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Bournemouth Borough Council	£ 92,836	Bournemouth is relatively new to caring for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC). This project will be delivering, through a number of local partner agencies, multiple smaller projects to improve the integration of UASC into the local community. The provision of practical and relevant English language and social norms sessions, and the recruitment of supported lodgings carers, are just two of the many strands of this bid.
Brighton and Hove Council (SESMP)	£ 156,609	The project, a partnership of the South East Children's Services departments, the South East migration partnership and Brighton & Hove City Council, will provide regional training on Unaccompanied Asylum seeking Children's specific needs for social workers in the region and will support the development of a national resource with external specialists for sharing best practise. The training is targeted at practitioners who are likely to interact with UASC and will help build consistency across the region and integrate communities.
London Borough of Croydon	£ 230,050	As a result of its location Croydon cares for 10% of UASCs in England, there is a particular need to provide stability of fostering placements for this vulnerable group of children and young people. Their proposal covers recruiting specialist UASC foster carers, providing specialist training and after-support for over 360 existing Foster carers in understanding cultural barriers and promoting integration into UK life for UASC
Devon County Council	£ 195,315	Devon's UASC project is dual stranded. One element will focus on recruiting further foster carers and developing their skills specific to working with UASC. The second element will co-ordinate and make accessible many already-existing volunteer opportunities offered by different communities across the region. Many of these roles will provide training in skills relevant to local employment opportunities. This will increase community cohesion across the region and substantially develop Devon's ability to care for UASC and help them to contribute positively to the local economy and society.
London Borough of Hackney	£ 265,866	The grant will help Hackney build its capacity to provide culturally appropriate, local foster care and supported lodging options for Vietnamese, Albanian and Eritrean Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC). This will sustainably ease accommodation pressures across the broader population of looked after children in Hackney, and increase the diversity of foster care by forging links with under-represented communities. Funds will also cover specialist support to develop UASC's independence and integration
London Borough of Harrow	£175,728	Harrow currently has eighty-five unaccompanied asylum seeking young people, thirty of whom live in a dedicated unit. The proposal includes an on-site officer who would help develop the young people's life skills and

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		understanding of social and cultural expectations in the UK. It also includes a manager to oversee the Migration fund work, including leading on age assessments and supporting the young people through the asylum process or assisting with their move back to their home country.
Kent County Council	£634,736	"Given its location Kent CC is at the forefront of the response to the arrival of UASCs. The project aims to address key issues such as English proficiency, mental health issues, key life skills and understanding cultural norms. The programme of support has many strands: a toolkit on life skills, language and civic values for 17-24 year olds; additional staff trained in mental health provision; bilingual 'community integration' apprenticeships; volunteer led English language courses."
London Borough of Lambeth	£139,400	The grant will support Lambeth to learn about the barriers to and facilitators of culturally appropriate carer recruitment, and help the local authority recruit and retain culturally appropriate foster carers for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) from particular countries. Boosting the availability of suitable foster places within the borough is expected to lower agency costs while reducing some of the barriers to securing care for Lambeth's UASC population.
Leeds City Council	£320,000	The focus of Leeds' bid is to ensure that newly arrived Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are able to access services, without negatively impacting on the established community. The funding will predominantly be to used recruit additional staff to improve the orientation of UASC, to ensure a consistency of approach in welcoming and supporting UASC to as they settle into the local community in Leeds, in various accommodation options appropriate to their needs.
London Borough of Lewisham	£363,220	The grant will support the local authority to build foster care and supported lodging capacity for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC), reducing costly out-of-borough agency placements. Learning from the project will sustainably reduce costs and ease pressure on care services. The grant will also enable Lewisham to better support UASC care leavers, boosting their integration and empowering them to make a positive contribution to the community.
London Borough of Merton	£ 56,815	The grant will support Merton to secure sufficient skilled foster carers for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC), thus building foster care capacity for older children across the borough. The grant also funds a programme of learning activities within a peer network, which will help UASC to engage successfully with the wider community through language, connections, and cultural understanding. This is expected to reduce integration pressures and translation costs.

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Nottingham City Council	£ 258,101	The project aims to up-skill existing staff to work effectively with UASC and refugee settlers in the Council area, to avoid diverting much needed health and social care services from the resident population. The bid proposes to create a family support role, in the Children's Duty social work service. It will provide an interface between the above service, legal, housing, CAMHS, health and protection/safe guarding services, to promote best practice, skills and expertise including training.
Portsmouth City Council	£ 200,000	Portsmouth receives a number of clandestine arrivals through the ferry port, resulting in a high number of UASC and UASC care leavers. To deal with increasing demand, the proposal focusses on recruiting two social workers identified as having specialist skills in dealing with UASC, as well as some allocation for carer training resources, interpretation and translation and activities for UASC and care leavers to improve their orientation in the UK.
Suffolk County Council (on behalf of East region)	£ 12,900	Since 2014 the region has seen a 200% increase in the number of spontaneous arrivals of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) and currently lacks sufficient expertise and capacity to meet its obligations under the National Transfer Scheme to take 910 UASC. The joint bid across local authorities addresses the need for greater capacity to carry out age assessments, including social worker theoretical and practical training for social workers to ensure consistency
Surrey County Council	£ 118,000	The focus of Surrey's project is reducing the need to use independent foster provision for its Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. The project will develop local placements integrated in the community, which will be more appropriate for the children's needs and use resources more efficiently.
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£ 154,668	The focus of Waltham Forest's project is reducing the need to use independent foster provision for its Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. The project will recruit and train culturally suitable local foster carers, which will be more appropriate for the children's needs and use resources more efficiently.
Warwickshire County Council	£ 343,000	Warwickshire's project will instate a new way of working with Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children in the area: an outreach 'pod' of multi-disciplinary professionals to co-ordinate services and ensure that none are duplicated. It will include, for example, a mental health practitioner and community workers. The services range from English language lessons, to relationship and life skills development, and will aid the migrants to fully integrate into local society.

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West Sussex County Council	£ 321,900	West Sussex are looking to enhance the quality of their service to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children by: i) harnessing their voice and experience - using this intelligence to inform and shape local services, develop new training for service providers and promote understanding in communities and, ii) Improve support offered to foster and supported lodgings carers through an enhanced package of support and training, enabling more placements to be found locally. The improved service will be more appropriate for the children's needs and increase community confidence and cohesion.
Bury Council	£ 97,454	Bury cares for 14 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking children (UASC) and 7 UASC care leavers. They have agreed to take 12 children through the National Transfer Scheme in collaboration with Oldham, so their bid identified two key areas of need to achieve this; improved semi-independent accommodation and a specialist Social Worker to lead the care management of UASC and UASC care leavers. They will also help to improve and promote community cohesion.
London Borough of Camden	£ 254,500	Camden's bid aims to address some of the complex challenges faced by Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) including significant trauma, cultural barriers to social integration, problems with educational attainment and disruption to family networks. It covers four elements; training for staff to cope with these issues, enhancing the virtual school which prepares children about to enter mainstream education, working with the Red Cross to provide a support group and commissioning additional specialist counselling.
London Borough of Hounslow	£ 276,200	Hounslow's bid identified 4 key areas for improvement including specialist training and counselling and the appropriate expertise of foster carers. The funding will help support the training of social care staff, education and healthcare professionals, a foster care recruitment campaign to increase the diversity of their provision and trauma counselling. The funding will also help them improve their Leaving Care support for UASC and share expertise, with mental health and immigration support in particular.
London Borough of Islington	£ 234,800	Islington Council has seen a rapid increase in Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) leaving care who have particularly complex needs. Some are at risk of exploitation, criminality or radicalisation, in addition to facing a shortage of in-house foster care placements and supported lodgings. Their bid aims to develop additional support for care leavers through the asylum process or return to home where appropriate, and recruit and up-skill foster carers and specialist advisors.

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London Borough of Islington (NPRF network)	£ 115,000	Islington's bid on behalf of the No Recourse to Public Funds Network proposes expanding the service with additional staff to provide advice and support to local authorities across England, covering topics such as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children leaving care and issues navigating the immigration system. This will be provided online and over the phone, and will be supported by training given to local authority staff to deal with this particularly complex cohort.
Middlesbrough/North East Strategic Migration Partnership	£ 25,000	The proposal from North East Migration Partnership is to deliver training to all North East authorities to bolster expertise in supporting Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC), as the region has limited experience in this area. Their bid identifies additional training needed to improve staff confidence in supporting UASC, which may ultimately facilitate greater engagement with the National Transfer Scheme. The training will primarily be directed at Social Workers, Practitioners and Foster Carers..
North Yorkshire County Council	£ 61,000	The successful bid for North Yorkshire covers both North Yorkshire City Council and York City. These areas have little experience in taking on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children but want to establish greater capacity to take up to 40 children through the National Transfer Scheme. The bid also recognises the need to integrate activities with local residents to promote cohesion and build skills for UASC to be independent members of their communities.
Oxfordshire County Council	£ 334,654	Over the past 5 years Oxfordshire CC has cared for 180 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) principally from Albania, Eritrea and Afghanistan. Their bid identified a need for increased capacity support to take on additional UASC through up skilling professionals across the county to better understand the support needs of UASC and increasing the support for when UASCs access educational placements. The funding will also be used to improve access to therapeutic interventions and positive activities.
Shropshire County Council	£ 169,378	Shropshire's proposal is intended to develop capacity to take on greater numbers of UASC. As a rural county with limited diversity and minimal experience of caring for UASC they have identified gaps in expertise and provision which this funding will help to rectify in addition to English language support. They are also stepping up to take 42 additional UASC through the National Transfer Scheme/Dubs amendment.

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Solihull (West Midlands regional partnership)	£ 1,975,000	This West Midlands bid ensures that all fourteen local authorities are able to contribute to the National Transfer Scheme and have confidence that staff are able to respond to legislative and statutory requirements for this group of children and young people. It will develop expertise, raise quality and promote best practice across all services and communities supporting these children and young people; their education, health, social care, employment, and housing
Staffordshire County Council	£ 298,527	Staffordshire cares for 154 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children, so the bid focusses on the key issues of integration and English language provision. The bid covers an evaluation and research element to better understand the impact and the pressures they face, in addition to community development workers to help involve UASC in community activities. The funding will also help provide English language teaching, numeracy, IT and Citizenship skills UASC in 6th form and Further education
Wiltshire County Council	£ 148,900	Wiltshire are preparing for the arrival of another 30-35 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children over the next two years as part of the National Transfer Scheme, so the bid focusses on the recruitment and up-skilling of in-house foster carers and increased supported lodging placements. These will be concentrated in clusters where local services such as school placements and language support can be effectively provided and local volunteers can take the pressure off universal services and support community cohesion.
Wolverhampton City Council	£ 337,618	The City of Wolverhampton supports both Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and a number of UASC care leavers, with their bid focusing on the mental health needs of these groups. The funding will be used to support existing mental health services for UASC, including working with local schools, additional mental health practitioners, English language provision and mentors for UASC. The project is intended as a 2-year pilot with successful outcomes helping to reduce pressure on services in the future.
York (Yorkshire and Humber regional partnership)	£ 561,041	The Yorkshire & Humber region, working collaboratively across all Local Authorities, will provide Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children with appropriate and welcoming placements. The bid addresses the need for an increased number of carers and accommodation options. The funding will be used to recruit, train and support foster carers and supported lodgings providers throughout the region. Social workers, support workers and others will benefit from increased training, information and support, to ensure unaccompanied children achieve the best possible outcomes.
TOTAL	£8,928,216	