

Discussion and Asks made of Government at Number 10 Roundtable

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Intelligence Sharing and action on intelligence

- More access to strong consistent local and regional intelligence sharing to support local offices.
- Lessons must be learned rapidly – particularly at asylum hotels

Improved Comms and Guidance

- Get a handle on the messages - Call this racism and islamophobia – stop media from sharing information that endangers people
- More positive messages and regular communication
- Direct communication between Police, Home Office and front line services
- Public acknowledgement and profile raising of the role of and impact on charities – solidarity for VCS from their statutory partners locally and nationally
- Signposting/guidance on what people can ask authorities for and what they should do and what funding is available for extreme security, rebuilding and clean up – as well as longer term community cohesion and development.
- Stronger statement and narrative around refugees and asylum seekers and their value, contribution and importance to UK society.

Working with the sector

- Codesign the rest of response and recovery with VCS – specifically infrastructure who have a key role in recovery/rebuilding communities (and should be funded to do so) – it can't be just one conversation.
- Govt to set an expectation for Local Authorities and police to work with and through vol sector
- Deeper conversations with Muslim civil society, need to overcome the impasse and fill the gap around Muslim civil society infrastructure

Resources and Support for the sector

- Increase access to security training in the future
- Funding for both short term recovery and the longer term.
- Invest in Detached youth workers, to address young people who are involved but don't really know why

Flexibility

- Temporary flexibility from govt on reporting conditions for those in asylum process and flex around deadlines
- Consideration of temporary safe haven for rough sleepers who may be targets of violence.

A longer term view

- A long term positive vision, strategy and funding to support cohesion.
- Radical rapid review of asylum reception and dispersal system
- Central government pressure on social media companies who let this spread.

There were multiple offers of support to government from partners, from contributing data to in person visits, to spaces to collaborate and providing trusted routes to families and communities to enrich the national picture, to offers to codesign the solutions or responses to the asks.