

Things to Consider: Checklist

We know that Lancashire residents are some of the kindest and most welcoming people in the world and so we are expecting that many of you will have signed up to the new Homes for Ukraine Scheme. We are ready to work with you to offer safety and support to as many Ukrainians as possible.

To ensure everyone remains safe, we want Sponsors to consider the following:

Housing

1. Have you checked with your Landlord or Mortgage Provider to ensure you can offer a space?
2. Have you checked with your Home Insurance Provider?
3. Have you got a spare bedroom, that is private to allow people space to grieve and recover? A sofa bed in a living room is not ideal for a person recovering from trauma.
4. Are you happy to give a copy of your house key to your guest? Will you be comfortable allowing people access to your home if you go on holiday?
5. How will you feel if your guest still hasn't found a house after 12 months? Will you be able to let them stay? Will you feel comfortable evicting your guest?

Financial

1. Will this impact on your council tax, utility bills or rent?
2. Will you be able to provide food and other basics whilst arrivals wait for their benefits claim to be processed?
3. Can you afford to pay for their flights to the UK? Sponsors are being asked to support Ukrainians to get to the UK and are expected to pick them up from the airport.

Practical

1. Do you have the time to support people to register to GPs, dentists, etc.?
2. Can you help someone navigate a new city and new systems without interpretation or translation support?
3. Are you comfortable with Social Workers and support staff visiting your home to help with integration needs?
4. Will you feel comfortable living with people who have a very different parenting style or culture?
5. Are you happy living with someone who has not had any covid vaccinations?

Emotional

1. Have you spoken to your family or children about how they feel about hosting a new person in your home?
2. Have you met someone with PTSD? People suffering from trauma can be very depressed, hopeless and angry. This can be difficult to be around and needs specialized treatment and therapy. PTSD often lasts for years.
3. Are you able to support someone who has complex mental health problems? Sponsors will be provided with no medical history about a guest.