

Age Assessments and Age Disputes

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Policy and Guidance

This section provides information on policy and guidance on age assessments and age disputes.

- Home Office provides [policy guidance on age assessments](#) (recent version released December 2025). You can also refer to Association of Directors of Children's Service (ADCS) [guidance which informs on how to undertake high quality age assessment](#).
- Home Office sets out [guidance on the procedures to follow when the age of an immigration detainee is disputed](#). (recent version released March 2023)

Resources

You can find different resources on age assessments and age disputes here.

- BASW have written a new best practice guide for social workers undertaking age assessments. [You can download it here.](#)
- ISWS have designed a useful free guide & resource pack for those undertaking age assessments. [You can download it here.](#)
- ADCS provides [age assessment information sharing proforma](#) which is useful for professional conducting age assessment.
- CORAM Children's legal centre provides a [useful factsheet on age assessment](#).
- Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit provides [young people's guide to the age assessment process](#).
- [Children's Society Refugee Toolkit](#) offers resources that informs the needs, rights and entitlements of young refugees and asylum seekers. Right to Remain also provides a [useful toolkit to explain the stages of a young person's asylum journey](#).

- Migration Yorkshire provides [a list of available solicitors to support the young people with their asylum claim](#)

Training

We offer a range of training where we discuss age assessments and age disputes. Please check our [Events & Training page](#) for updated training courses. If you would like to commission us to deliver our 'Welcoming & Supporting Young Refugees training' please contact us on: wyr@migrationyorkshire.org.uk

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