

Housing Committee Tuesday, 5th December

Safe and Legal Routes to the UK

Data and consultation response

Background

The UK currently operates seven safe and legal routes to refugees. These include resettlement schemes such as the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) and Community Sponsorship, as well as bespoke routes for individuals from Afghanistan (ARAP and ACRS), Ukraine (HFU), Hong Kong, and the close family members of refugees. Under the UK's safe and legal routes, eligible individuals access them through an application or referral process made overseas. This means that when they arrive in the UK their status is already determined.

Previously, the UKRS was known as the VPRS (vulnerable person's resettlement scheme) which ran from 2015 to 2021 and under which around 20,000 refugees were resettled in the UK.

The data below has been compiled by the Gloucestershire International Resettlement Co-Ordinator for the Gloucestershire Strategic Migration Partnership.

Migration and Resettlement Data

Table 1: Stroud Resettlement Data by Year/by Resettlement Cohort by Individual

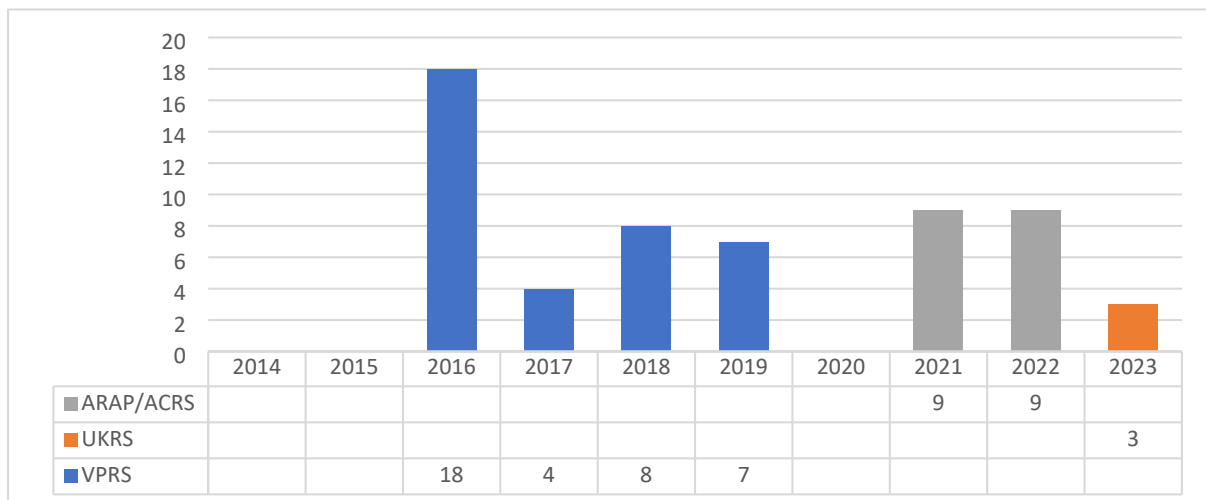


Table 2: Stroud Asylum Data as of 30th September 2023 (by individual)

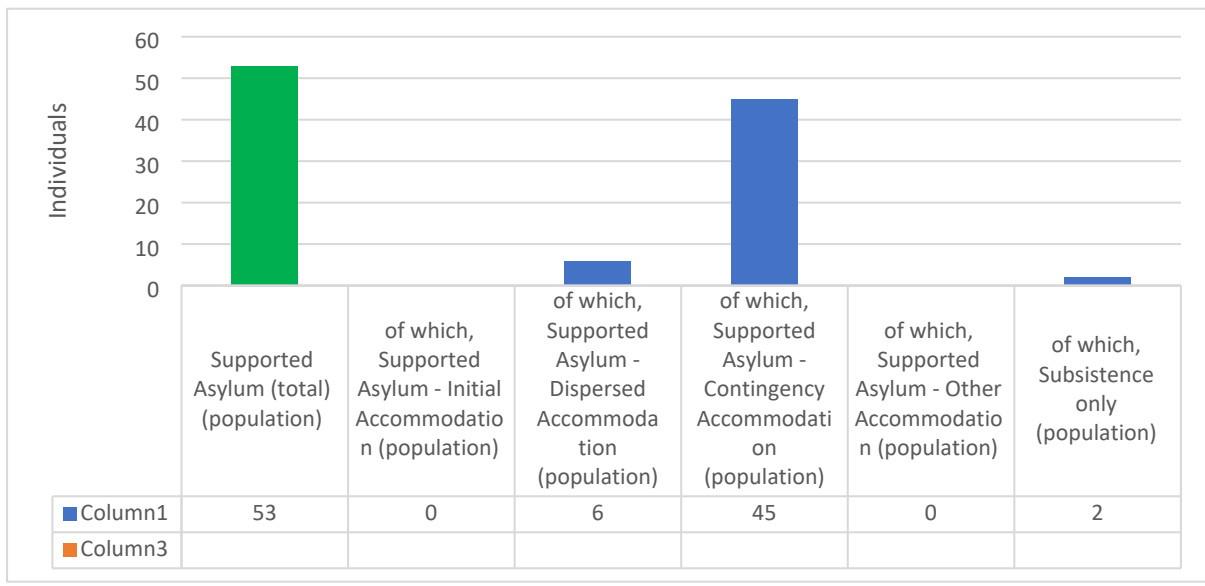


Table 3: Homes for Ukraine (Gloucestershire)

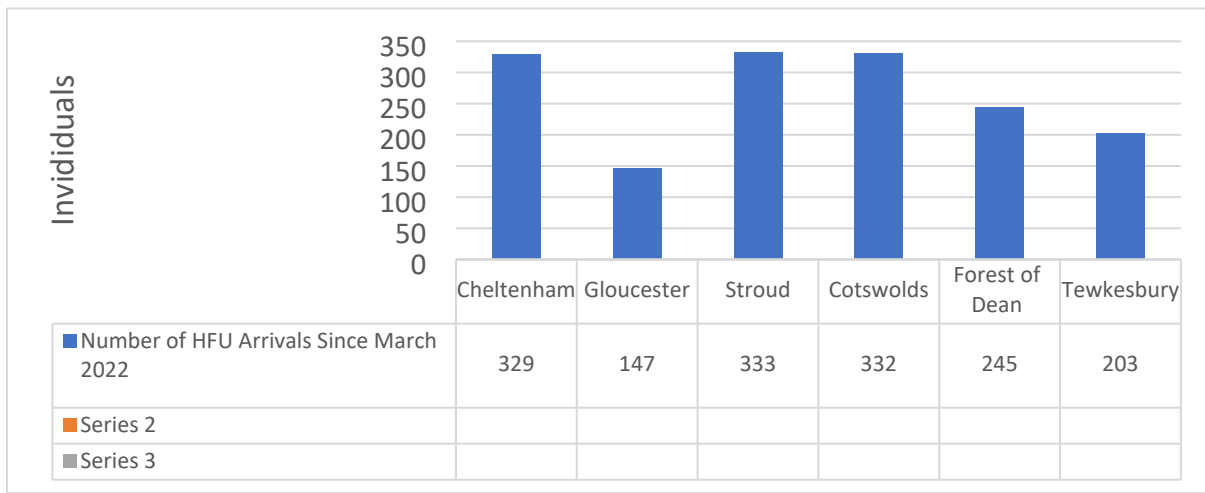


Table 4: Social Housing Demand for Stroud

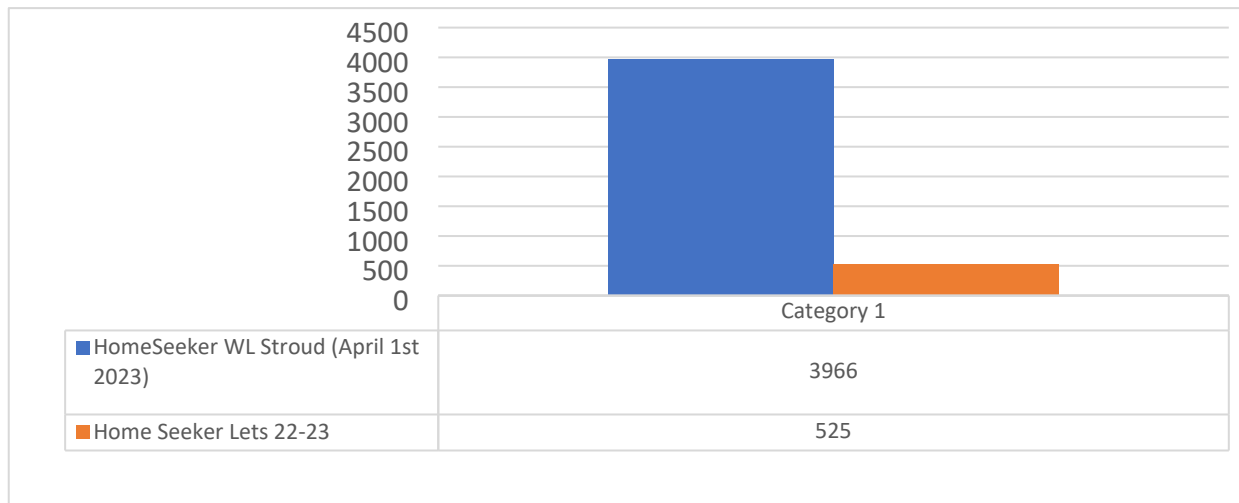
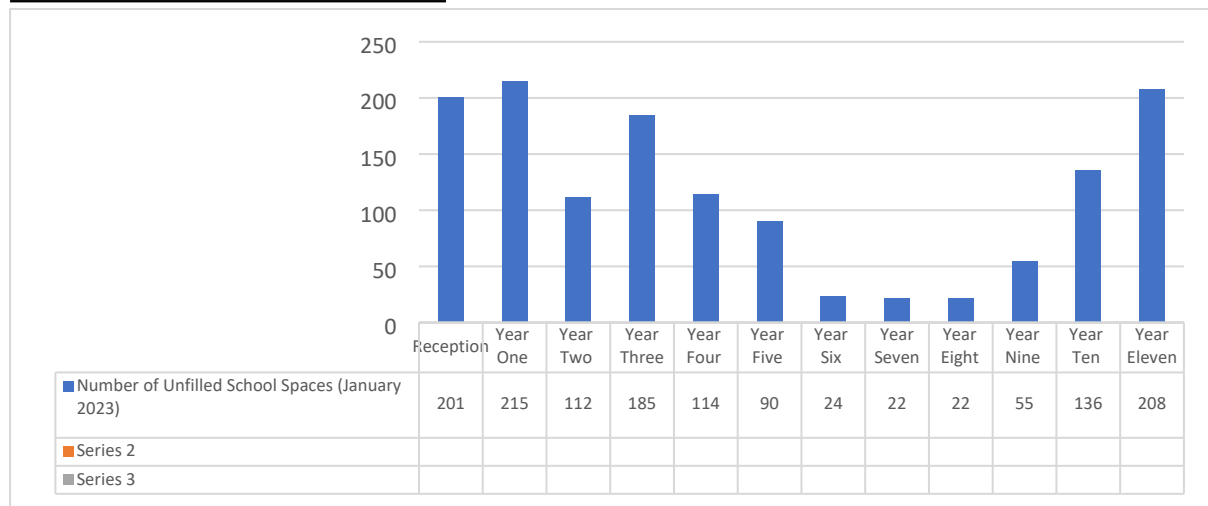


Table 5: Vacant School Places



Healthcare data

There are currently 13 GP practices in the Stroud and Berkley Vale, providing access to a population of 121,529 settled residents.

Community Sponsorship

Stroud currently does not host any Community Sponsorship groups.