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Summary and Purpose of Paper

This paper has been written to update the Committee on the steps being taken to deliver a service to provide Migrant Health Checks to Ukrainian guests who have settled in Somerset as part of the Government Resettlement Schemes

Recommendations and next steps

The Committee is asked to endorse the contents of this report.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	Commissioning and delivery of high quality and accessible health services to meet the health needs of migrant adults and children will ensure this vulnerable cohort will not be disadvantaged in comparison with other Somerset residents. Early identification of unmet health needs and signposting to the appropriate services will ensure secondary and urgent care service are not required.
Quality	This service will be delivered in accordance with the Government guidance on Migrant Health Care and will utilise the Migrant Health Assessment Checklist. Staff providing the health checks will be appropriately trained and experienced in delivering comprehensive health assessments. They will also have access to the relevant and up-to-date resources including translation services to facilitate a high quality assessment which will inform both individual and population level health service planning.
Safeguarding	Providing safe and effective healthcare to our most vulnerable groups will support them to lead full and health lives without over reliance on healthcare services. A full health assessment provides an opportunity to ensure Ukraine guests are living in safe circumstances and are not subject to or at risk of abuse and neglect.

Privacy	Information sharing processes and an Information Sharing Agreement are already established; there are no breaches of privacy expected.			
Engagement	The development of this pilot service has been conducted in partnership with all relevant stakeholders including Primary Care, Somerset County Council, Public Health, Symphony Healthcare Services, Somerset Foundation Trust			
Financial / Resource	Financial resourcing is currently being worked through.			
Governance or Legal	None			
Sustainability	A key driver for this service will be to reduce demand on other health services in Somerset by early identification and management of health needs to avoid unnecessary deteriorations in health. Although the first two clinics will be delivered in Yeovil it is hoped that a larger service will be delivered at venues across the county to ensure travel times are reduced and services are accessible to all migrants.			
Risk Description	Not applicable			
Risk Rating	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating	GBAF Ref

Ukrainian Health Checks

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In response to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine the Government has developed two visa schemes the Ukraine Family Scheme and Ukrainian Sponsorship Scheme, (Homes for Ukraine).
- 1.2 These schemes allow Ukraine nationals to come and live in the UK, initially for six months, either with family members who already have settled status in the UK or with so called sponsors who offer their own accommodation to Ukrainian refugees. UK residence can be extended for up to three years following application for a Biometric Residence Permit.
- 1.3 In Somerset more than 3.000 residents have formally expressed an interest to sponsor a Ukrainian individual or group. 442 Ukrainians have already arrived in Somerset and in total 1,349 guests are matched to sponsors, (*Somerset County Council data, correct at 17.05.2022*)
- 1.4 From 17 March 2022, Ukrainians fleeing their home country were guaranteed free access to NHS healthcare, including hospital services, GP and nurse consultations, urgent care centres and injury units.

2 Migrant Health Checks

- 2.1 Soon after individuals and their families arrive in the UK from Ukraine, they should be supported to register with a GP practice and attend a new patient consultation to assess their health and care needs.
- 2.2 In addition it is recommended that Ukrainian migrants are offered an extra assessment using the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities *Checklist for assessing migrant patients*. to address their health needs stemming from:
 - their life experiences prior to migration
 - circumstances of their migration
 - circumstances in which they are living in the UK
- 2.3 Ukraine has the fourth-highest TB incidence in the WHO European Region and therefore TB screening will also be required for all new entrants to the country.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 Following the government's announcement about the Ukrainian resettlement schemes the CCG was fortunate to be approached by a retired Somerset GP who is also a visiting Professor of Public health in Ukraine and expert in understanding the health of the Ukrainian population. The Professor is passionate about meeting the health needs of the Ukrainian migrants and has been instrumental in raising awareness of the need for Migrant Health Checks to be delivered and in informing the process from a Ukraine perspective.

- 3.2** It is proposed to develop a Migrant Health Check service that will deliver the full assessment service in addition to or as an alternative to a new patient check.
- 3.3** This service will initially be piloted at Yeovil Health Clinic utilising two whole day clinics and a skill mix of GPs and Practice Nurses to provide the assessment, assisted by a Health Care Assistant and administrator.
- 3.4** The Migrant Health Check will be delivered in addition to existing Primary Care services. Migrants with chronic and/or urgent care needs will still be addressed using existing care pathways without delay.
- 3.5** The service will be available to all Somerset Ukraine guests. However if a Ukrainian has complex health needs that are already being addressed in primary or secondary care a decision may be made that an additional Migrant Health Check is not necessary
- 3.6** The service has been developed to deliver the Migrant Health Check as a single episode of care. The outcome of the assessment and any recommendations for referrals, treatment or health care needed will be reported back to the patient's GP for further consideration
- 3.7** Any urgent health needs identified at the assessment will be directed to the appropriate service.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1** Evaluation of the two pilot clinics will determine which model will be rolled out at venues across the county to ensure equity and accessibility of the service
- 4.2** Work is also ongoing to identify additional venues and staffing to deliver additional clinics.
- 4.3** A Service Specification and updated TB pathway are also under development.

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