

Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT)

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No Recourse To Public Funds (NRPF)**

LGA/NRPF Network Event - 3rd Oct 24



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BCT NRPF Team

- ❑ No Recourse to Public Funds Team (NRPF) is a specialist city wide social work team
- ❑ Team consists of 1 TM and 6 Social Workers
- ❑ Team draws upon vast social work experience



Benefits of dedicated Trust wide NRPF Team

In line with Trust Relationship-based practice model

Consistency of NRPF practice with strong culture of learning and growth

Strong relationship with our NRPF families

Direct link to Trust front door

NRPF duty system

Regular communication channels with Trust senior leadership

Good working relationships with Trust Area social work teams

Strong links to National NRPF Network / West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership forum, Police, Health, Education, charities



NRPF Case Practice

New cases via Trust front door and allocated within 24 hours

S17 payments to families via pre-payment card or bank transfer

Signed consent form

Evidence of NRPF destitution and or risk of homelessness

Children seen regularly with direct work utilised capturing their voice / narrative

Narrative of parent(s) captured within assessment including contact with absent parents*

Active use of translators

Yearly S17 Family Assessments & 3 monthly Child in Need Plans reviews

Cases logged onto Home Office Connect

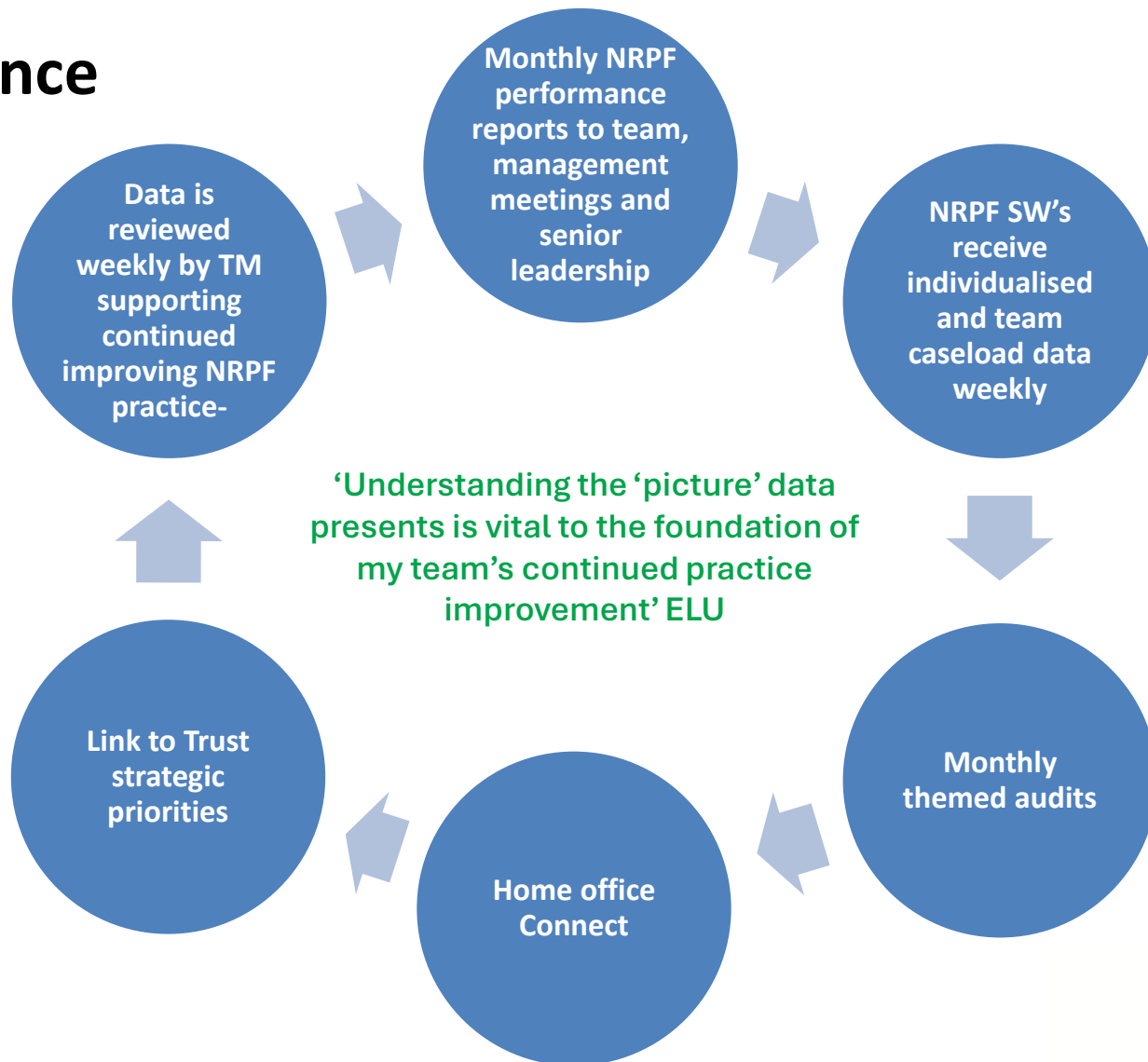
Families signposted to OSIC immigration advice

Robust Closure procedure

Welcome feedback, responding timely to complaints



Performance & Data



Partnership working

‘Successful partnership working is about supporting our families with positive collaborative engagement thus maximising our mutual collective resources and skills’ELU

Working with parent(s), children/young people to seek their continued views

Third sector charities

Education, Schools, Police, Home Office, Probation, etc

Area Social Work Teams

Local Home Office Partnership Officer

West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership

NRPF Network Steering Group

Links with peers in neighbouring councils

*Contact with DWP



Housing Contract

- Sourcing/allocating emergency same day B&B accommodation
- Dedicated service from Housing
- Lead NRPF Housing SW
- Monthly review of Housing data
- Provision long-term B&B accommodation
- Appropriate accommodation standards
- Planned Welfare visits
- In house NRPF finance officer
- SLA reviewed annually
- *Dedicated housing for NRPF families
- Cost savings and efficiencies



Temp B&B



Longer term housing

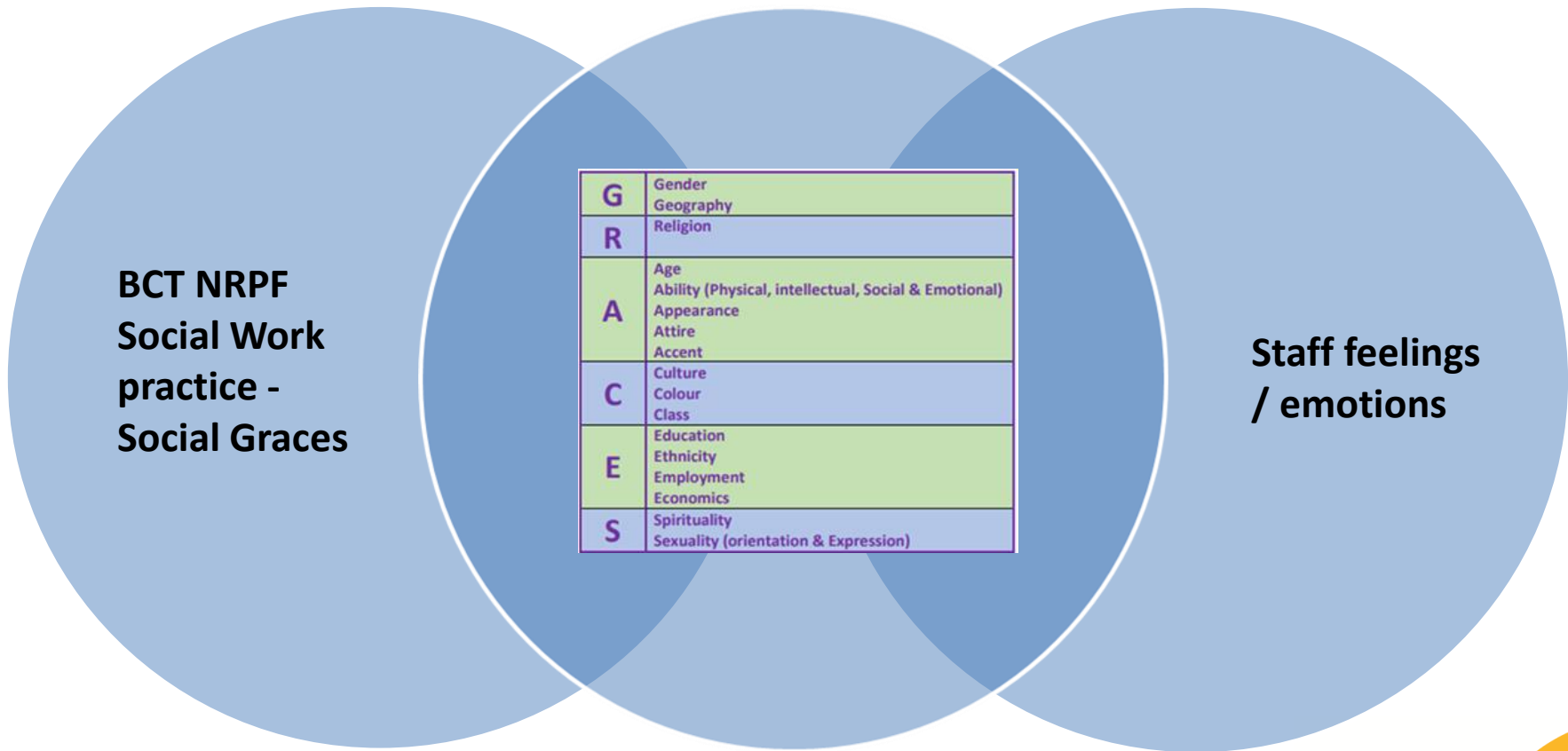


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NRPF families are some of the poorest and most vulnerable and will be most affected by 'Hostile societal environment'



Such individuals may experience:

Further financial restrictions may include no right to work, no right to hold bank account – *(Despite having strong academic / vocational skill sets)*

Frequent delays in accessing health, social care

Destitution over longer period than other population groups

Life 'under the radar', social isolation – *(Impact on Mental Health)*

Their life journey narrative can in case be graphic



NRPF Good Practice

Ensuring that focus of assessments is on the child and not on the credibility of the parents

Ensuring within our social work practice that we are sensitive when seeking evidence of NRPF and not falling into a 'culture of disbelief'

'Not being afraid' to challenge the presented narrative

Ensuring Partners/ agencies, third sector's understanding/ application of threshold criteria and what support will be offered by Trust

Learning from challenges to Trust (not losing sight of child)



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