

## How will 'Brexit' affect you?

The UK recently held a referendum on its membership of the European Union (EU). This resulted in a vote in favour of leaving the EU. This vote has become known as 'Brexit'. The Brexit vote may result in some changes in UK law in the future.

### What you need to know

If you are an EU citizen or have permission to be in the UK through EU law, please note:

- Nothing will change immediately, as the UK has not yet left the EU. The UK will have to negotiate exit from the EU, which is likely to take at least two years. That means that for now the law has not changed and you can still live and work in the UK in the same way as before.
- At present you are able to leave and re-enter the UK in the same way as usual.
- At present your rights in the UK remain exactly the same.
- No one knows for certain what will happen during the process of negotiating exit from the EU. However the government has released a statement saying: "When we do leave the EU, we fully expect that the legal status of EU nationals living in the UK....will be properly protected." You can read the full statement here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-the-status-of-eu-nationals-in-the-uk>.
- Some people who are exercising EU rights may be eligible for 'Permanent Residence' (usually if you have been exercising EU rights in the UK for at least five years) or may even be eligible for British citizenship (if you have been exercising EU rights in the UK for at least six years) and may wish to consider applying for these. If you do wish to apply you should seek advice on your individual situation. You can also find the eligibility criteria for citizenship here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/becoming-a-british-citizen>.

### What Praxis will do

Praxis continues to work with all vulnerable migrants and we will endeavour to keep you up to date with any news on changes to come. We are not able to assist with applications for Permanent Residence or naturalisation (British citizenship), but we can provide advice on eligibility and evidence requirements.

### Hate crime

It is a crime in the UK to verbally abuse, harass or harm someone based on that person's immigration status, nationality, race or ethnicity; this is called a hate crime. If you have been a victim of a hate crime, or if you witness one, you should report it to the police. In some areas, such as Tower Hamlets, if you do not want to report an incident to the police you can report at a Third Party Reporting Centre. A full list of Third Party Reporting Centres in Tower Hamlets is included overleaf.

In an emergency situation you should call the police on 999.

# Third Party Reporting Centres in Tower Hamlets

## Bethnal Green

### Step Forward

234 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 0AA

Tel: 020 7739 3082

Opening Times: Mon-Fri, 10-6pm

Languages: Bengali

### Council One Stop Shop

1 Rushmead House, London E2 6NE

Tel: 020 7364 5020

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9am-4.30pm (except last Wednesday of every month, 10am-4.30pm); Sat, 9am-12.30pm

Languages: Interpreting services available on request

## Blackwall

### REAL

Jack Dash House, 2 Lawn House Close, London E14 9YQ

Tel: 020 7 001 2177

Opening Times: Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

Languages: Available on request.

## Bow

### Age UK East London

Appian Court Resource Centre, 87 Parnell Road, London E3 2RS

Tel: 020 8981 7124

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 10-4pm

### Council One Stop Shop

John Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, London E3 5EQ

Tel: 020 7364 5020

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9am-4.30pm (except last Wednesday of every month, 10am-4.30pm)

Languages: Interpreting services available on request

### Targeted Youth Support

St Mary's Church Hall, Kitkat Terrace, Bow, London E3 2SA

Tel: 020 7364 5834

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm

Languages: English, Bengali, Somali

## Limehouse

### City Gateway Limehouse Youth Club

Limehouse Causeway, Limehouse, London E14 8BN

Tel: 020 7531 6199

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 10-8pm (Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays, 10-9pm)

Languages: Multi-lingual leaflets available

## Poplar

### Council One Stop Shop

15 Market Square, Crisp Street, London E14 6AQ

Tel: 020 7364 5020

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9am-4.30pm (except last Wednesday of every month, 10am-4.30pm)

Languages: Interpreting services available on request

## Shadwell

### Tower Hamlets Victim Support

The Shadwell Centre, 455 The Highway, London, E1W 3HP

Tel: 0207 364 7957

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm

Languages: Access to Language Line

## Stepney

### Positive East

159 Mile End Road, Stepney Green, London E1 4AQ

Tel: 020 7791 2855

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9.30am-6.30pm

Languages: All languages available via Language Line

### Council One Stop Shop

Idea Store Watney Market, 260 Commercial Road, London E1 2FB

Tel: 020 7364 5020

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9am-4.30pm (except last Wednesday of every month, 10am-4.30pm); Sat, 9am-12.30pm

Languages: Interpreting services available on request

## Whitechapel

### Dellow Centre

82 Wentworth Street, London E1 7SA

Tel: 020 7375 0020

Opening Times: Mon – Fri, 9.00am-4.00pm

### London Muslim Centre

46 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1JX

Tel: 020 7650 3000

Opening Times: Mon – Sun, 10am-9pm

Languages: Arabic, Bengali, Urdu and Somali