

Annex A – Statement of Requirements for Sponsors

Accommodation

Aim: Resettled family has a home in which to settle in the UK, with adequate space and facilities to live in comfort.

Sponsors are required to source suitable and sustainable accommodation, available for use by the resettled family for a minimum period of two years with a two-year lease. The accommodation must:

- be available to the resettled family at a cost that is affordable and sustainable, taking into account the social welfare income the family will receive;
- have independent access and provide adequate privacy;
- comply with local authority guidance on occupation levels;
- be in a proper state of structural repair, maintained throughout in a good state of repair;
- have safe electricity and/or gas supplies, and with adequate ventilation and lighting.

The property should be appropriately furnished with:

- an appropriate number and type of beds;
- a toilet, a washbasin and a fixed bath or shower with hot and cold water;
- a fixed heating appliance in each room, which is capable of providing effective heating and which the tenant can control;
- facilities for cooking and for the hygienic preparation and storage of food (for example, a 4-ring hob with oven and grill, fridge-freezer, microwave oven, and kitchen sink);
- access to washing facilities (e.g. a washing machine or nearby launderette);
- access to facilities to dry clothes (e.g. outdoor clothes line or indoor clothes-drying rack);
- a fire blanket and smoke alarms (including a carbon monoxide alarm where appropriate).

The Sponsor must provide:

- assistance with registration with utility companies and making sure arrangements are made for payment (no pre-pay/card accounts);
- information to resettled persons on the accommodation, health and safety, and an emergency contact point.