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Saheliya fully endorses CRER’s comments and have several further comments to make especially around -

- the amount of support given to people in BME especially in new BME communities to become acquainted with Scotland's practise on child protection, human rights, equalities, and social justice;
- the resources allocated to mental well-being support for children, women, and men with severe trauma resulting from war and the journey of flight,
- similarly for people traumatised by torture, persecution, and other organised violence,
- and for women surviving multiple types and experiences of gender based abuse including female genital mutilation, rape as a weapon of war, other sexual violence, and sexual exploitation
- also for children vicariously or directly traumatised by the above as well as by the impact of their parents' trauma on parenting and positive relationships

Most of the children we support score very highly indeed on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) scale. There are few trauma-informed, multilingual childcare services (our Glasgow childcare services Care Inspector seems to thinks our service is unique), and few multilingual (or indeed any) parenting classes.

Saheliya warmly welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to make all front-line staff trauma-informed but we remain especially concerned at the lack of resources dedicated to the support of vulnerable people in new BME communities. As the costs of immigration and citizenship continue to rise, it would seem just for the Home Office to commit some of this significant additional income to mental well-being and parenting support; and / or asylum seekers should be allowed to work-with some of the additional taxes being dedicated to such support.