A moving target: the informational needs of Polish migrant workers in Yorkshire and the Humber

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Aims

To assess the informational needs of Polish migrant workers, and to highlight available information resources and methods of making them available.

Methodology

The research, commissioned by Yorkshire and the Humber regional TUC, reviewed information resources and undertook interviews with trade union and Polish community representatives.

Key issues

The report provides some figures on Polish migrants in Yorkshire and Humber. Their need for information and types of information available, ways of making links with Polish workers, and the need for trade union collaboration with other organisations are discussed. Issues identified include transitory migration and poor employment conditions. Migrant workers need information on employment rights and settlement. Some places in the region have developed Welcome Packs, drop-ins or web-based resources; however access to this information requires engagement with Polish workers.

Conclusions

A more coordinated approach to providing information is needed, involving collaboration between trade unions, employers, local authorities, community and business organisations.

Recommendations

The report provides recommendations on how to engage with Polish workers, and for collaboration between relevant agencies to meet informational needs.

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