



Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Cllr James Jamieson
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Dear James,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 April 2022 following up evidence you gave to the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee regarding support for Ukrainian refugees on 30 March.

In your letter you state that "confirmation is needed on whether [family scheme] visa route families can move across to the sponsor route to avoid becoming homeless". You also refer to "significant issues with the data flow", and to councils' "wish to receive top line data on numbers of arrivals and where they are settling".

In your oral evidence, you stated that councils were receiving data only on Ukrainians arriving through the sponsorship scheme and were receiving no data about sponsors or about those arriving through the family scheme. Later that day I put these points to the Prime Minister, who said he saw "no reason at all" why councils should not have access to data on sponsors.

I would be grateful if you could update my Committee on what progress councils have experienced with regard to receiving data on Ukrainian refugees arriving through any route and on sponsors. I would also be grateful if you could inform us whether you have received confirmation that people arriving through the family scheme can be matched with a sponsor in order to avoid becoming homeless.

As we discussed, it is vital that Government shares this information with councils so that they can effectively plan their efforts to support all those arriving from Ukraine irrespective of their route to the UK. I look forward to receiving an update from you on this matter and any other points you wish to raise regarding councils' support of Ukrainian refugees.

Best wishes,

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee