Asylum seekers and refugees in Yorkshire and the Humber, 2001-2006

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Aims

To explore some of the ways in which Yorkshire and the Humber has responded to the dispersal of asylum seekers and the challenges ahead.

Key issues

The article reviews the establishment of the dispersal system with reference to the Yorkshire and Humber region, local and national difficulties, the number and nationalities of dispersed asylum seekers 2002-2006, and issues of integration and settlement. Current and new proposals are discussed that include the Gateway Protection Programme, Sunrise refugee integration project and the New Asylum Model.

Conclusions

The asylum sector has undergone constant change. Dispersal has changed the face of parts of the region and has helped to regenerate communities.

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