FACTSHEET

No Recourse to Public Funds – NRPF

If you are in the UK from another country, you are subject to immigration control. This means you may have a visa that has a condition attached to it – this is called the No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). The NRPF condition will prevent you from claiming benefits, accessing social housing or a domestic violence refuge.

This condition can prevent a woman from coming forward for help. Here are a few simple questions to help you understand the help and support that is available if you have a visa or if you do not have a visa.

I am not sure if I my NRPF – How do I know I am not eligible for public funds?

Your biometric visa will usually outline if you are NRPF, this will be written on your biometric card. If your visa is online (digital) it will also specify NRPF.

I entered the UK without a visa and need help to get out of an abusive situation.

If you are in immediate danger, you can contact the police on 999.

You can visit the Portsmouth City of Sanctuary Refugee Hub at All Saints Church, 336 Commercial Road Portsmouth PO1 4BT.

Support options for women who are experiencing sexual abuse or domestic abuse who are NRPF:

- If in immediate danger, please contact 999.
- Locally you can contact Portsmouth City of Sanctuary – portsmouthcityofsanctuary@gmail.com
- Contact Stop Domestic Abuse
- You can contact Southall Black Sisters

Signs of Exploitation:

- Working very long hours, for very little money.
- Not being paid for the work you are doing.
- Your passport and other documentation is withheld from you.
- Abuse within your work, for example being forced to have sex with other people.
- Being moved from one house to another, or across the country or city to work.
- Not being allowed access to a phone, money or to interact with other people such as essential services such as a GP or midwife.

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