

# #KirkleesWelcomes

Working together to support and celebrate migration

## Welcome to Kirklees



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# Introduction

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Kirklees is a place of welcome. It has diverse communities and there are people in Kirklees from many different parts of the world.

Kirklees Council and our partners such as the Police, Health, Schools, and faith-based organisations want to ensure those new to Kirklees settle in. We want you to understand the local community you live in, have the support you need for the best start in your new life, progress your English language skills, and achieve aspirations whether that is making new friends, progress in learning new skills or gaining employment.

The purpose of this pack is to provide you with the information you need to help you live and settle into your new home in Huddersfield. It will explain the support and services that are available to you locally. It will also include details of community organisations that can support you to develop a network of contacts in Huddersfield.



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# 1. About Kirklees



The Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees is a borough of West Yorkshire, England. It has a population (2011) of 422,500 and includes the towns and villages of Batley, Birstall, Cleckheaton, Denby Dale, Dewsbury, Heckmondwike, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, Kirkburton, Marsden, Meltham, Mirfield and Slaithwaite. Huddersfield is the largest settlement of the district and it's the centre of the Council's administration.

# 2. Confidentiality

All staff members who are involved in your support are aware that information about your family and where you are living must be kept confidential.

However, the law states we may have to disclose your information to a third party without your consent. This is done very rarely, in cases where:

- A staff member is concerned that you may harm yourself or others
- A child or young people in your care is at risk
- A Court of Law instructs us to disclose your information
- If we feel you may be at risk from others.



## 3. Your home and feeling safe

We want everyone to be proud of the communities in which they live, feel happy, be safe, and get on well. Enabling people to get actively involved in their neighbourhoods and the decisions that affect them will create stronger communities and a more cohesive district.



### Important numbers and information

#### Call: 999 - emergency only

When you call 999, they will ask you if you need police, fire service or ambulance.



**Police:** There are two police numbers, one for an emergency and one for a non-emergency.

**The police should only be called on 999 when there is a danger to life or a risk of injury being caused imminently.** Examples include serious road accidents, assaults, serious disorders or a crime in progress.



**Fire service:** Call this number if there is a dangerous fire which you cannot safely put out yourself.



**Ambulance:** You call 999 and ask for ambulance just in case there's a life risk (someone can't breathe, heart attack, danger of death).

#### Call: 101 - non-emergency

You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. For example, your property has been damaged, minor traffic collision or you've seen or experienced a hate crime.



### Property repairs and issues

If you are living in a **council property** and want to report a repair, you need to create a 'My Kirklees' account and report it from there. Go to [my.kirklees.gov.uk](http://my.kirklees.gov.uk) However, for urgent repairs you can call 01484 414800 or 01484 414850 (out of hours). For more information such as complains please visit [www.knh.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.knh.org.uk/contact-us)

If you are living in a **private property** and have a problem with the landlord such as eviction notice or repairs that are not being resolved you can contact the council housing team at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/homelessness](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/homelessness) or call 01484 414933.



### If you want to move home

You can use this website to register for council house [www.choosenmove.org.uk](http://www.choosenmove.org.uk) Other information regarding council housing and what do you need to know before register can be found on the previous website or at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/housingregister](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/housingregister), or call 01484 416900 or 01484 221350.



### Your utility bills

For more information on your bills such as gas, water, electricity please check the UK welcome guide in your language at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-new-refugees](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-new-refugees)



### Wheelie bins and rubbish

In your new home you will be responsible for the disposal of your rubbish and waste. You will collect your household waste in a smaller bin inside your home which needs to have a bin liner in. Once this bin is full, transfer the full bin liner to your wheelie bin.

You will have two wheelie bins – a grey/black one for general rubbish and a green one for recycling. These will be outside your home and are emptied on a weekly basis by Kirklees Council in rotation eg. week one grey bin, week two green bin.

It is important that you place your rubbish inside the wheelie bin and not next to it as it will not be taken and could attract pests. If you find that you have too much rubbish for the size of your wheelie bin, a larger or extra one can be ordered from the council.

**Grey/black bin:** This wheelie bin is for your general household waste.

**Green bin:** This wheelie bin is for recyclable waste.

The graphic on the next page tells you what you can and cannot put in the different coloured bins.

#### Bulky waste

If you have larger items of waste such as broken furniture or garden waste, you can take it to one of the council's recycling sites. If you do not have the transport, contact refuse collection 01484 414700 to arrange for them to be collected or go to the Kirklees Council website and complete the online request form for collection at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/bulkywaste)

#### Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a license to accept it. To report fly-tipping go to [www.kirklees.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/flytipping)

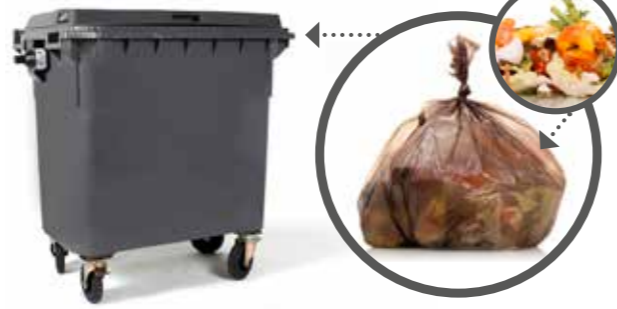
# What goes in your bins



## Green bin

- This wheelie bin is for **recyclable waste** such as:
- paper and cardboard
  - newspapers and magazines
  - food tins
  - drink cans and bottles
  - household plastic bottles
  - plastic packaging (tubs, yoghurt pots, food trays)
  - aerosols

Please put these items **loose** in the green bin.  
(Not in a bin liner / plastic bag)



## Grey bin

- This wheelie bin is for your **general household waste** such as:
- food leftovers and peelings
  - nappies
  - used cling film and foil
  - crisp bags and wrappers
  - polystyrene
  - plastic bags

All non-recyclable household rubbish needs to go in a bin liner and placed inside a grey bin.

## Travelling around

It is important you start learning how to use Google Maps to help you navigate.

Both train and bus stations are located in the Huddersfield Town Centre.



### Train

Huddersfield train station, St. Georges Square, Huddersfield HD1 1JB

*J3 on the map opposite.*

You can book your train ticket at the station or via [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) and you can learn more about prices via [www.thetrainline.com/railcard](http://www.thetrainline.com/railcard)



### Taxi

Ensure that the taxi is a licensed vehicle and that the driver has an ID

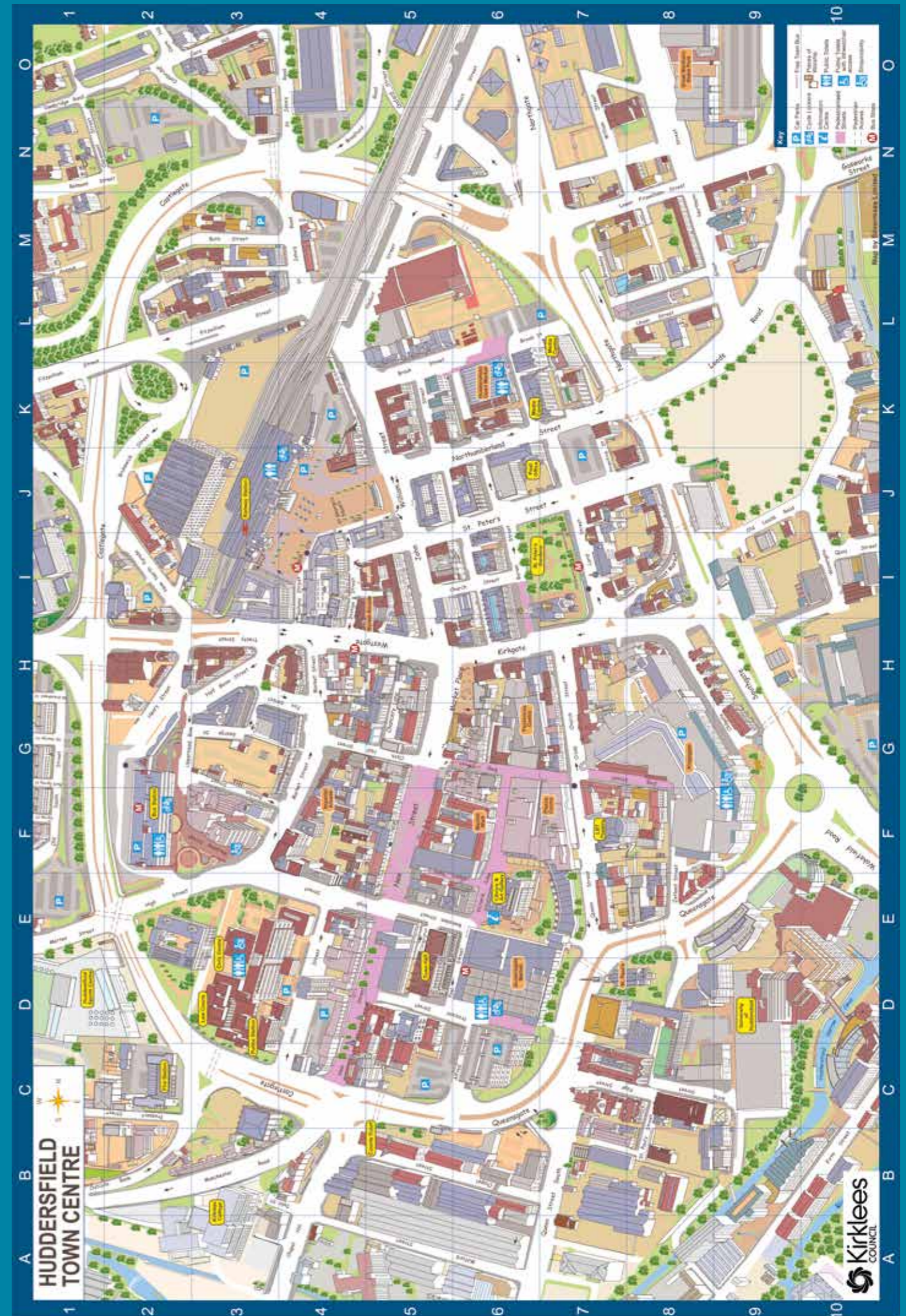
'Huddersfield Taxi'. You can download the Huddersfield Taxis app on Apple from the App Store or Google Play.



### Bus

Huddersfield Bus Station, Upperhead Row, Huddersfield HD1 2JN

*F2 on the map opposite.*



## Codes of behaviour in Kirklees and the UK

In the UK there are certain behaviours that people are expected to follow as well as some rules which are law. Below you will find some of the common expectations as well as laws which have consequences if not abided to.



### Being polite

It is courteous to say "please" and "thank you" to each other. If someone is in your way or you need help, it is polite to say "excuse me". If you bump into someone or are in the wrong, it is expected that you'd say "sorry".



### Queueing

Whilst waiting for a service or your turn to be served, stand in a line to queue eg. at the bus stop or in a shop.



### Appointments

It is very important to keep to appointment times. If your appointment says 9:30am -10am it means your appointments starts at 9:30am and will last for half an hour. It is always advised to arrive five or 10 minutes early.

If you are running late it is good practice to ring the person you have an appointment with to let them know how long you are going to be and to check that the appointment can still go ahead. Some organisations will refuse to see you if you are late for an appointment.

If you are unable to attend, you must ring to cancel or re-arrange.



### Litter

Don't drop litter in the street as it is illegal. There are plenty of litter bins in town centres.



### Racial harassment

Racial harassment is illegal. If you have been attacked, intimidated or insulted because of your colour, race, ethnicity, religion or national origin, then you are a victim of racial harassment. Racial harassment (also known as Hate Crime) can also take the form of racist writing on walls or damage your property.

If you experience any harassment inform the police immediately on 101 or 999 if you are in immediate danger. You can also email [Hatecrimes@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Hatecrimes@kirklees.gov.uk)



### Freedom and cultures

Female genital mutilation, forced marriage, honour-based abuse and domestic abuse is not acceptable. It is against the law and you will be under questioning by the police if you commit any of these.



### Domestic abuse

Domestic abuse could include: coercive control, financial abuse, physical and psychological abuse, harassment and stalking.

If you are a victim of domestic abuse please call 101 or 999 if you are at immediate danger. Or you can contact Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership 0800 0527222.



### Sexual orientation

In some cultures sexual orientation is not a choice. Please understand that the British law respects the personal freedom and it's expected from any person living in the UK to respect the sexual orientation of others (gay, lesbian bisexual).

It's against the law and considered a hate crime if you hurt anyone verbally or physically because of their sexual orientation.



### Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour includes things such as:

- Rowdy, noisy behaviour in otherwise quiet neighborhoods
- Nighttime noise from houses or gardens, especially between 11pm and 7am
- Threatening, drunken or "yobbish" behaviour
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Dealing or buying drugs on the street
- Litter and fly-tipping rubbish
- Aggressive begging
- Drinking in the street
- Setting off fireworks late at night
- Abandoning cars on the street.

To report anti-social behaviour, call 101 or report it via [www.kirklees.gov.uk/antisocialbehaviour](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/antisocialbehaviour) or at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

## Kirklees Council - Our Shared Outcomes



### Best start

Children have the best start in life



### Well

People in Kirklees are as well as possible for as long as possible



### Independent

People in Kirklees live independently and have control over their lives



### Aspire and achieve

People in Kirklees aspire to achieve their ambitions through education, training, employment and lifelong learning



### Sustainable economy

Kirklees has sustainable economic growth and provides good employment for and with communities and businesses



### Safe and cohesive

People in Kirklees live in cohesive communities, feel safe and are safe/protected from harm



### Clean and green

People in Kirklees experience a high quality, clean, sustainable and green environment





## 4. Health and mental health

### Well

The National Health Service (NHS) provides health care in the UK and is funded by taxation. You are entitled to access NHS care without charge. You need a HC2 form (which is available at pharmacies) to receive free medicine, dental treatment, eye tests and some glasses.



### General Practice (GP)

It is very important to register with GP and this service is free. If you are ill or worried about your health or the health of anyone in your family, you should go to see your local doctor, called a General Practitioner (GP). Some GPs ask all new patients to have a health check. This will usually be carried out by a nurse. It is important you attend this appointment. It is better if you are early. If you need an interpreter you must tell the receptionist when you make the appointment. Tell the staff which language you speak and they will book an interpreter on the phone using Big Word.

To find a local GP you can look online at [www.kirkleescg.nhs.uk/your-health/find-a-local-service](http://www.kirkleescg.nhs.uk/your-health/find-a-local-service) or if you can't get online please contact the Welcome Mentor Service who can support you to find and register with a local doctor.



### What if I need to see a specialist doctor?

Your GP will usually provide most of your health care and will decide if you need to see a Consultant (specialist doctor) or if you need to go to hospital. Everyone in the UK has to go on a waiting list once they've been referred to a consultant's clinic. The hospital will write to you with details of your appointment. You must contact the hospital if you need an interpreter to be present at your appointment. Depending on the issue, hospital appointments may sometimes be some distance from where you live. However, you can get help with costs of travel if you have a HC2. Our local hospitals are **Huddersfield Royal Infirmary (HRI)** and **Calderdale Royal Infirmary (CRI)** but you may need to attend appointments at a hospital in Leeds or Bradford.



### Opticians

It is advised for you and your family get your eyes tested, there are opticians across Huddersfield especially in the Town Centre.



### Dentist

You can find a dentist at [www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist). You will need to make an appointment to see the dentist. If it is an emergency as you are in a lot of pain, tell the receptionist. For more serious dental procedures, you may be referred to the hospital.

If you don't have a regular dentist or are away from home, ring NHS 111 for advice and they will arrange an appointment if you urgently need to be seen.



### Chemist and prescriptions

You can visit the chemist to ask about general health questions. You could buy some medication from the chemist. The standard prescription cost in England is currently £9 per item. If you have several types of medication you will pay £9 for each one. Some items such as pain killers are cheaper to buy over the counter rather than getting a prescription for.

If you are entitled to free NHS prescriptions, please make sure you tick the correct box on the back of your prescription form. Ticking the wrong box can result in a penalty charge notice. This will be your responsibility to pay the charge. To find the closest pharmacy to you and other useful information please visit [www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacies](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacies)



### Your wellbeing and mental health

Concerns about your, or your family's, mental health and emotional wellbeing is feeling that things may become a bit overwhelming, you may struggle to cope with everyday challenges or not feel like doing things you used to enjoy. You may feel upset, unable to sleep and generally not feeling yourself anymore. For example: low mood, feeling sad or worried or stressed most of the time, anxiety, feeling suicidal, poor sleep, nightmares, feeling bereaved.

If you are worried about yourself or your family please always **have a conversation with your GP**, this will be total confidence and they can advise and support you.

More information can be found at [www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/in-crisis](http://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/in-crisis) including **24 hour mental health helpline** for anyone registered with a GP in Kirklees. You can access this service on 0800 183 0558.

There are other mental health support services in Huddersfield such as:

**Northorpe Hall:** [www.northorpehall.co.uk](http://www.northorpehall.co.uk)

**WomenCentre:** [www.womencentre.org.uk](http://www.womencentre.org.uk)

**GP NHS support:** [kirkleesiapt.co.uk](http://kirkleesiapt.co.uk)

If you need help to register or access any of the above services, please contact an Officer who may already be working with you or call the Welcome Mentor Service on 07425 444566.



## 5. Children and young people's progress

### Best start



#### If you are pregnant and need support

Please call 0300 304 5555 or go to [www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk)

You can apply for one-off payment of £500 Maternity Grant via [www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant](http://www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant)

Also, if you're pregnant or have a child under four, the Healthy Start scheme can help you buy basic foods like milk or fruit. To apply visit [www.gov.uk/healthy-start](http://www.gov.uk/healthy-start)

To register your new born baby please call 01484 221030 or visit [www.kirklees.gov.uk/registerbirth](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/registerbirth). You can call the Health Visiting Team for your child support on 0300 304 5555.



#### The International New Arrivals Team (INAT)

INAT will provide support for your children to start school and will support you to understand the education system in the UK.

We are a team of bi-lingual support workers who support children (two to 18 years old) and families who have English as another language to access education, integrate into the educational provision (nursery, school, or college) and link with the other services to address any needs.

We will:

- Allocate a bi-lingual worker for time limited integration support.
- Support to apply for a nursery/school/college place and move through the admissions process.
- Provide interpretation at your child's registration meeting to ensure you understand schools' expectations, policies, and attendance procedures.
- Support with communication between home and school.
- Apply for free school meals and school uniform
- Referral/signposting to other services if needed

Email requests for support to [ess.inat@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:ess.inat@kirklees.gov.uk) or you can phone the business support team on 01484 221919 and give your details and request a call back. The team will aim to respond within two days unless on a weekend when the office is closed.

Further information about education can be found on the council's website at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schools](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schools)

If your child has a special education need, please visit the local offer website which has a translation and hearing option [www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk)



#### Parenting and treatment of children

You must not leave your child alone at any time; they must always be supervised by a responsible adult. It is illegal for anyone to neglect, physically, sexually, or emotionally abuse a child as defined by the Children's Act.

All children of school age must attend school on a regular basis.

If you have concerns about a child, please call Children safeguarding on 01484 456848, or out of hours on 01484 414933.







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## 6. Learning and progressing your English

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*Aspire and achieve*

### **English Classes = ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)**

Learning to speak English is very important and will help you to settle into your new life and live independently, enable you to go to the doctor on your own, help your children at school and help you get a job or study further.

You are entitled to free English language tuition if you are unemployed and looking for work. Before you join a class, a teacher will check your level and find out more about you, so that you can join a class with people who are at a similar level as you, and which is suitable for your needs. Classes can be a lot of fun and are a good place to meet people and make friends.

In Kirklees we are a diverse community with residents who speak many different languages. Learning English allows people to have a shared language offering opportunities to integrate, develop and progress. You will need to complete an assessment so that you can be matched to the right level of course. Assessments can be completed by This Way 4 English (TW4E). To book an appointment email [thisway4english@tslkirklees.org.uk](mailto:thisway4english@tslkirklees.org.uk) or call 01484 519053.

Following your assessment, the TW4E team will match you to a class. ESOL classes are available at the local College, in libraries, schools and community centres. Information about local courses and venues near you are available at [www.learningenglish.org.uk](http://www.learningenglish.org.uk)



## 7. Adult learning and employment

### *Aspire and achieve*



#### Adult learning

Adult learning is strongly encouraged and many different courses are available.

Colleges, adult education services and other educational institutions in your local area may offer full and part-time adult learning opportunities. These could include taught courses, workshops and online learning on a wide range of subjects including job training and courses for personal development such as IT, gardening, arts and crafts, and well-being.

Some courses are specifically designed to support parents and their families. These courses are likely to be available in the daytime, evening and weekends. Some courses, including literacy and numeracy, are free of charge and some courses are fee-paying so adults may be asked to contribute fully or partially towards the cost.

Please see [www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/employment-information/covid19-employment-work-support.aspx](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/employment-information/covid19-employment-work-support.aspx) for more information. If you don't have access to the internet please contact the This Way 4 English Programme on 01484 519053.

Also you can access National Career Services to help you with training and getting into work via [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)



#### Your income

If you are an asylum seeker, Mears will be sending you weekly/monthly payment via pre-paid card.

If you are a refugee, having a bank account is a very important part of your daily life.

In order to apply for a Bank account, you must make sure that you have all of the correct documents including proof of identification and address.

Once you receive your bank account letter through the post, you will receive a bank card. You will also receive a four digit "PIN" (Personal Identification Number) which you can change to a memorable number. You must use your PIN for all card transactions.

Most shops allow you to pay with your card in their machine or it may be a contactless machine where you don't need to use your PIN for transactions less than £30. You can also withdraw cash from an ATM using your card, again you will have to enter your PIN.



#### Employment and training

To start working you need to improve your English to be able to communicate with people. We explained in previous section how to start your ESOL lessons. See the UK welcome guide in your language for more national information at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-new-refugees](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-new-refugees)

#### Job Centre Plus (JCP)

The state Welfare (benefit) system comprises of rules and regulations which must be followed in order to continue to receive money. Your JCP Work Coach will create your Commitments, which you will need to follow and comply with. The Commitments are designed to understand your barriers and put a plan in place for you to take necessary steps to help you move forward and become more employable.

JCP works with many organisations to help you get the necessary training, courses and education. They will utilise these services and refer you for the appropriate help and support. Courses and training include:

- ESOL
- IT
- CV (curriculum vitae) & covering letters
- Employability – includes the above and interview advice
- Customer Service
- Retail.

JCP is located at Castle House, Market Street, Huddersfield HD1 2NE, and is open from 9am until 5pm Monday to Saturday.

There are a lot of other services available in Kirklees to help you starting work as well as JCP:

- **Works Better:** 01484 221000
- **Horton Housing:** 01484 300744
- **WEA:** [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or 0300 303 3464
- **Connecting Opportunities:** 0113 3788 700
- **The Lab Project:** [www.properjob.org.uk/the-lab-project](http://www.properjob.org.uk/the-lab-project) or 07368 291 874.



## 8. Volunteering

### *Aspire and achieve*

Volunteering is choosing to spend your time, without being paid, to help a person, place or organisation. Most volunteering is organised by a charity, community group or public sector organisation like Kirklees Council or the health service (NHS). You can volunteer with gardening, sewing, jogging, painting groups.

Volunteering can be a great way to:

- Learn new skills
- Improve your English language skills
- Meet new people
- Gain work experience
- Give you a purpose
- Improve your physical and mental health
- Make a positive difference by helping others.

You can view and apply for volunteer roles in Kirklees by looking on the TSL Kirklees volunteering website, [volunteering.tslkirklees.org.uk/opportunities](https://volunteering.tslkirklees.org.uk/opportunities)

To arrange an appointment please contact [volunteer@tslkirklees.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@tslkirklees.org.uk) or call 01484 519053.



## 9. Faith and worship

### *Safe and cohesive*

Britain is a multi-faith society in which everyone has the right to religious freedom. Although Britain is historically a Christian society, citizens are encouraged to be tolerant towards the faiths of others and those who have no religious beliefs. It is interesting to know that 25% of people in the UK and in Kirklees would say they have no faith at all.

Although religious faith in Britain is predominantly Christian, most of the world's religions are also practiced. There are large Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Sikh communities, and also smaller communities of Bahá'í, Buddhists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jains, and Zoroastrians, as well as followers of new religious movements. This diversity is also evident in Kirklees.

In Kirklees, 17% of people are Muslim and worship in over 50 purpose built mosques. Some Islamic communities broadcast the call to prayer on a radio frequency which Muslims can pick up in their homes and places of work using a small receiver. Women do not pray in the same place as men, there is usually a screened off area for them. Prayers and services are held every day at all mosques. All Muslims go to the mosque on Friday in the UK. There is also an Ahmadiyya Muslim Association in Huddersfield.

### Local places of worship

Here's details of some local places of worship:

#### **Jam-e-Masjid Abu Bakr**

169 Church Street  
Paddock  
Huddersfield  
HD1 4UJ  
Call: 01484 450183

#### **Jamia Masjid Bilal**

245 Yews Hill Road  
Lockwood  
Huddersfield  
HD4 5DE  
Call: 01484 542360

#### **Jamia Masjid Osman**

32 Upper George Street  
Springwood  
Huddersfield  
HD1 4AW  
Call: 01484 420029

#### **Huddersfield Parish Church of St. Peter's**

Byram Street  
Huddersfield  
HD1 1BU  
Call: 01484 427964

#### **Sikh Temple in Huddersfield:**

##### **Guru Nanak Gurdwara**

2 Prospect Street  
Springwood  
Huddersfield  
HD1 2NX

#### **Hindu Temple in Huddersfield:**

##### **Huddersfield Hindu Temple**

20 Zetland Street  
Huddersfield  
HD1 2RA

### Other important related services

To register birth, marriage and death go to Huddersfield Register Office, Huddersfield Town Hall, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2TA.

Details can be found at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/register-offices/register-offices](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/register-offices/register-offices) or call 01484 221030.

#### **Islamic funeral service**

Sher Azam Funeral Director is for everyone, even though they are based in Bradford, but they do go to other cities to provide their service.

The address is: Try Mills, Preston Street, Bradford BD7 1JE or call 01274 780056.



## 10. Your local community

### *Independent*



#### **Shopping**

In Huddersfield we have a variety of different shops and supermarkets where you can buy your regular household items and food.

Supermarkets are large stores where you can buy the stores own brand and branded foods, toiletries, baby items and sometimes clothes and electricals too. Look out for the 'specialist aisles' where international foods from around the world are sold. Many supermarkets also sell Halal meat.

Supermarkets often have deals of the week like 'Buy One Get One Free' or 'Three for the price of two". Some supermarkets are more expensive eg. Sainsbury's and Tesco. Cheaper alternatives are Aldi and Lidl.

You may want to purchase some 'Bags for Life' to use for your shopping as supermarkets now charge 10p per carrier bag used.

There are several shops in Huddersfield that sell Kurdish foods and ingredients as well as restaurants and takeaways.



#### **Outdoor Market**

There is an outdoor market in Huddersfield town centre held every Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 9am until 4pm. The market is full of stalls with everything you need from fresh fruit and vegetables to fabrics, hardware and household goods. There are also food stalls where you can try different cuisines from a Thai noodle bar to traditional Fish & Chips.

## Things to do

There are lots of things to do while living in Kirklees. Huddersfield has number of outdoor areas for local walks and recreational activities for families. Some of them are free and some you will have to pay for. Details can be found on the Council website at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/events](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/events)



### Parks

Greenhead Park and Beaumont Park



### Sports

Sports Centres, Swimming, Climbing Walls, Tennis Courts, John Smiths Stadium (Football & Rugby League), Ten Pin Bowling, Laserzone, Roller Skating, Golf



### Arts

Art Gallery, Museums, Theatre, Cinema



### Children/families

Play Areas, Adventure Playgrounds, Soft Play Centres, Farms, Community Centres, Youth Facilities, Kingsgate Shopping Centre

It can be difficult to find places and you may need help to access the activities and opportunities. In Kirklees we have **Welcome Mentors** who speak many different languages and have often been where you are now, new to Kirklees and looking to make the most of the opportunities available who can help you.

If you want to get in touch with the Welcome Mentors please contact them by email at [welcomementors@tslkirklees.gov.uk](mailto:welcomementors@tslkirklees.gov.uk) or call 07425 444566.

If you want some particular activities for your children Kirklees Youth Alliance and partners offer a range of activities [www.facebook.com/KirkleesYouth](http://www.facebook.com/KirkleesYouth)



## Libraries

Kirklees libraries welcome children and young people of all ages and their families. There are plenty of suitable resources and lots of fun activities and events.

Libraries offer a range of free services including digital access, books, DVDs and CDs to be loaned, access to world media, learning and creative opportunities.

There's also computer and internet access - free to use for library members or visitors with appropriate identification. Children and young people under 16 years of age will need the written consent of their parent, guardian or carer. Go online at [www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk/libraries-of-sanctuary](http://www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk/libraries-of-sanctuary) for more information.

### Here's details of some local libraries of sanctuary:

#### Huddersfield Library

Princess Alexandria Walk  
Huddersfield  
HD1 2SU

#### Almondbury Library

Stocks Walk  
Huddersfield  
HD5 8XB

#### Birkby Fartown Library

Lea Street  
HD1 6HA

#### Rawthorpe Dalton Library and Information Centre

23-25 Ridgeway  
Dalton  
Huddersfield  
HD5 9QJ

It's free and easy to register with a library. Go to [www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk](http://www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk) or call in and get started.



## Legal advice

If you are a refugee or asylum seeker and need legal advice you can contact:

### Kirklees Citizens Advice & Law Centre - Advice in Kirklees

Website: [kcalc.org.uk](http://kcalc.org.uk)  
Telephone: 0808 278 7896

### DASH: HuddsDash - Destitute Asylum Seekers Huddersfield

Website: [huddsdash.org](http://huddsdash.org)  
Telephone: 07702 382647 or 07926457599

## Finally, wider information about living in the UK in your language can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-new-refugees](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-new-refugees)

We hope you enjoy your time in Huddersfield Kirklees. We wish seeing you thrive, progress and happy.

*Best of luck.*



Greenhead Park

# #KirkleesWelcomes

Working together to support and celebrate migration

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Kirklees continues to be a welcoming community, understanding and building on the benefits migration brings.

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