



Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF): Supporting People with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)

CRF is a public fund and as such should not be routinely used to support people with NRPF under the Localism Act 2011. Local Authorities and any funded partner organisation may rely on alternative legal powers to provide support using the CRF as a funding source, such as where necessary to meet eligible care needs, address child welfare concerns, improve the public health or prevent a breach of human rights. The Local Authority and any funded partner organisation must consider on a case-by-case basis the legal powers and duties they have in determining whether an individual with NRPF should be assisted through the CRF.

NRPF does not automatically prevent support being provided where another statutory duty or power (such as the Care Act, Children Act, or NHS Act) applies. CRF guidance must be adhered to in all cases.

Further details on the relevant statutory powers which can be used;

1. Care Act 2014

- Support may be provided where an individual has eligible care and support needs.
- Authorities should follow Care Act duties and statutory guidance.

2. Children Act 1989 – Section 17

- Authorities have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of **children in need**.
- A child is in need if they:
 - Cannot achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of health or development without support;
 - Are likely to suffer significant impairment without support; or
 - Are disabled.
- Support can be provided to the child, their family, or a family member where it helps safeguard the child's welfare.
- Assistance may include accommodation, goods, or cash payments.

3. National Health Service Act 2006 – Section 2B

- Authorities have a duty to take appropriate steps to improve public health.

- This may include financial assistance to reduce health risks linked to accommodation or living conditions.
- Public health improvement must be the primary purpose of the support.

Record-Keeping Requirements

When supporting someone with NRPF using CRF funding:

- Record the decision under the **relevant statutory power**, not the Localism Act 2011.
- Use the **CRF as the funding source**.
- Maintain a clear audit trail including:
 - Assessment of need;
 - Legal basis for the decision;
 - Proportionality considerations; and
 - Human rights considerations.