



The Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine Scheme

The Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine Scheme (“the Scheme”) has been set up to offer to ensure that any Ukrainians who may choose to come to the Island are welcomed into a hosting arrangement that is safe, appropriate and dignified.

The Scheme is intended to offer Ukrainians and their close family members a safe haven, rights to access healthcare, benefits, education, and work.

The Scheme was taken to the Council of Ministers on 18th March 2022, as part of Phase Two of the Planned Approach to the Refugee Crisis, Ukraine. Phase Two pathways include broadly mirroring the UK approach to immigration and home hosting.

It is hoped that hosts will provide a warm welcome and act as facilitators for their guests, introducing them to the Isle of Man and signposting to services. They will not be expected to provide anything other than accommodation for their guests.

Where hosts are not immediate family members, they will be required to go through appropriate and proportionate safeguarding checks before being approved as a Safe Host. Where hosts apply to the Scheme retrospectively, necessary checks will be made, so approval can be given.

Financial support for hosts is under consideration. Any financial applications will be required to be vetted and authorised.

The Scheme will be delivered by the Ukrainian Support Team, which is overseen by the Cabinet Office. The Ukrainian Support Team will act as a portal for managing incoming host and service offerings, linking parties, signposting local services e.g. healthcare, charities, support offerings, etc.

Stakeholders of the Scheme include (but not limited to):

- Benefits agencies
- Public Health
- Primary Care healthcare providers
- Manx Care
- Local charities
- UNHCR
- Immigration Service



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Hosting Criteria

Safe Host

A Safe Host under the Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine Scheme means a person who has been approved as such by the Cabinet Office Ukraine Support Team, to provide accommodation for applicants in accordance with the Scheme.

Accommodation Suitability Requirements

Accommodation must be:

- A residential, furnished, unoccupied property (or self-contained accommodation)
- A residential, spare room with access to shared facilities
- Available for at least 6 months

In addition:

- those who are renting privately must gain approval from their landlord
- you should not register if you live in public sector rented property
- you should not register if you have already agreed to the TT Homestay scheme, or require your guest to leave your accommodation for any period of time before the agreed timescales

Host Suitability Requirements are:

- Must meet all the Accommodation Suitability Requirements
- Be able to pass all safeguarding checks, including a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, if required
- Commit to hosting for at least 6 months

Important Note: Hosts must have at least 6 months Leave to Remain (permission to live in the Isle of Man) when applying for the Scheme. A check will be made to validate this by the Ukrainian Support Team during the validation process.

Placements Made

We would like hosts to support their guests by integrating them into the Isle of Man and offer advice and guidance.

Hosts will not be required to:

- provide food, provisions or financial support to their guest
- take them to appointments, shopping, etc.
- have a tenancy agreement with their guest



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Ukraine Support Team

A Ukraine Support Team will be available as a short term measure to:

- set up and manage the Homes for Ukraine Scheme
- co-ordinate agencies
- manage incoming “service” offers
- offer advice and guidance to Ukrainian guests and their hosts
- facilitate the resolution of issues arising