

# *The EU refugee crisis and implications for the UK*



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# What is Migration Yorkshire?

A local-authority led partnership - partners include local authorities, the voluntary sector, Home Office, health and police

Key roles:

- ④ Strategic leadership and coordination
- ④ Information, data and research
- ④ Expert support for local integration
- ④ Responding to change



# Outline

1. How does the EU refugee crisis affect the UK? - or somewhere like York?
2. What do we know?
3. What don't we know?
4. What do we *need* to know?



# 1. How does the EU refugee crisis affect the UK? - or York?

## *Directly:*

	UK?	York?
• Syrian relocation (from EU)	✗	✗
• Calais 'Jungle'	✓	✗
• Syrian resettlement from Syrian region (UK's SRP) to local areas	✓	✓



## York will welcome 60 Syrian refugees from January



'Refugees Are Welcome' banners were held high on a march through the streets of York in September  
Picture: Frank Dwyer



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# 1. How does the EU refugee crisis affect the UK? - or York?

*Indirectly:*

- ① Public opinion and debate
- ① Context of asylum dispersal
- ① Context of other migrant 'layers'



# Who is a migrant?

***‘An international long-term migrant is ... someone who moves to a new country for at least a year.’***






Office for National Statistics Technical data: Long-Term International Migration, in *Topic guide to: International migration*

[www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/population/migration/international-migration/index.html](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/population/migration/international-migration/index.html) Accessed 05.04.13.



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## **'Migrants' by broad immigration status**

- EEA national**  *A person from a member state of the European Economic Area*
- Third country national**  *A person from outside the European Economic Area*
- Asylum seeker**  *A person who has applied for protection from persecution under the UN Convention and is awaiting a decision from the Home Office on this application*
- Refugee**  *A person given permission to stay in the UK as a result of a process which began with a claim and/or assessment for protection under the UN Convention*
- Undocumented migrant**  *A person who does not have permission from the Home Office to be in the UK*



# Reasons for migration

**Worker**

**Student**

**Family joiner**

**Seeking sanctuary**

**Short term migrant**

**Returning UK national**

**Visitor**



## 2. What do we know?

- ④ **Census data** on non-UK born residents
- ④ **EU comparative asylum statistics** (Eurostat)
- ④ **UK national statistics** (asylum and migration) (other migration indicators)
- ④ **Local statistics from national datasets**



# Eurostat data: asylum numbers

(YE Sep 2015)

- ④ **Almost a million (972 000) asylum applications** to the EU (incl. dependants); an increase of 89% (cf. 514 000 in YESep2014).
- ④ **Top receiving countries** were Germany (318 000), Hungary, Sweden, Italy, France, Austria, then the UK was 7<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> last year). The UK drops to 17<sup>th</sup> when measuring asylum applications as a proportion of the population.
- ④ **Top asylum seeking nationalities** (Q2 2015) were Syrian, Afghan and Albanian.



# Eurostat data: initial decisions (Q3 2015)

- **Almost half (48%) of all claims were granted some form of protection** (refugee status, subsidiary or humanitarian protection).
- **Great variation in decisions at the initial stage:**
  - **Particular nationalities:** Syrians (98%) followed by Iraqis (88%), Eritreans (87%) and Afghans (70%); lowest rates include Albanians (1%), Serbians (2%) and Kosovans (4%).
  - **Host country** include Bulgaria (92%), Malta (87%), Cyprus (82%) and Sweden (80%), while the lowest rates include Latvia (8%) and Lithuania (14%).



# National data on asylum and immigration

- 🌀 ***Immigration Statistics*** (quarterly) (Home Office) – focus on visa data, more detailed asylum and resettlement data etc.
- 🌀 ***Migration Statistics Quarterly*** Bulletin (ONS) – focus on migration estimates /trends

Both provide information on different migrant groups and reasons for migration at UK level.

- 🌀 ***Local area migration indicators*** (spreadsheet) including NINOs, GP registrations, population estimates etc.



# Net migration: a classic case of presenting data to tell a particular story

New net migration figures published on Thursday  
Show net migration YE Sep 2015 as 323 000

## An increase?

(cf. YE Sep 2014: +31000)

 INDEPENDENT

THE HUFFINGTON POST

THE Sun

sky NEWS

 REUTERS

## A decrease?

(cf. YE June 2015: -13000)

BBC

theguardian

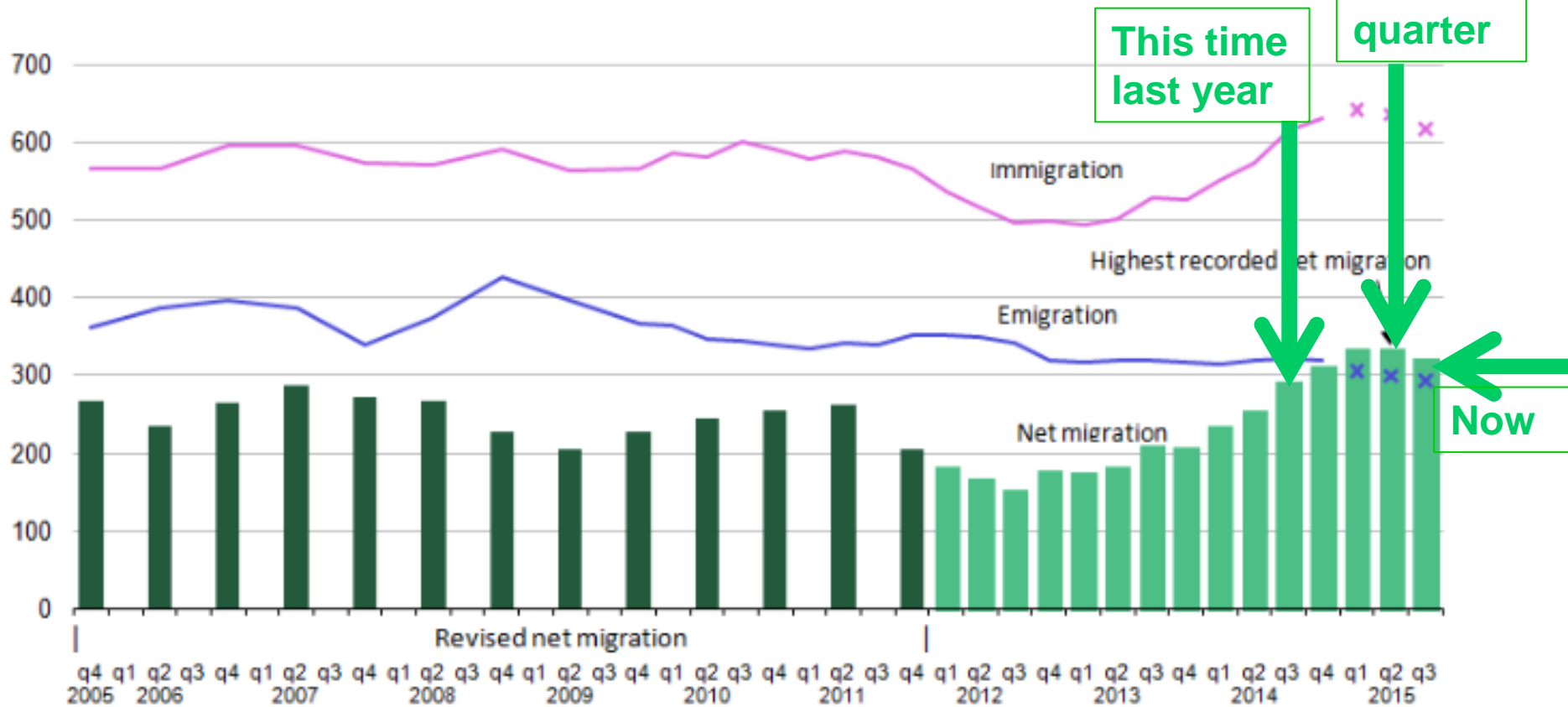


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# ONS Quarterly Report 25.02.16

Figure 1: Long-Term International Migration, UK, 2005 to 2015 (YE September 2015)

Migration (thousands)



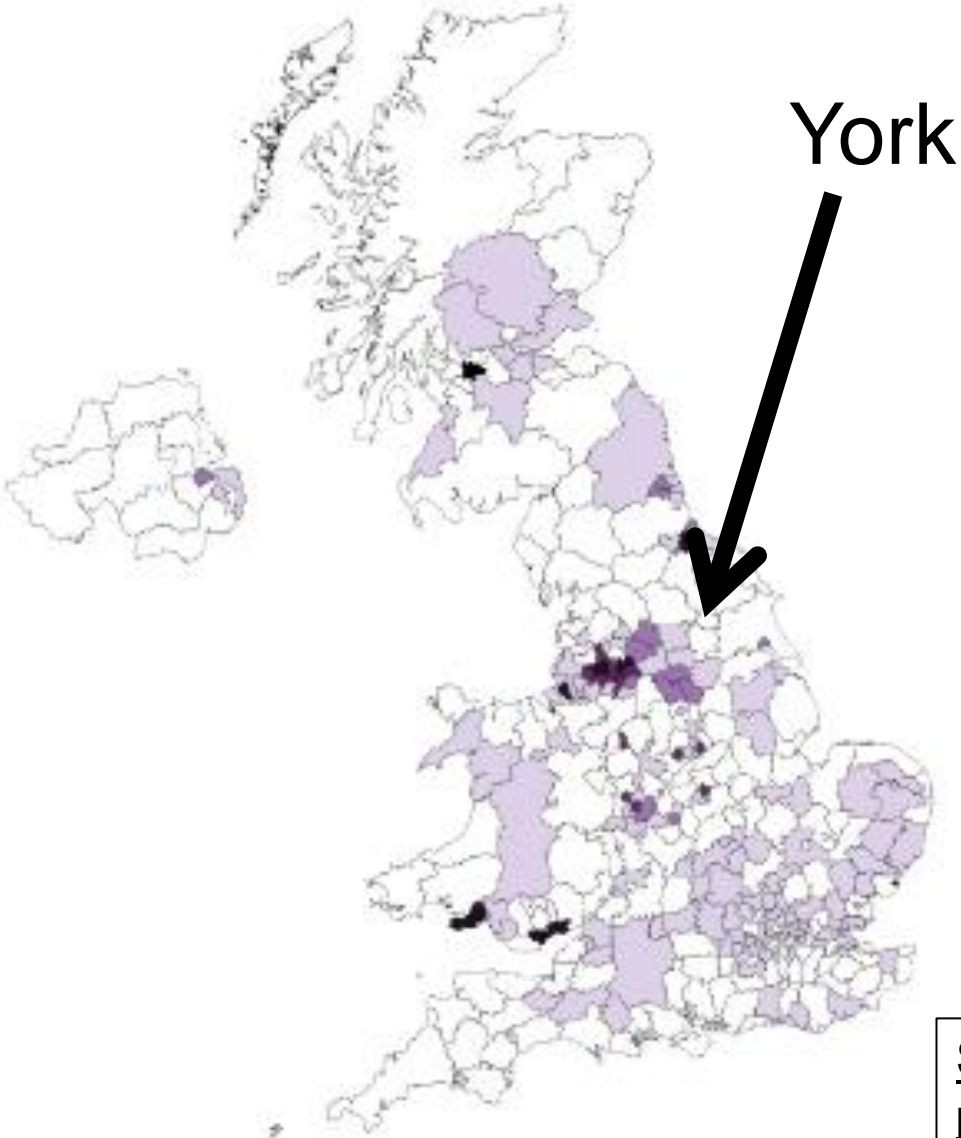
# Asylum data (YE Dec 2015)

- ④ **32 400 asylum applications** were made by main applicants (38 900 incl. dependants - on average one dependant per 5 main applicants). 5yr increasing trend, but low compared to 2002 (103 000).
- ④ **Top countries of origin** for new applications were: Eritrea (3700), Iran, Sudan, and Syria (2600). Applications from Sudanese nationals (2900) increasing at the fastest rate (>doubled).
- ④ The proportion of **positive initial decisions** overall was 39% (generally increasing trend).
- ④ **Grant rates** on initial decisions vary wildly by nationality e.g. 85% for Syrians, 20% for Pakistani nationals.





# Local asylum data



Total supported under Section 95, per million population

- 3,001+
- 2,001-3,000
- 1,001-2,000
- 1-1,000
- None

S95-supported asylum seekers per local authority, end Dec 2015

# Resettlement figures (YE Dec 2015)

**1864 refugees were resettled during 2015.**

- ④ 652 through the *Gateway Protection Programme*. The main countries of origin were: Somalia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Sudan and Iraq.
- ④ 1194 were resettled under the *Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPR)* scheme
- ④ 18 resettled under the *Mandate* scheme.



Table as\_19\_q: Refugees (and others) resettled, including dependants, by country of nationality

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Year	Country of nationality	Gateway Protection Programm	Mandate Scheme	Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme
2004	*Total	150	2	2
2005	*Total	71	2	2
2006	*Total	353	2	2
2007	*Total	463	2	2
2008	*Total	642	75	2
2009	*Total	857	90	2
2010	*Total	669	49	2
2011	*Total	432	22	2
2012	*Total	985	54	2
2013 Q1	*Total	223	9	2
2013 Q2	*Total	227	4	2
2013 Q3	*Total	279	6	2
2013 Q4	*Total	206	13	2
2014 Q1	*Total	53	7	13
2014 Q2	*Total	130	6	37
2014 Q3	*Total	261	0	40
2014 Q4	*Total	186	1	53
2015 Q1	*Total	176	0	44
2015 Q2	*Total	17	2	29
2015 Q3	*Total	225	7	36
2015 Q4	*Total	234	9	1,085

# How do we make sense of these different layers?



# What's happening in 2016?

## Rise in:

- EU arrivals (*Poland still dominant, Romania and southern EU growing*)
- Asylum applications (*Eritrea top, Sudan growing*)

## Reduction in:

- Non-EU students, families and workers? (*were declining but recent reversal*)...

...leading to displacement into short-term study / asylum routes?

## No change:

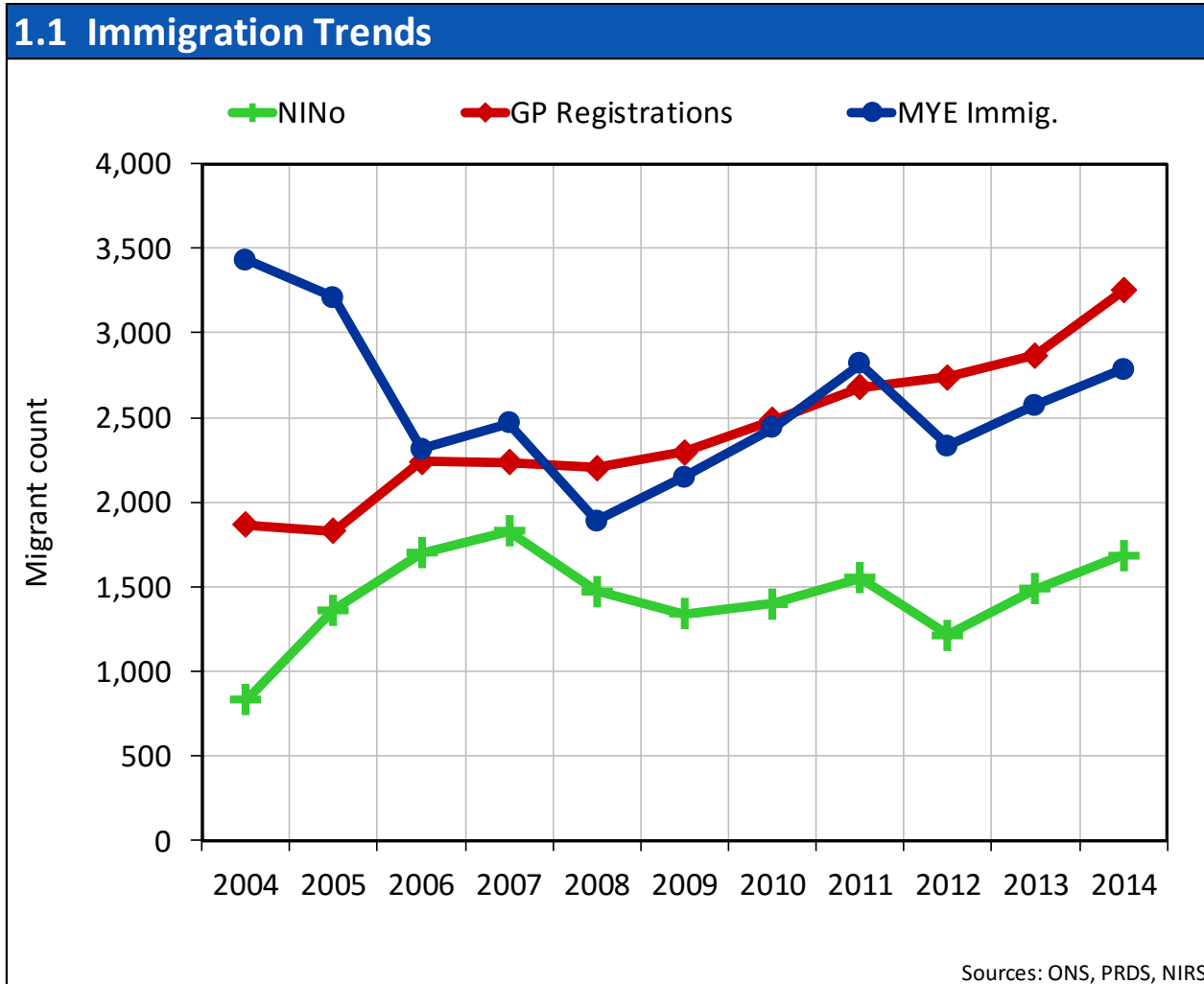
- New EU countries (*Western Balkans, Turkey and Iceland are EU candidates*)
- Policy changes on entry (*focused on welfare access not entry routes – may change with referendum outcome*)



# Overview of *local* migration patterns

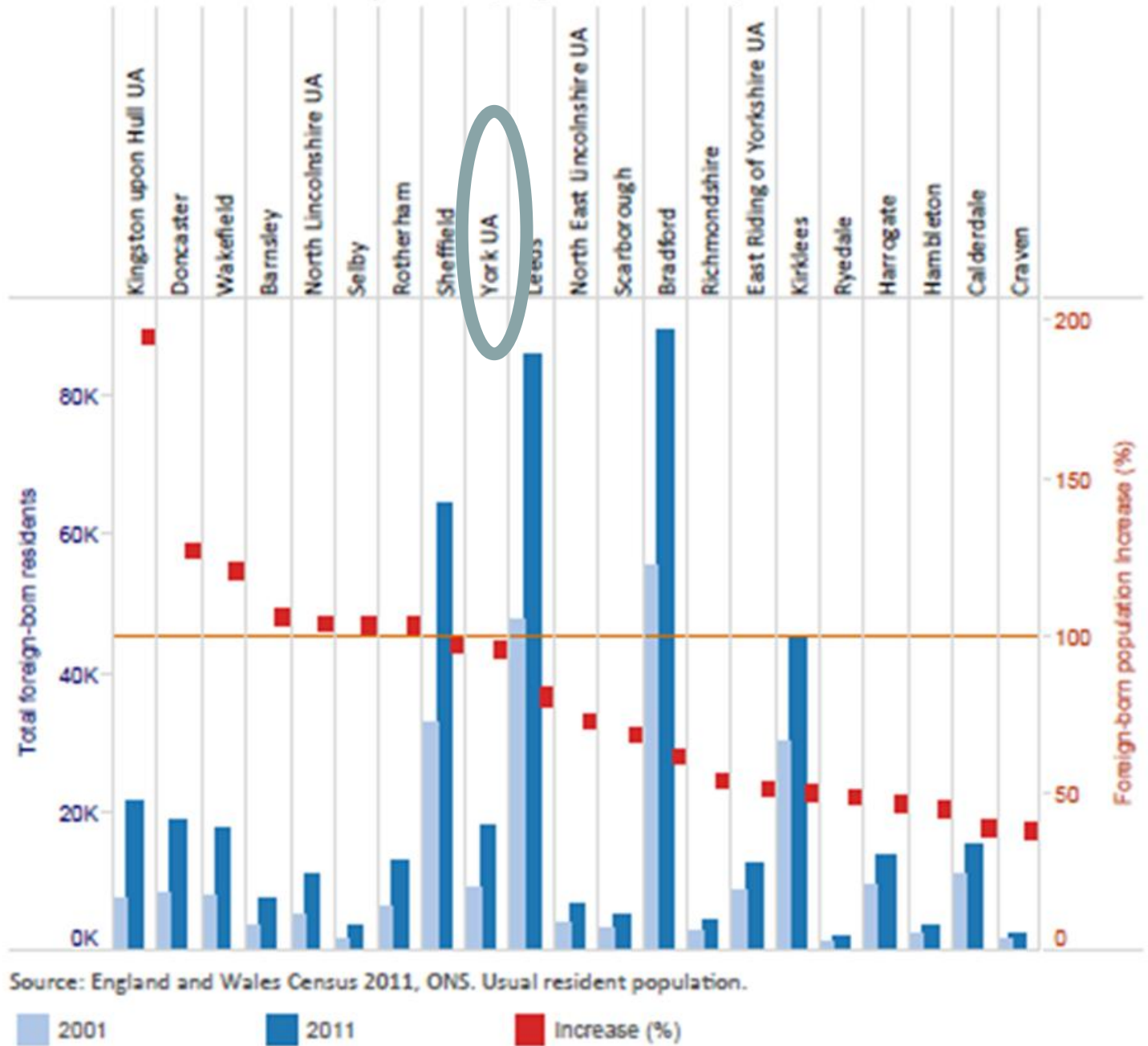
	York
Population (2014)	204 439
Biggest cause of population change	International migration
Non-British population (2014)	5% (10 000)
Born outside UK (2014)	8% (16 000)
Long-term migrant arrivals (official estimate 2014)	2800
Net migration estimate (2014)	1300
Short-term arrivals (2013)	470
Top countries of origin of arrivals (2014)	<b>China, Poland, Romania</b>

# Immigration trends (2004-14)



# Foreign-born residents of Yorkshire and the Humber: 2001-2011

Chart provided by migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk

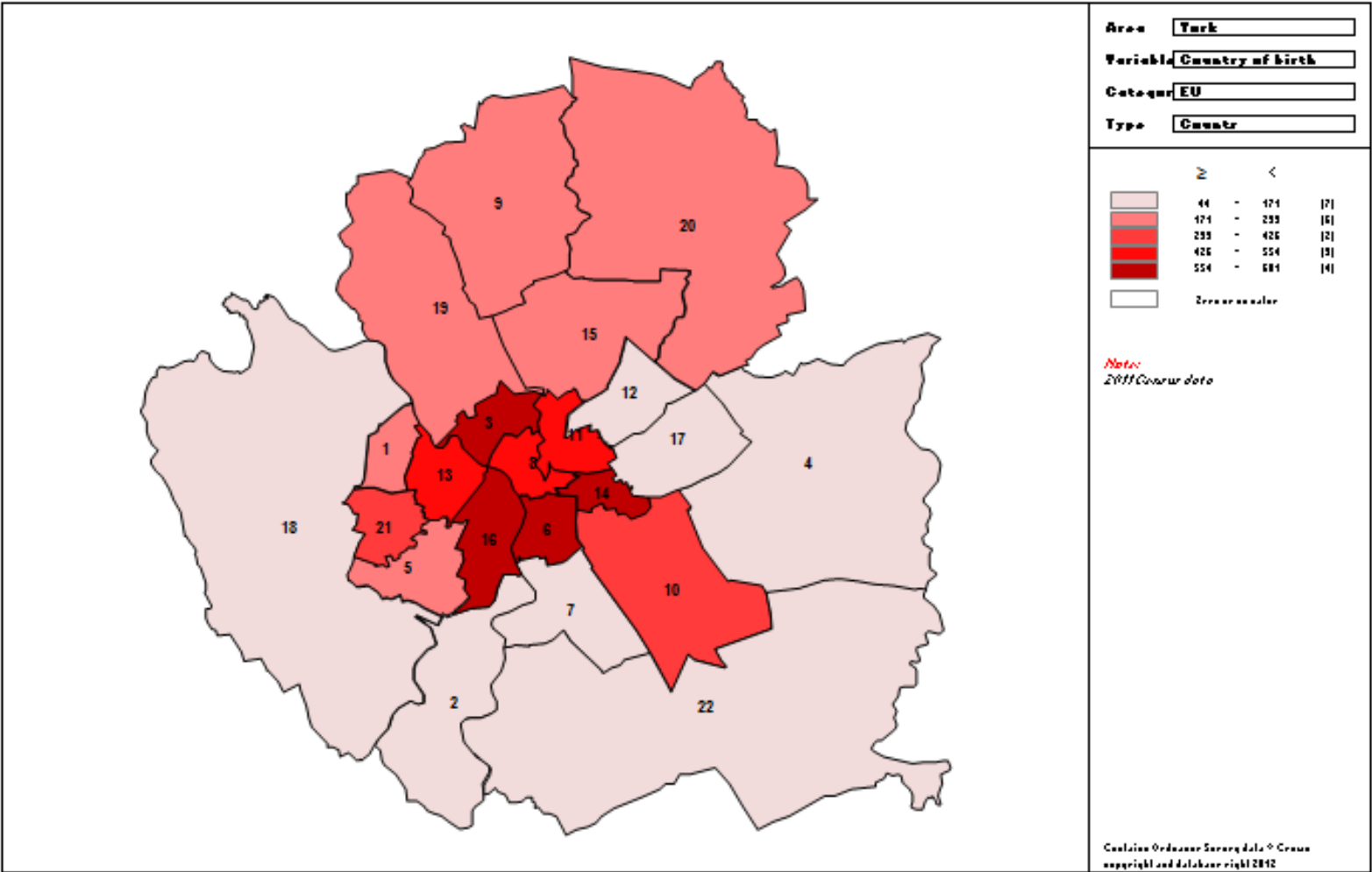


Source: England and Wales Census 2011, ONS. Usual resident population.

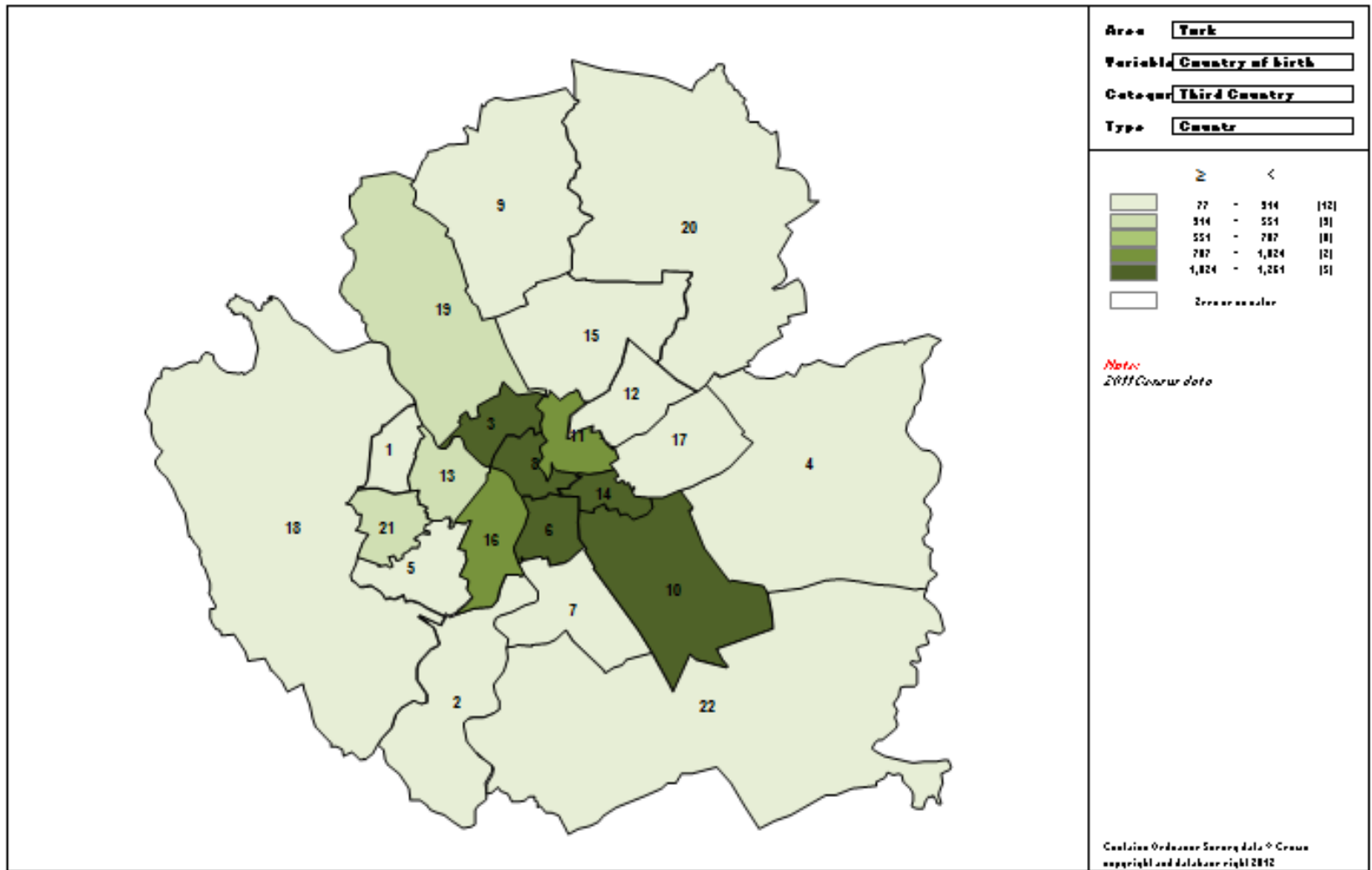
Legend: 2001 (light blue), 2011 (dark blue), Increase (%) (red)



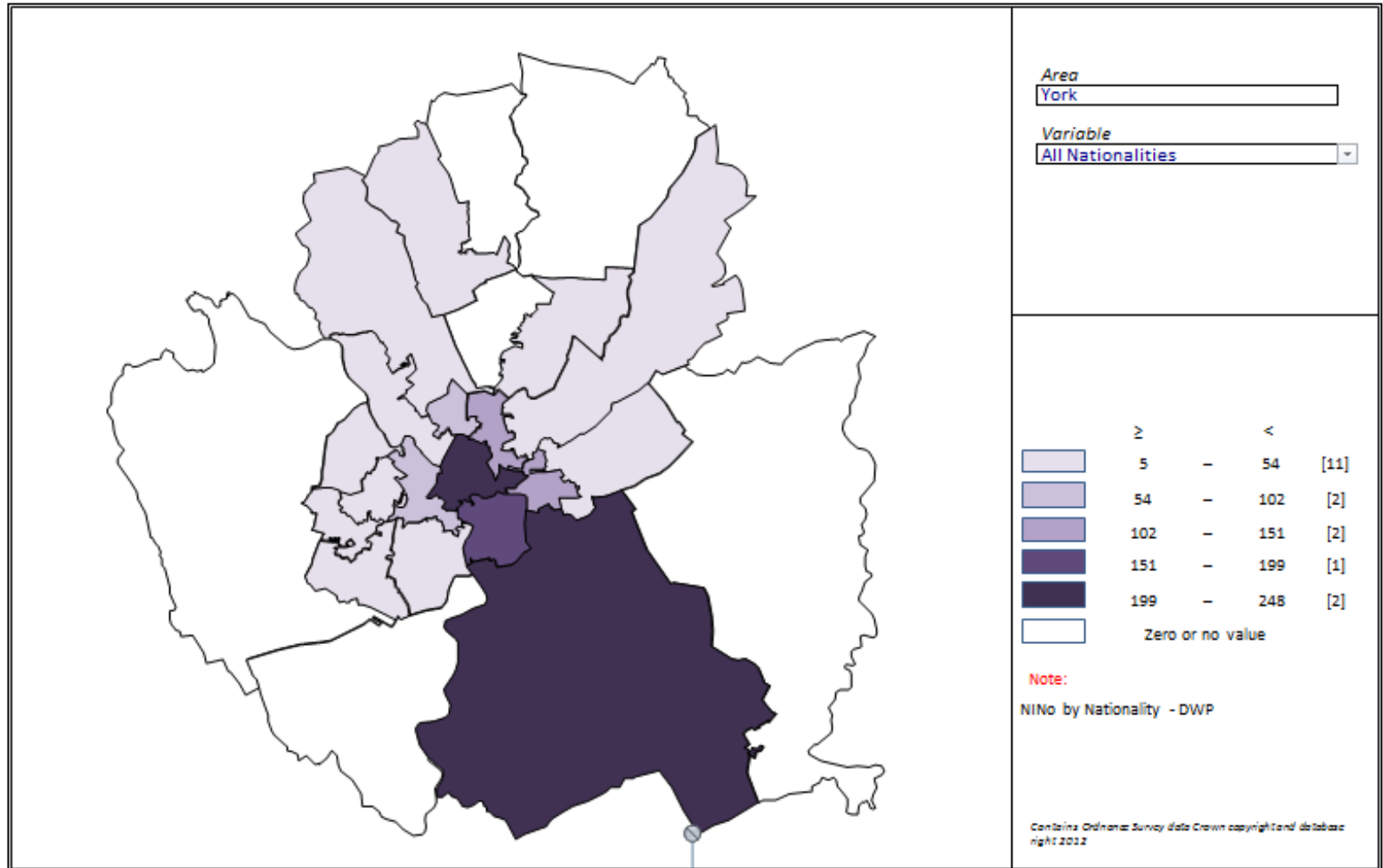
# Residents born in EU countries (2011)



# Residents born in third countries (2011)



# New arrivals (non-UK born) (2014)



# Support on migration statistics

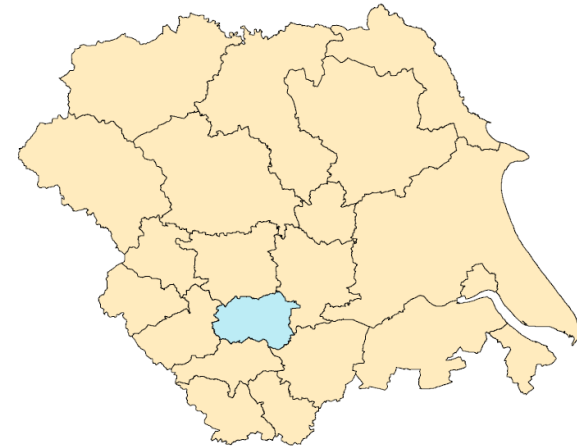
- Local Migration Profiles (LMPs)
- Migration maps (using order form)
- Local area migration indicators (ONS)
- Local information systems

## Wakefield

Local  
Migration  
Profile

November  
2014

Summary  
Document

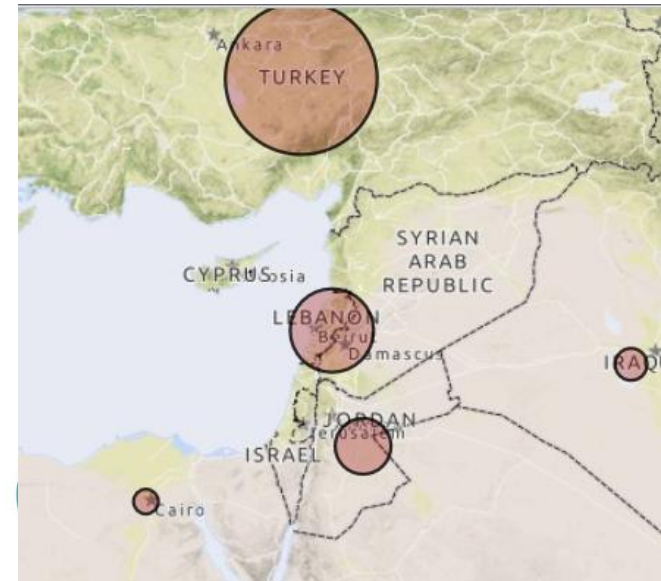


This document summarises the main migration trends and latest data that we can access for Wakefield. You are welcome to share this document publicly. The full Local Migration Profile document contains information about data sources.

If you would like a copy of the full Local Migration Profile document, please contact Pip Tyler at [pip.tyler@migrationyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:pip.tyler@migrationyorkshire.org.uk) or on 0113 395 2438.

# Where does Syria fit?

- Syrians can arrive through a number of routes:
  - Arrive independently as asylum seekers
  - Refugee resettlement directly from refugee camps in/near Syria (not from EU countries)
  - With a visa through the PBS to work or study, as a visitor, or through the family route.
- Around 160 Syrians currently supported in Y&H as asylum seekers
- Also around 400 Syrians arrived in Y&H during past 12 months



# 3. What don't we know?

Main problems with current data:

- ① Local vs national
- ① 2 core publications with different emphases
- ① Datasets are not directly comparable
- ① Hidden and disparate
- ① Partial and potentially misleading
- ① Cover start of story – not the end
- ① Snapshots

An impossible question!

*How many  
migrants are  
there?*



# What migrant groups are missing?

unaccompanied asylum seeking children [UASC]?

people who have been trafficked to the UK?

particular ethnic groups such as the Roma or the Kurds?

refused asylum seekers who are destitute?

new refugees?

undocumented migrants ?

migrants who have come to join their families already in the UK?

migrants who have left an area, region or the UK?

**Local knowledge, shops, services and research can help to fill some of these gaps**



# Mapping rapidly changing minority ethnic populations: a case study of York

February 2010

Gary Craig, Sue Adamson,  
Nasreen Ali and Fasil Demssah

Official statistics can be of limited help to those providing services to increasingly diverse populations. Using an innovative approach, this project drew on both formal and informal sources to estimate the size and diversity of York's minority ethnic population and the implications for key policy and service agencies.





## 4. What do we *need* to know?

- 🌀 Comparative local data on migrants (or new arrivals) needed for planning services
- 🌀 *Should* we be collecting data on refugees?
- 🌀 Costs of supporting SRP refugees covered by central government, not local budgets – so do services need data on Syrians?
- 🌀 Little data needed to ensure Syrians (and other migrants) welcomed and treated with dignity



# Will better data help with public perceptions?



## We need tougher policies to tackle bogus asylum seekers says ROSS CLARK

TO WITNESS the crowds of refugees amassing in Calais, desperate to cross the Channel, you would think that France was still in the grip of the Revolution.

By ROSS CLARK

PUBLISHED: 00:01, Tue, Mar 3, 2015 | UPDATED: 23:45, Wed, Apr 22, 2015

# Migrant needs, not numbers

- Not all migrants have the same level of support needs
- Who is particularly vulnerable?
  - Negative experiences (exploitation / persecution)
  - UASC (unaccompanied asylum seeking children)
  - Trafficked migrants
  - Newest arrivals
  - Those not allowed to work
  - Undocumented migrants
  - Destitute migrants



# Our dilemma – for discussion?

## Balancing risk...

- limited access to sensitive data
- political sensitivity and gatekeeping
- how much data should we collect?

## ... and benefit:

- a more informed ‘debate’ on migration
- improved data expertise among migrant services
- bridging the gap between policy, practice, data and research - better services for whole communities





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