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Dear Carl,

Re: new Global Resettlement Scheme- March 2020

The UK Government confirmed on 17 June 2019 its ongoing commitment to resettlement, announcing plans for a new UK Resettlement Scheme which will see thousands more refugees provided with a route to protection when it begins in 2020.

We are planning a smooth transition, with arrivals under the new scheme starting in April 2020. Migration Yorkshire (Strategic Migration Partnership) are planning a seamless continuation of arrivals between the current and the new scheme. We are working closely with the Home Office in this transition period.

In the first year of the new scheme it is anticipated that the caseloads of refugees we resettle will continue to look broadly similar to those we see under our existing schemes, with the majority coming from the MENA region. The Home Office operate in line with UNHCRs global priorities and will continue to do so, however over time the nationalities of refugees resettled may change in response to world events and the global context.

As the profiles of those we resettle change, the Home Office will continue to work closely with Strategic Migration Partnerships (SMP's) and local authorities to match refugees to housing availability in areas that can provide appropriate support to those we resettle

The Government remains committed to resettlement, and decisions on the number of refugees to be resettled in subsequent years will be determined through future spending rounds.

The Home Office have said that year on year, resettlement volumes are likely to fluctuate nationally according to the flow of referrals from overseas and the availability of suitable accommodation and support in the UK. As a region, we uniquely have a regional local authority partnership and expect the numbers arriving to remain on a similar level over the next few years. This allows us to plan and commission support services over a number of years.

The funding package available under the new scheme will mirror that currently paid under VPRS and VCRS; a local authority will receive a five-year tariff of £20,520 for each refugee

with an additional education tariff (for year one) for children aged 3-18 years. Additional funding will continue to be made available, on a case by case basis, for exceptional costs.

For the current programmes (VPRS and VCRS) the Home Office produce an annual Funding Instructions, our understanding is that this arrangement will continue. The funding for the first year of the new programme 2020/21 has been confirmed (as above) and we are awaiting the new Funding Instructions.

As a region, Migration Yorkshire co-ordinate and commission services on a regional basis. To allow us to plan for the next few years we have asked the Home Office to confirm the funding will remain the same for future years. They have indicated that while they are committed to the continued programme, they cannot make this announcement until the comprehensive spending review has been announced.

On this basis Migration Yorkshire (through Leeds City Council) are planning and co-ordinating the regional programme starting on 1st April 2020 and continuing to plan for arrivals with the Home Office on the basis that the funding will continue beyond 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing flourish, positioned above the name Charlotte Cooke.

Charlotte Cooke