

# The refugee crisis: managing sexual health and HIV

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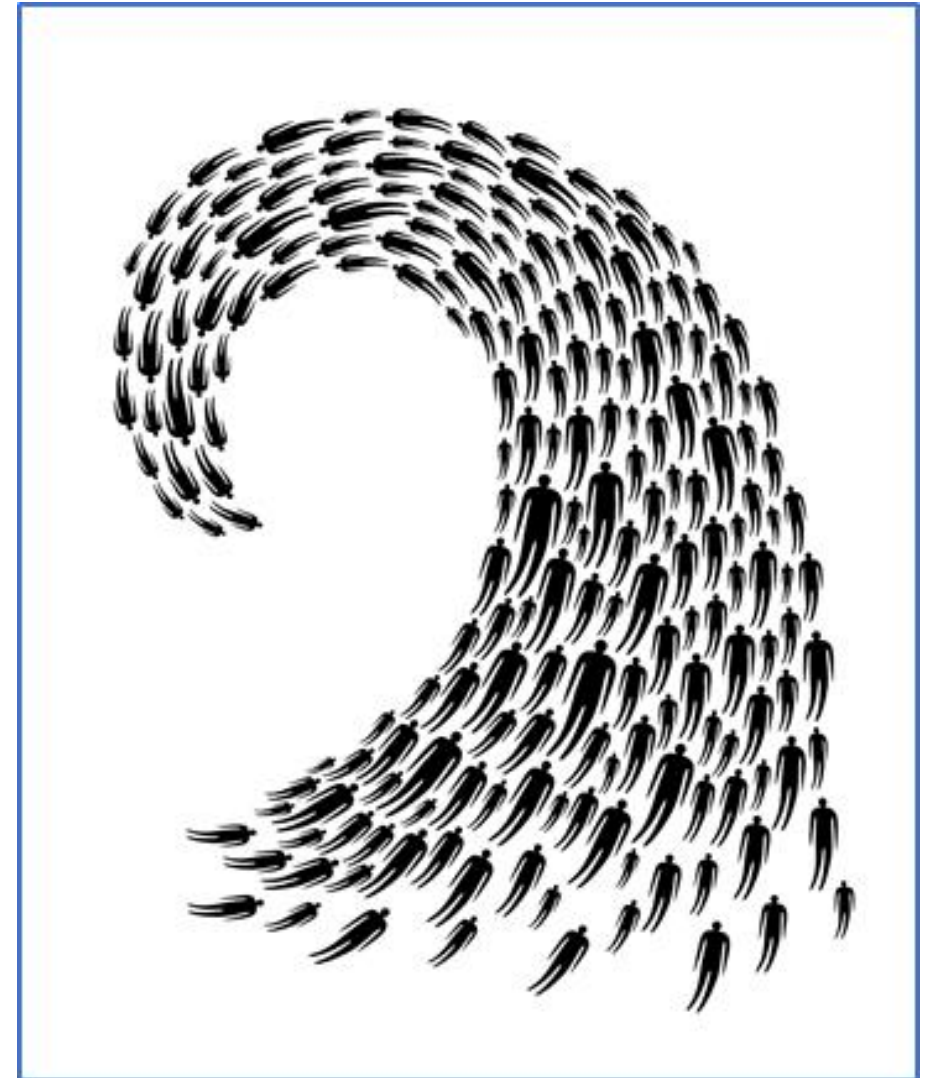


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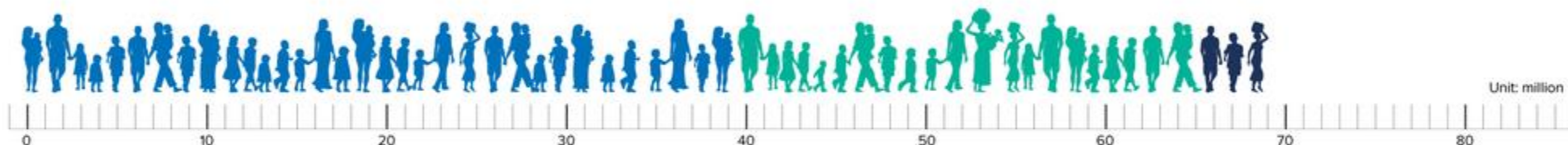
*"We don't feel safe in our tent and at night we can't sleep till the morning."*





# 68.5 million

forcibly displaced people worldwide



Internally Displaced People  
**40 million**

Refugees  
**25.4 million**  
19.9 million under UNHCR mandate  
5.4 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

Asylum-seekers  
**3.1 million**

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted

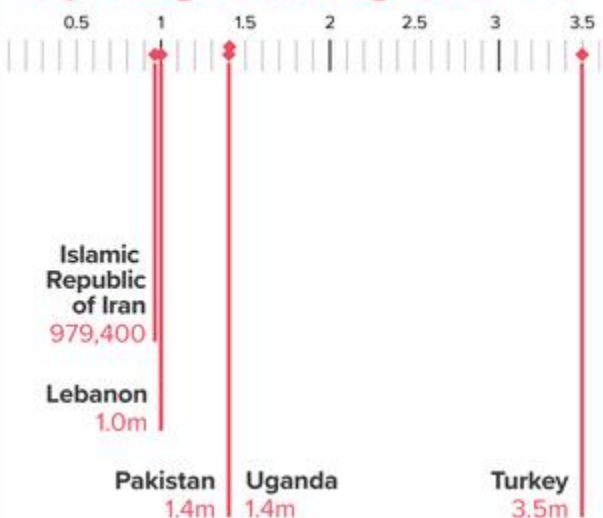


85 per cent of the world's displaced people are in developing countries

**57%** of refugees worldwide came from three countries



Top refugee-hosting countries



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# About 60 Rohingya Babies Are Born Every Day in Refugee Camps, the U.N. Says



Refugee

Someone whose asylum application has been successful; the Government recognises they are unable to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons provided for in the Refugee Convention 1951 or European Convention on Human Rights.

Asylum  
seeker

A person who has left their country of origin and applied for asylum in another country but whose application has not yet been concluded

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Refused  
Asylum seeker

A person whose asylum application has been unsuccessful.

Undocumented  
migrant

Someone who enters or stays in the UK without the documents required under immigration regulations



# Afzal\*

MSM, flees Afghanistan due to fear  
of persecution



*\*Fictitious case study*





# List of 34,361 documented deaths of refugees and migrants due to the restrictive policies of "Fortress Europe"

Documentation by UNITED as of 5 May 2018

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found dead	number	name, gender, age	region of origin	cause of death	source
05/05/18	4	N.N. (1 man)	Africa	1 died off coast of Tripoli (LY) after Libyan coast guard banned NGO ships from approaching; 3 missing, 114 rescued	AFP/IOM Libya/BangkokPost
30/04/18	2	N.N. (2 men)	unknown	bodies recovered in Gasr Garabulli (aka Castelverde) (LY)	IOM Libya
30/04/18	1	N.N. (woman)	unknown	body recovered on Tajoura beach (LY)	IOM Libya
30/04/18	6	N.N. (1 baby; 5 men)	unknown	bodies recovered in Zuwara (LY)	IOM Libya
30/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	Algeria	drowned trying to swim across the Kolpa River on Croatian-Slovenian border; 7 intercepted by police	IOM Slovenia/TotSloveniaNews
29/04/18	19	N.N. (1 man)	Africa	16 drowned in shipwreck off Cap Falcon, Oran (DZ) on way to Spain; 3 missing, 19 rescued	ObsAlgerie/Caminando/EFE/Réfi/QUOTI/IOM
25/04/18	17	N.N.	Sub-Saharan Africa	5 drowned after boat sank between Morocco and Spain near Alboran Island; 12 missing, 17 rescued	EIDiaro/Caminando/SalvaM/EuroPress
22/04/18	11	N.N. (1 boy; 10 men)	unknown	drowned when rubber dinghy overturned in the Mediterranean Sea near Sabratha (LY); 83 rescued	MEE/Reu./IOM Libya/JapanTimes
20/04/18	1	N.N. (boy, 6 months)	Eritrea	strangled by desperate mother who hanged herself afterwards in Eckolstädt asylum centre (DE)	Berliner Ztg/FR-th/OTZ
20/04/18	1	Snaid Tadese (woman, 19)	Eritrea	suicide, strangled her baby and hanged herself out of despair in Eckolstädt asylum centre (DE)	Berliner Ztg/FR-th/OTZ
20/04/18	1	N.N. (man, 30)	unknown	electrocuted when he climbed on roof of freight train in depot outside Thessaloniki (GR)	AP/NYTimes/MailOnline
19/04/18	2	N.N.	unknown	died in accident in Horasan (TR) when smuggler driving their truck saw control point and panicked	HurriyetDN/PrensaLat
14/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	unknown	died of cardiac arrest, body found near border fence in Anyera in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta (ES)	FaroCeuta/APDHA/CeutaTV/IOM
13/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	unknown	died of cardiac arrest, body found near border fence in Anyera in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta (ES)	FaroCeuta/APDHA/IOM/CeutaTV
10/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	unknown	drowned in the Kolpa River near Črnomelj (SI) on border with Croatia	IOM Slovenia/AFP
09/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	unknown	drowned in the Kolpa River near Črnomelj (SI) on border with Croatia	DELO/IOM Slovenia
09/04/18	36	N.N.	unknown	6 presumed drowned off coast of Houara 20 km south of Tangiers (MA); 30 missing, 10 survived	EFE/Caminando/EI Diario/IOM
06/04/18	1	Omar "Susi" (boy, 16)	Maghreb	deliberately crushed by truck near Port of Ceuta (ES) after driver chased after refugees	El Faro de Ceuta/Ceuta Actualidad/IOM
06/04/18	1	N.N. (woman)	unknown	drowned, found on Jabonera beach in Tarifa, Cádiz (ES)	Diario de Cádiz/IOM/EPRESS/EFE
02/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	unknown	presumed drowned, body found 6 nautical miles northwest of Port of Bouzedjar in Ain Témouchent (DZ)	Liberté/Ouest Tribune/IOM
01/04/18	11	N.N. (1 man)	unknown	4 drowned after boat capsized between Tangier (MA) and Tarifa (ES); 7 missing, 1 rescued	Watch TheMed/IOM Spain/SalvaM/HinduTimes
01/04/18	1	N.N. (man)	unknown	presumed drowned, body found near Habibas Islands off coast of Ain Témouchent (DZ)	Réfi/DK/OuestT/IOM

# Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health



## Objective 1

Ensure health cluster/sector identifies agency to LEAD implementation of MISP

- RH Officer in place
- Meetings to discuss RH implementation held
- RH Officer reports back to health cluster/sector
- RH kits and supplies available & used

RH Kit 0

## Objective 5

Plan for **COMPREHENSIVE RH services, integrated into primary health care**

- Background data collected
- Sites identified for future delivery of comprehensive RH
- Staff capacity assessed and trainings planned
- RH equipment and supplies ordered

RH Kit 4

RH Kit 5

RH Kit 7

## Objective 4

Prevent excess **MATERNAL & NEONATAL mortality & morbidity**

- EmONC services available
- 24/7 referral system established
- Clean delivery kits provided to birth attendants and visibly pregnant women
- Community aware of services

RH Kit 12

RH Kit 2

RH Kit 6

RH Kit 8

RH Kit 9

RH Kit 10

RH Kit 11



## GOAL

Decrease mortality, morbidity & disability in crisis-affected populations (refugees/IDPs or populations hosting them)

## Objective 2

Prevent **SEXUAL VIOLENCE** & assist survivors

- Protection system in place especially for women & girls
- Medical services & psychosocial support available for survivors
- Community aware of services

RH Kit 3

RH Kit 9

## Objective 3

Reduce transmission of **HIV**

- Safe and rational blood transfusion in place
- Standard precautions practiced
- Free condoms available

RH Kit 1

Universal precautions through kits 1-12

RH Kit 12

## Results

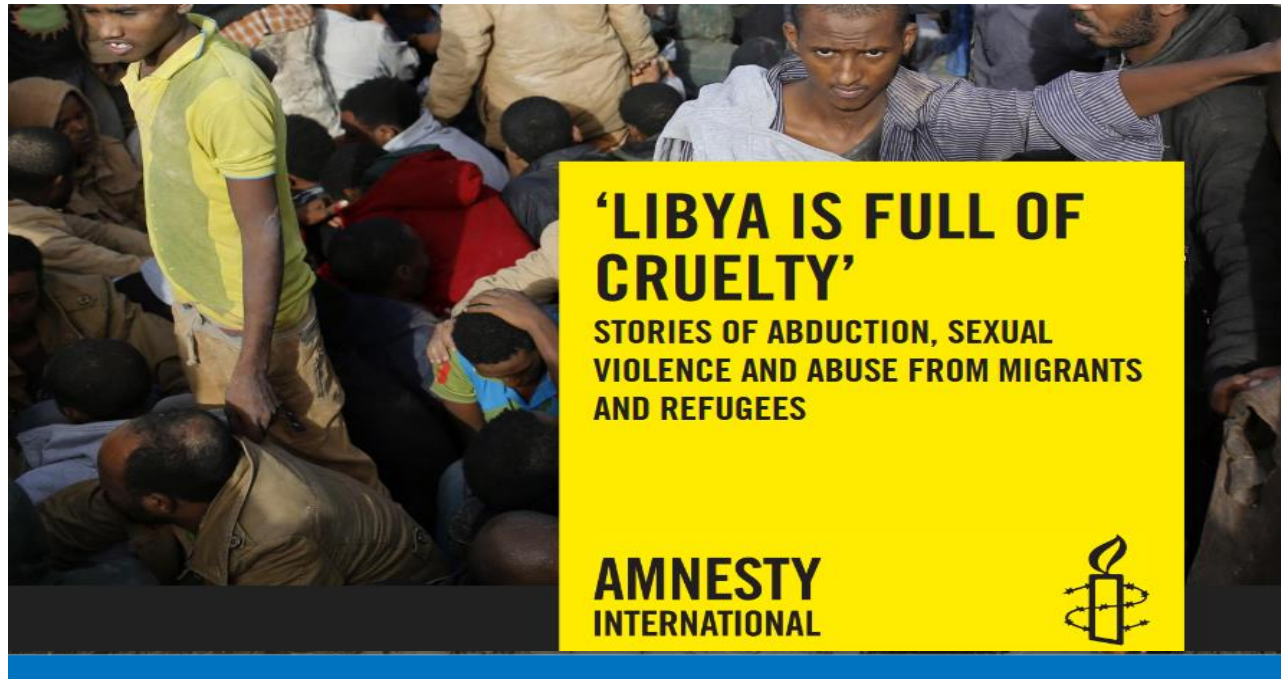
### Work-stream 4: Audit against MISP standards

	Standard	Result
1	Leader to implement MISP – reproductive health officer in place	<b>NOT MET</b>
2	Prevent sexual violence and assist survivors	<b>NOT MET</b>
3	Reduce transmission of HIV	<b>NOT MET</b>
4	Prevent obstetric and new-born morbidity/mortality	<b>PARTIALLY MET</b>
5	Plan for comprehensive sexual health services integrated into primary health care	<b>NOT MET</b>

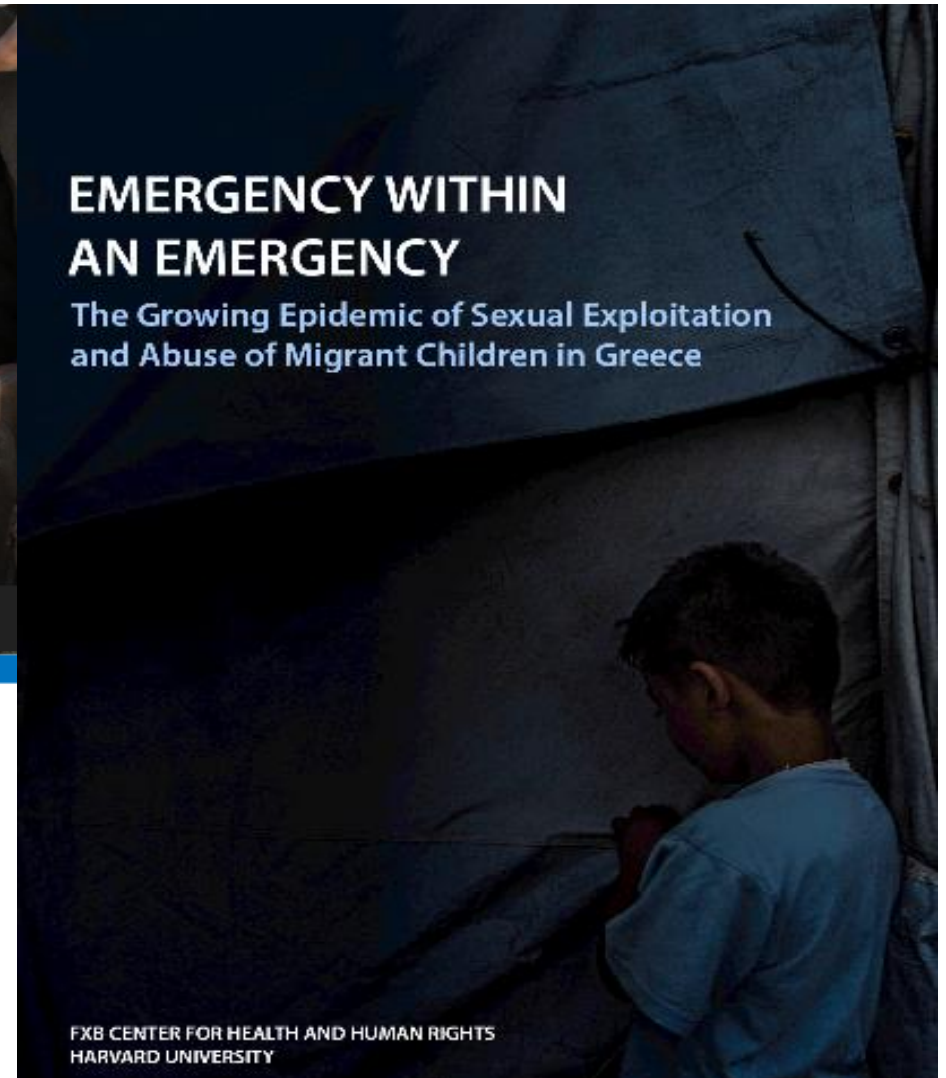
Finnerty et al .Does the new 'jungle' migrant camp in Calais meet the intra-agency working group (IAWG) minimum standards for sexual and reproductive health (MISP) in an emergency situation? *Sexually Transmitted Infections* 2016;92:291



# Sexual Violence



## SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN AND BOYS IN THE SYRIA CRISIS





The men don't mean it – it just hard, life is full of tension. Women fight sometimes too. The men also fight each other.

There is no contraception in the camp except condoms, they give us condoms but the men don't want to use them. They say it bothers them.

A husband forcing himself on his wife when she doesn't want to have sex, this is not categorised as rape....We only give out emergency contraception when it is a reported rape, outside the marriage and the police is involved



# HIV infection prevalence in refugee & undocumented migrant population



- 1.5% - asylum centre Italy (Tafuri et al BMC Infectious Diseases, 2010)

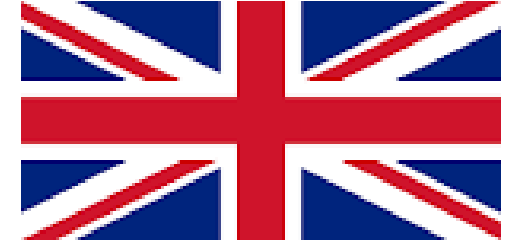


- 3.4% pregnant asylum seekers Netherlands (Goosen et al, PLOS One 2015)



- 2.9% undocumented migrants France (Berdougo, IAS 2017)

# HIV in the UK 2016 – migrants



In 2016 migrants were :

**55%** of those accessing care

**55%** of those newly diagnosed

Source: Public Health England



# Post migration acquisition of HIV

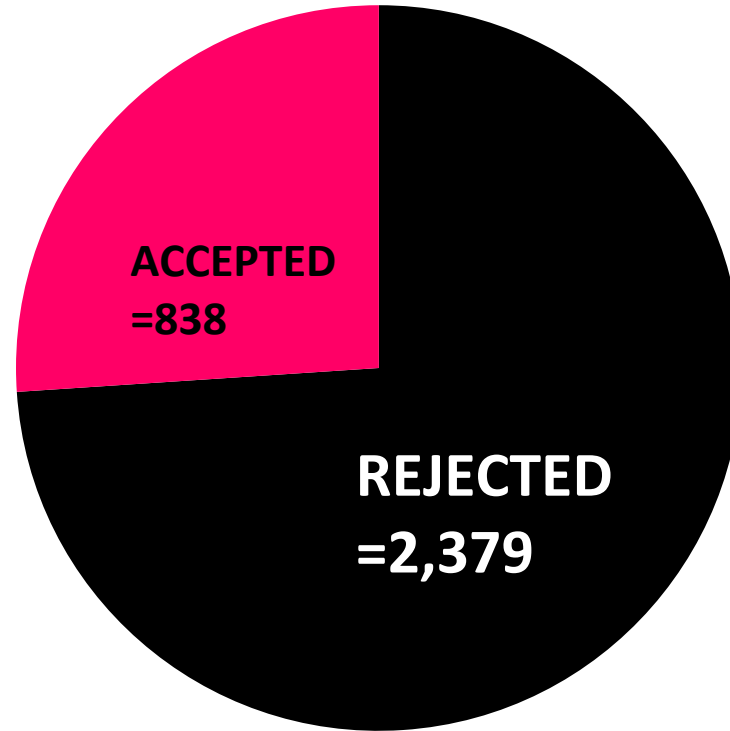
## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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A Desgrées-du-Loû<sup>15</sup>, J Pannetier<sup>15</sup>, A Ravalihasy<sup>15</sup>, A Gosselin<sup>15</sup>, V Supervie<sup>2</sup>, H Panjo<sup>3</sup>, N Bajos<sup>35</sup>, F Lert<sup>35</sup>, N Lydié<sup>45</sup>, R Dray-Spira<sup>25</sup>, The Parcours Study Group<sup>5</sup>



# Asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation



JULY 2015-MAR 2017

## Deported gay Afghans told to 'pretend to be straight'

New Home Office rules would send gay asylum seekers back to Afghanistan, where homosexuality is illegal

The Guardian 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017

# England's most disadvantaged groups: Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

An *Is England Fairer?* review spotlight report (4 of 4)



# STIs

Table 5. Prevalence by infection and World Bank classification.

		Chlamydia	Gonorrhoea	Trichomoniasis	Syphilis
Females	High-income economies	3.0%	0.3%	1.9%	0.2%
	Upper-middle income economies	6.9%	1.2%	6.9%	0.3%
	Lower-middle income economies	2.4%	0.6%	3.5%	0.5%
	Low-income economies	2.9%	1.1%	7.8%	1.3%
	Female total	4.2%	0.8%	5.0%	0.5%
Males	High-income economies	2.4%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%
	Upper-middle income economies	4.2%	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%
	Lower-middle income economies	1.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%
	Low-income economies	2.0%	0.5%	0.8%	1.3%
	Male total	2.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%

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# Contraception/Reproductive Health



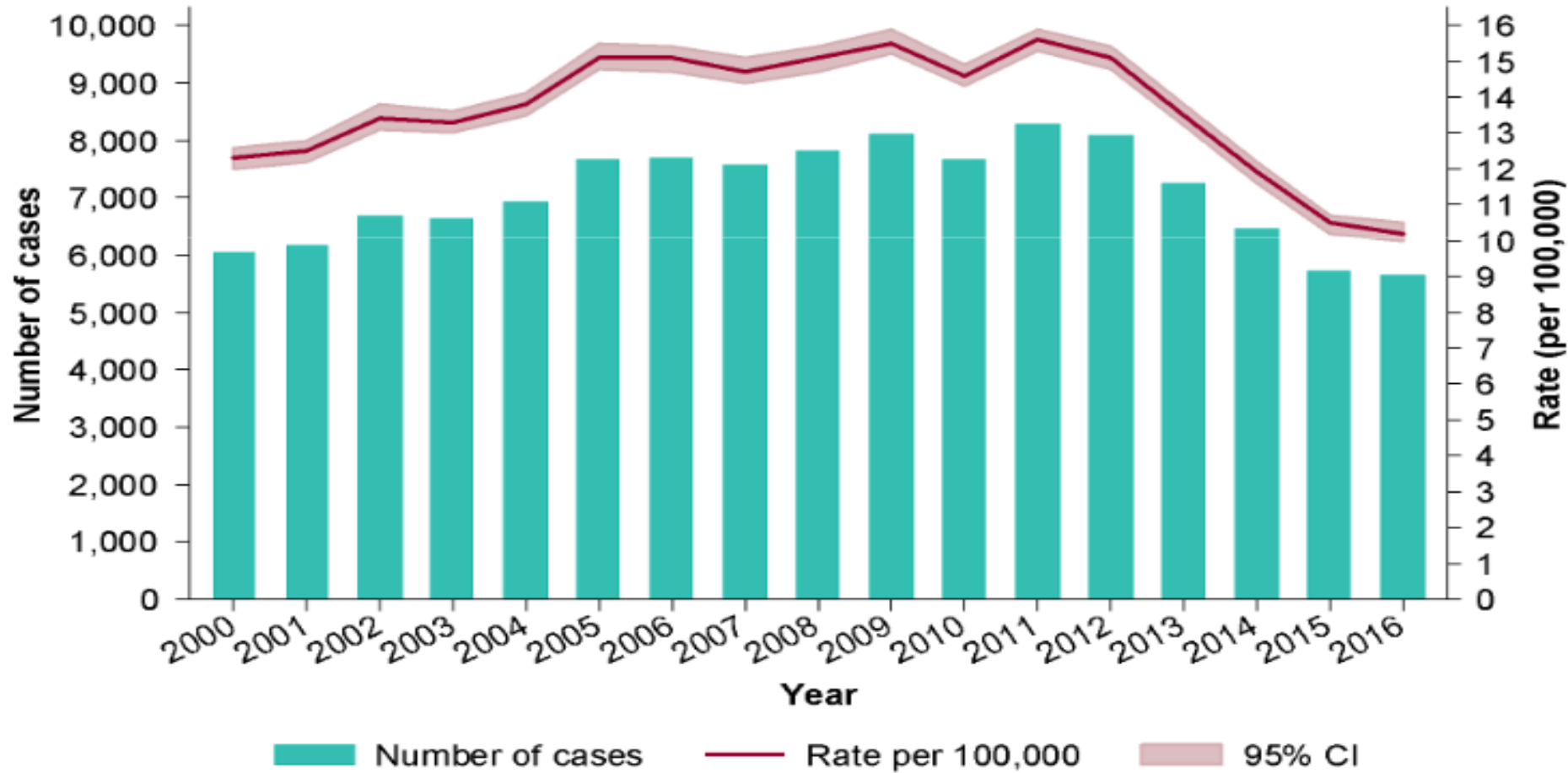
## Exempt services

1.1. The following services are free at the point of use for all patients. A charge cannot be made or recovered from any overseas visitor for:

- accident and emergency (A&E) services, this includes all A&E services provided at an NHS hospital, e.g. those provided at an accident & emergency department, walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or urgent care centre<sup>2</sup>. This does not include those emergency services provided after the overseas visitor has been accepted as an inpatient, or at a follow-up outpatient appointment, for which charges must be levied unless the overseas visitor is exempt from charge in their own right;
- family planning services (does not include termination of pregnancy);
- diagnosis and treatment of specified infectious diseases (listed at Chapter 4);
- diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections;

# Tuberculosis

Figure 1.1: TB case notifications and rates, England, 2000-2016



TB Monitoring Indicator 1: Overall TB incidence per 100,000 population (England and PHEC)



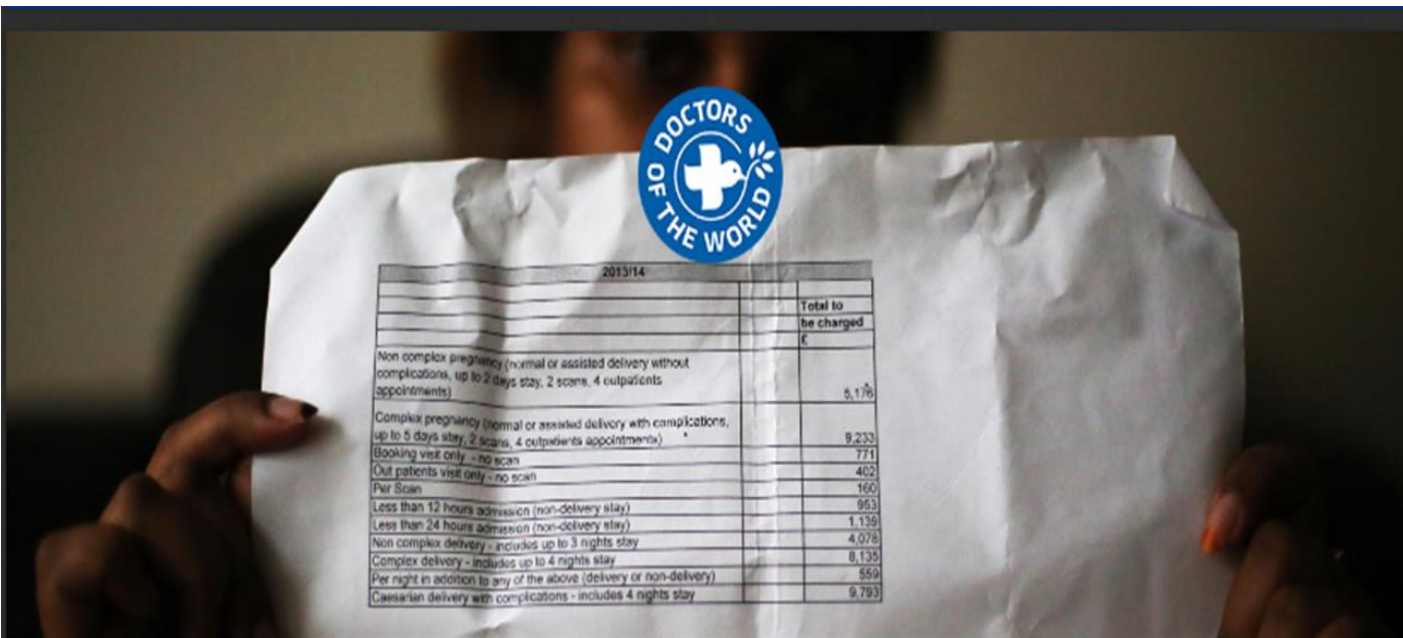


Top asylum applications by nationality Q2 2017	Estimated TB incidence per 100,000 population
Pakistan	268
Bangladesh	221
Nigeria	219
India	211
Afghanistan	189
Sudan	146
Vietnam	133
Iraq	43
Albania	16
Iran	14

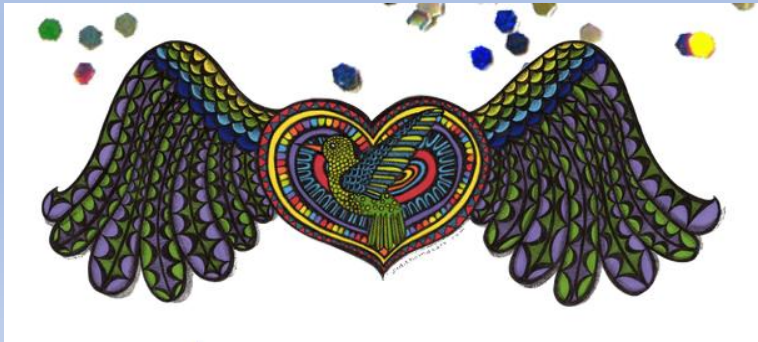
# TIPS

- Get an independent interpreter
- Ask about the patients journey
- Ask about violence
- Discuss how the NHS works and sexual health
- Get up to date on healthcare charging (help available from NAT/DOTW)

*“The aim is to create here in Britain a really hostile environment for illegal migration ... What we don’t want is a situation where people think that they can come here and overstay because they’re able to access everything they need.”* Theresa May, 2012







Home Office

Yarl's Wood IRC

To: Mr/Mrs/Miss

Date: 2/3/18

Dear

I am a Home Office Immigration Enforcement Manager based at Yarl's Wood IRC and must explain to you, in the presence of my Home Office colleague, that the fact that you are currently refusing food and/or fluid:

- will not lead to the progress of your immigration or asylum case being halted or delayed;
- may, in fact, lead to your case being accelerated and your removal from the UK taking place sooner;
- will not lead to your removal directions being deferred;
- will not lead to you being granted permission to stay in the UK; and
- will not automatically lead to your release from detention.

Signature 1

Signature 2

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