

## **Re: bottle necks in the processes for helping unaccompanied minors:**

**Solving shortages of health care professionals – examples of best practice (not specific to helping unaccompanied minors, however the examples below are of what other countries are doing to utilise the skills of asylum seekers to meet shortages in the domestic job market).**

### **Doctors:**

From [https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/108440/html/#\\_ftnref3](https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/108440/html/#_ftnref3)

1.3. Economic integration of IHCPs would be a **cost-effective and advantageous** opportunity for the NHS to overcome the ever-growing workforce crisis in the health sector. For instance, training a doctor in the UK for up to seven years costs around £300,000, whereas re-qualifying a Refugee Doctor with Support Programmes for under two years costs around £25,000

See also:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/international-doctors/getting-a-job-in-the-uk/help-for-refugee-doctors#:~:text=The%20refugee%20doctor%20initiative%20is,to%20practice%20in%20the%20UK.>

### **Other professions**

Experience of other countries in seeking to fast track asylum seekers into labour market in areas of skills shortages; health care professionals, teachers and other professions – Sweden.

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/sv/publications/article/2016/sweden-fast-track-initiative-to-help-asylum-seekers-enter-labour-market>

<https://www.eui.eu/Documents/RSCAS/PapersLampedusa/FORUM-Gathmanfinal.pdf>

### **Currently in Ireland: Teachers**

Teachers - mechanisms in place for migrants coming to Ireland; no specific programs for asylum seekers/ refugees. Costs associated which may be a barrier for asylum seekers

<https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/registration/how-do-i-register-/qualified-outside-of-ireland/#:~:text=Fully%20qualified%20teachers%20who%20have,registration%20with%20the%20Teaching%20Council.>

**Ireland (current): Other health professionals** – as above, mechanisms in place for migrants but costs may be a barrier

<https://coru.ie/health-and-social-care-professionals/international-qualifications/apply-for-recognition/>