

# Activity Sheet 2.4

EXTRACT 4

## ‘Refugees are moved after attacks’, by David Millward

Seven Afghan asylum-seekers have been forced to leave Hull after being attacked by local youths.

Some of the men, who had been staying in the city while their applications were being

considered, had previously complained of facing threats and violence. In a previous incident, a Kosovar asylum-seeker reportedly lost an eye when he was hit by a missile from a catapult. The Afghans had been sent to Hull from Kent under the Government’s dispersal programme.

*Telegraph* 15 August 2000

EXTRACT 5

## ‘Refugee children “suffering hostility and poverty”’

The report called ‘I Didn’t Come Here for Fun’, said almost every child interviewed had suffered some form of hostility and racism. The report said: ‘They tell of stones being thrown at them in the street, even at a baby, air rifles being fired at

them, windows being broken, racist abuse, shouting, swearing, being chased, beatings and other harassment.’ ‘They are also living in conditions of extreme poverty, with their families allowed around just 70 per cent of basic income

support. They are subject to problems such as overcrowding and lack of adequate heating, as well as being further stigmatised by the voucher system ...’  
... However, there were warm words for

schools. One 15-year-old Somali girl said: ‘After three weeks I started going to school and started my ordinary life like the normal children. I must say the school is wonderful.’

*Daily Telegraph* 20 November 2000

EXTRACT 6

## ‘Refugees pour back to London: Asylum dispersal system collapses as record numbers seek refuge in UK’, by Martin Bright and Kamal Ahmed

Britain’s system for dealing with asylum seekers is in complete disarray after the collapse of attempts to disperse potential refugees around the country.

... The North West and Yorkshire have each taken 2,500 people, still well short of their targets of 6,000. But in some areas the figures are even lower. The South West has

taken only 209 asylum seekers under the scheme and, so far, only nine people have been sent to Wales.

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