

Introduction

This briefing provides examples of initiatives being undertaken by NHS organisations as part of the Team Wales effort to support individuals fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. These efforts range from fundraising activities among staff, to donations of medical supplies being sent to Ukraine. Health and care services have also been put in place for Ukrainians arriving in the UK through strong partnership working, such as mental health and wellbeing support and public health screening.

The horrific attack by Russia on Ukraine has sent shockwaves across the world and caused displacement of thousands of Ukrainian people from their homes. The NHS in Wales will continue to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and our thoughts are with everyone who is affected by what is happening.

The NHS in Wales has been part of a 'Team Wales' effort to support individuals fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and organisations playing their part in providing resources and care to those in need. NHS organisations have been working with a range of partners to support those who have already arrived in Wales and have also provided aid through donations sent directly to Ukraine.

The latest figures as at 23 August 2022 show that 5,226 people with sponsors in Wales have arrived in the UK, with 8,014 visas issued.

The Welsh Government paused its super-sponsor scheme on 10 June 2022 to give more time to provide support to those already arrived in Wales, allowing them to receive good quality accommodation and support so they can integrate with local communities. It noted the initial expectation for the super-sponsor route was 1,000 visas and more than 4,000 have already been issued.

The Welsh Government explained the pause in the scheme will allow people who have arrived in Wales to receive good quality accommodation and support so that they can integrate with local communities. The NHS is committed to continuing to do all it can ensure they are supported as they transition into their life in Wales.

We want to thank all those who have opened up their homes and provided aid and reiterate that NHS Wales is proud of the Team Wales effort.

