

# Preliminary Information Meetings (PIMs)

## Information for young people



### What is a PIM?

- The PIM is a new alternative to the substantive asylum interview for young people who are eligible.
- The PIM is a meeting between a young person and the Home Office decision-maker, with an interpreter and responsible adult present (usually your Social Worker or Personal Advisor).
- According to the Home Office – the PIM is not an interview.

A PIM should be short and it should speed up the asylum process.

- You **do not need a legal representative**, but they can attend if you do have one.
- Currently only available to young people who registered their asylum claim **before 6 March 2023**.
- Currently only available to young people from **5 High-Grant nationalities**:



**Afghanistan**

**Eritrea**



**Sudan**

**Syria**



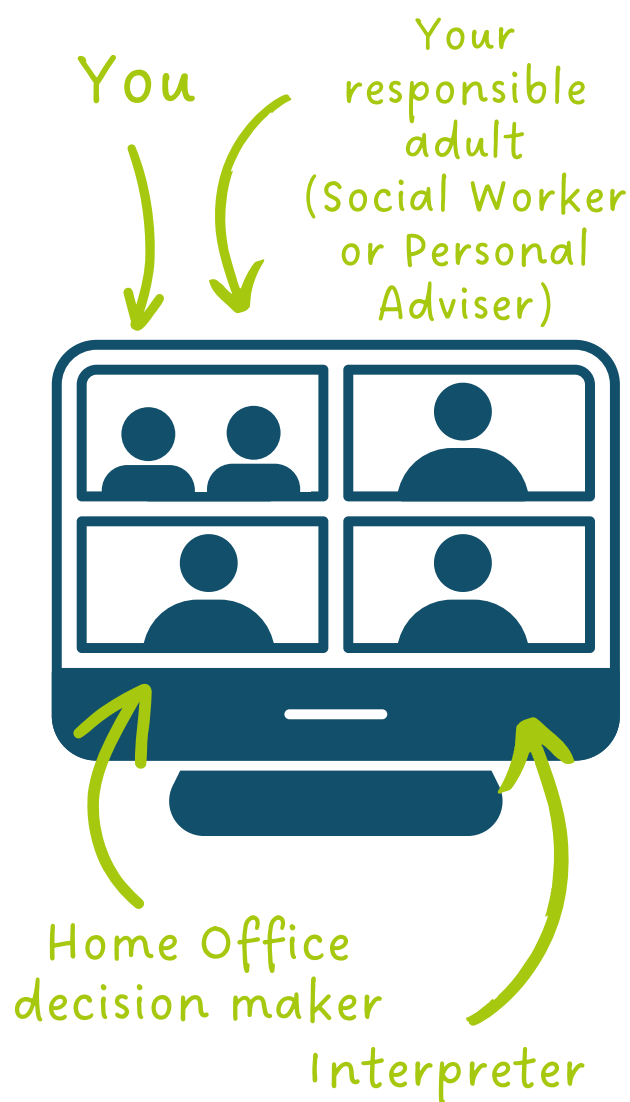
**Vietnam**

If your nationality is not in this list– don't worry!

- Your asylum claim will still be considered under the normal process, which usually involves an interview where you can explain your reasons for claiming asylum.
- If you claimed asylum after 6 March 2023, the Home Office still need to consider your asylum claim.

## What happens at the PIM?

- The PIM is usually via a Teams (video) meeting, but you can request it in person.
- You will always be with your **Responsible Adult**, somewhere private.
- Brief questioning on: identity and nationality; basis of asylum claim; family background; any evidence to be submitted; issues around welfare and safeguarding; your journey to the UK; and national security questions.
- **You can ask for a break at any time, or your responsible adult can ask for one for you.**
- The meeting is not recorded. A written record is taken.



## What happens after the PIM?

- **The Home Office cannot refuse an asylum claim on the basis of a PIM.**
- They can either make a **POSITIVE DECISION**;
- Or, if more information is required, they can request a SEF form; a short, targeted interview or a full substantive interview.
- If you are eligible for a PIM, **you can ask your Social Worker or Personal Advisor to request a PIM invitation** from the Home Office.