



Housing association circular

The term "housing association" in this and related documents means registered social landlord.

RSL 014/09 **Asylum seekers and refugees**

This circular signposts housing associations registered in Wales to guidance to assist in developing and delivering responsive services for asylum seekers and refugees.

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- 1 In March 2005, the Assembly Government issued '**Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Guidance for housing and related service providers in Wales**' – Download: [Asylum seekers and refugees - guidance for housing and related service providers in Wales](#).
- 2 The purpose of the guidance is to assist existing and potential service providers to develop and deliver responsive services for asylum seekers and refugees.
- 3 The guidance is aimed at social landlords (local authority housing departments and housing associations) and private landlords who provide, or are considering providing, accommodation and support services for asylum seekers under contract with the Home Office. It is also intended for social landlords who need to respond to the housing and support needs of asylum seekers who receive a positive decision on their asylum claim.
- 4 Associations should take account of this publication when addressing key expectations 1.1.1, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, and 2.3.1 of the Regulatory Code.

We are having to prioritise our use of the finite translation resources available to the Assembly Government. Unfortunately, on that basis, we are unable to provide a Welsh version of the RSL 014/09. This is because other items have been given a higher priority rating and have thus taken precedence in the allocation of resources. The approach for setting priorities is set out in the Welsh Language Scheme for the Welsh Assembly Government prepared under the Welsh Language Act 1993.

Mae'n rhaid i ni flaenoriaethu'r ffordd yr ydym yn defnyddio'r adnoddau cyfieithu sydd ar gael i ni oherwydd y pwysau mawr sydd ar yr adnoddau hynny. Felly, yn anffodus ni allwn ddarparu fersiwn Cymraeg o'r RSL 014/09, gan fod eitemau eraill yn cael mwy o flaenoriaeth o ran dyrannu'r adnoddau. Mae'r dull a ddefnyddir i bennu blaenoriaeth wedi'i amlinellu yng Nghynllun Iaith Gymraeg Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru a baratowyd o dan Ddeddf yr Iaith Gymraeg 1993.