

Refugees, asylum seekers and maternity care: an introduction

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

The course is aimed at midwives and other health care workers.

The course is designed to give participants:

- an understanding of the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, including health outcomes and entitlement to health and social services
- awareness of community attitudes to refugees and asylum seekers and the implications for practice
- appreciation of the impact of cultural background on experience of maternity services, and
- strategies to improve communication and provide woman-focused care to refugees and asylum seekers.

Session 1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Why focus on refugees and asylum seekers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of refugees and asylum seekers and background • Health outcomes <p>Attitudes to refugees and asylum seekers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media portrayal, community attitudes and implications for practice
Morning tea	
Session 2	<p>Cultural background and access to maternity services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of cultural background to maternity services • The implications for maternity services <p>Situation of asylum seekers and refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entitlement to social services • Personal history, uncertainty and attitudes to services
Lunch	
Session 3	<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcoming barriers to communication • Working with interpreters <p>Providing woman-focused care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications for practice
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