750 per year
- North West involvement since 2004
- Formal partnership since 2011



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- **Lead Partners:**

Bolton MBC

Refugee Action

Bury MBC

Manchester City Council

- **Delivery Partners:**

Oldham MBC

Salford City Council

Stockport MBC

Tameside MBC



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Phase III Gateway 2011 - 2015

- 1410 refugees
- Nationalities: Ethiopian, Eritrean, Bhutanese, Iraqi, Somali, Sudanese and Congolese
- Individuals to large families
- Accommodation and integration services for 12 months



Housing Model

- Accommodation for 12 months
- Portfolio of Gateway properties that are reused
- Majority of stock is social housing
- Limited use of private sector properties



“Move-on”

- Integration support provided by Refugee Action for the first 9 months
- Final 3 months of integration support is provided by the Local Authority and is focused on move-on
- Supported by LAs to apply for either private sector properties or social housing



Challenges

- Managing expectations
- Adapting to UK accommodation
- Sourcing accommodation for large families and for those cases requiring adaptations
- Welfare reform and ensuring equity across the system
- Community cohesion
- Loss of COMPASS



A model of good practice?

- Current model provides stability, choice and long-term development work in specific neighbourhoods
- History and reputation of delivering a humanitarian project that works in local communities and neighbourhoods
- One-size does not fit all



Wish list....

- Greater synergy between pre-arrival information and post-arrival support
- The true cost of resettlement to Local Authorities
- Greater consideration of wider policy context i.e. housing market and welfare reform
- Emphasis on pathways to employment

