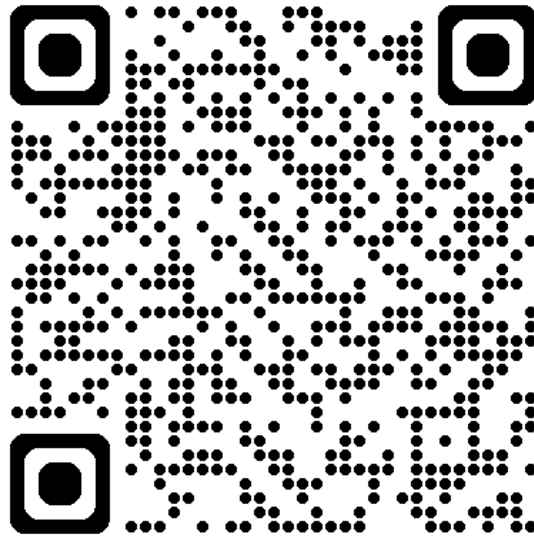


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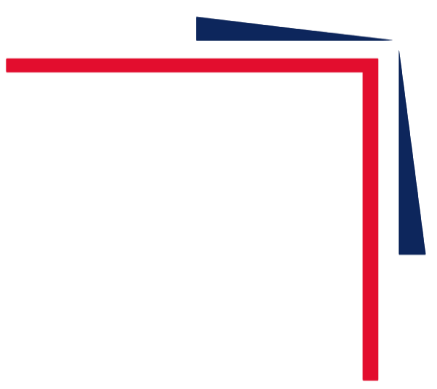
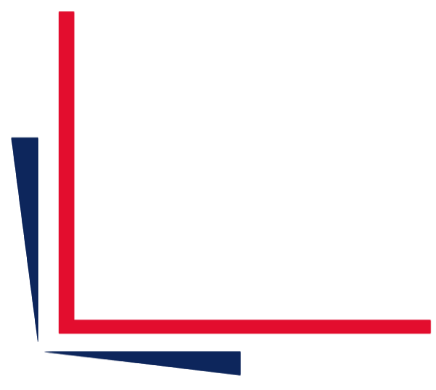


Orientation Session 1: Understanding the UK

Delivered by Learn About Britain for Brent Council



Today we will learn about...

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- The structure of the United Kingdom
 - How the United Kingdom is governed
 - The monarchy and the Church of England
 - Central and local government
 - Institutions like the police and the Home Office
 - How London and Brent are governed
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But before we start, introductions...

I'm Joe Hayman...

**Born and raised in
North London**

**Author of two books
about Britain**

**Founder of Learn
About Britain**







I want you to feel:

More confident about living in Brent and in Britain

More clear about British culture and customs

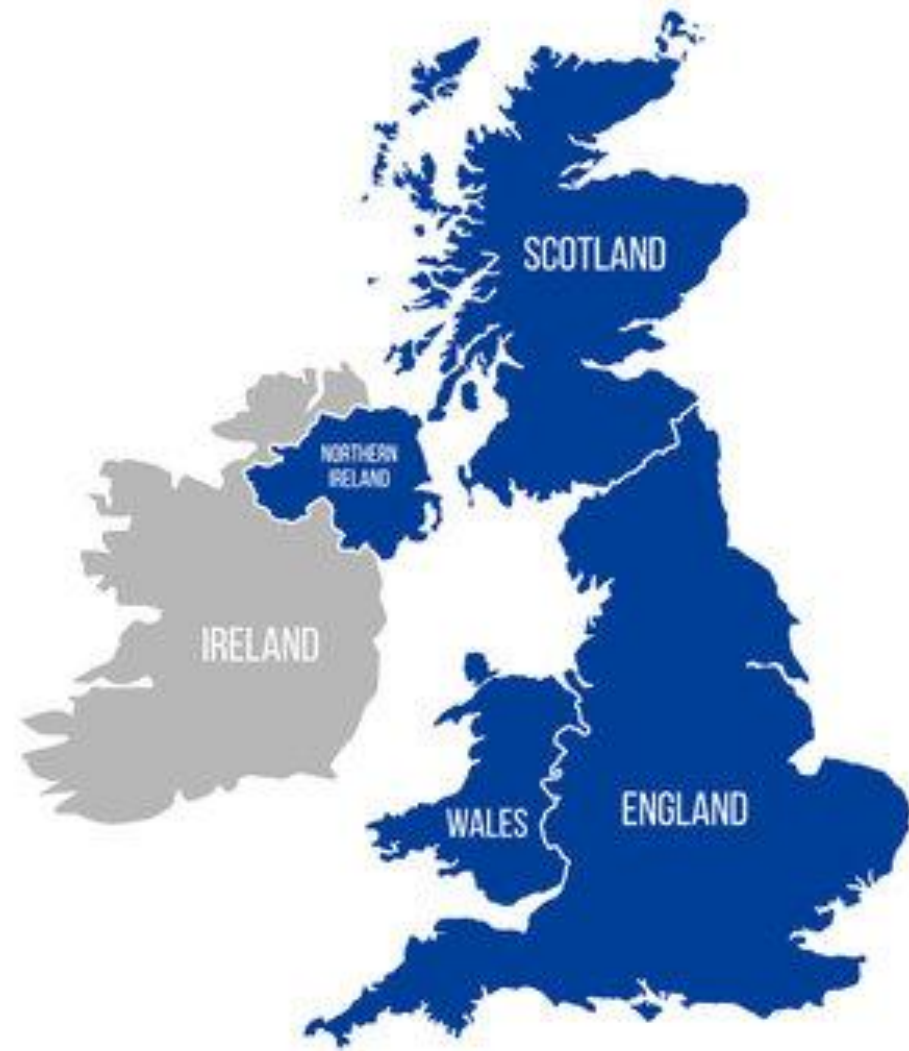
More clear about what you're entitled to and what the responsibilities are which all people have





The structure of the United Kingdom

- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Four nations: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales





England



Scotland



United Kingdom



Wales



Northern Ireland

- **A monarch: currently King Charles III**
- **An established church: the Church of England, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury**
- **A Government, currently led by Andy Burnham**
- **A National Parliament in Westminster made up of the House of Commons and House of Lords**
- **Governments and Parliaments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland**





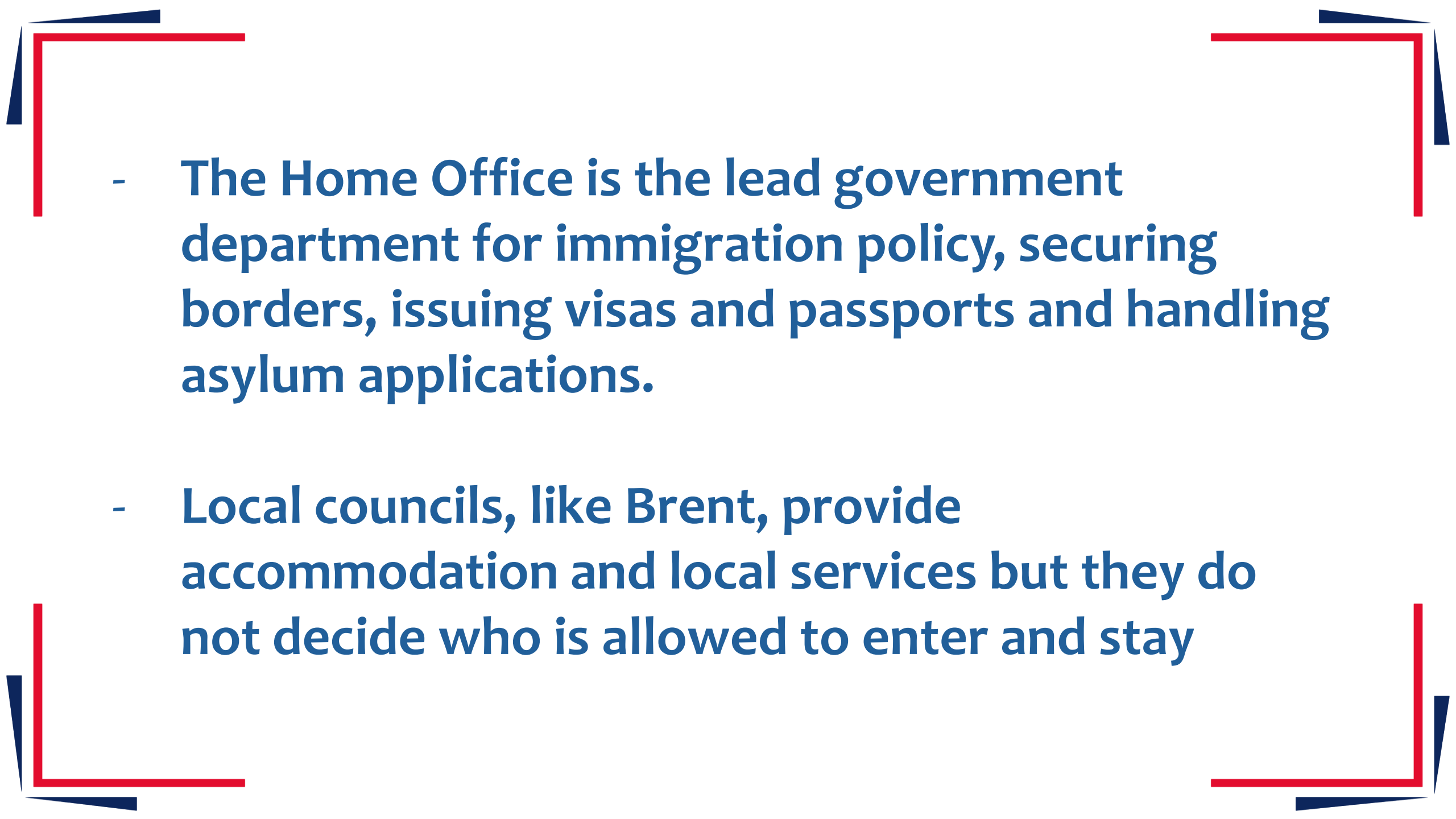






Important public services/institutions

- Government departments like the Home Office
- The Armed Forces
- The National Health Service
- Emergency services: police, fire, ambulance – one phone number: 999

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- The Home Office is the lead government department for immigration policy, securing borders, issuing visas and passports and handling asylum applications.
 - Local councils, like Brent, provide accommodation and local services but they do not decide who is allowed to enter and stay

















London



London

The capital of the UK

The biggest city (9m people)

**Economic, cultural, political
centre of the country**













The Mayor of London is responsible for local police, transport (Transport for London), housing, culture.

The current Mayor is Sir Sadiq Khan.





Brent









Local councils like Brent are responsible for essential services like refuse collection and public health. They manage council housing, local libraries and social care.

They are responsible for supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Brent but the Home Office decides who is allowed into the UK and who is allowed to stay.



Those who are elected to oversee the council are called Councillors.

The Leader of the Council is Muhammed Butt.



Brent also has a Mayor.

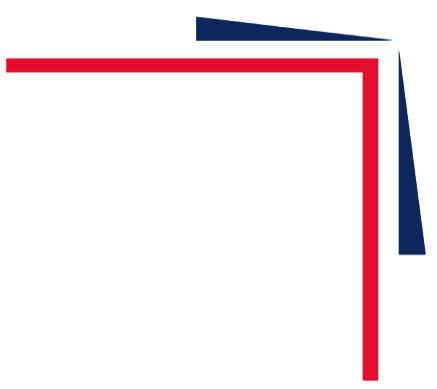
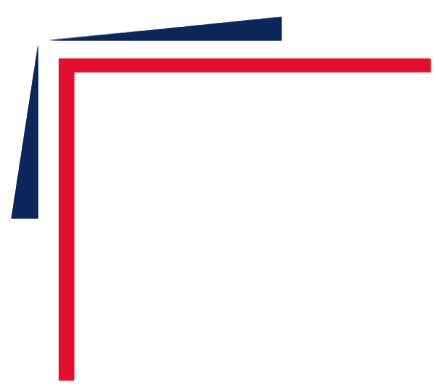
The Mayor of Brent is a ceremonial role, hosting civic events and conducting citizenship ceremonies.

The Mayor of Brent is Councillor Amer Agha

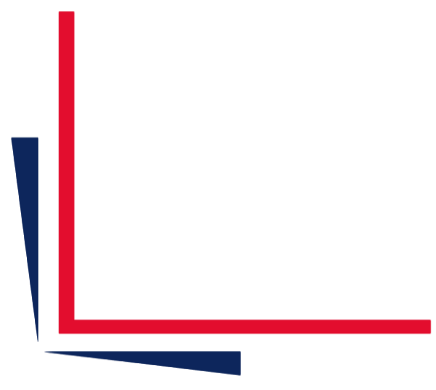




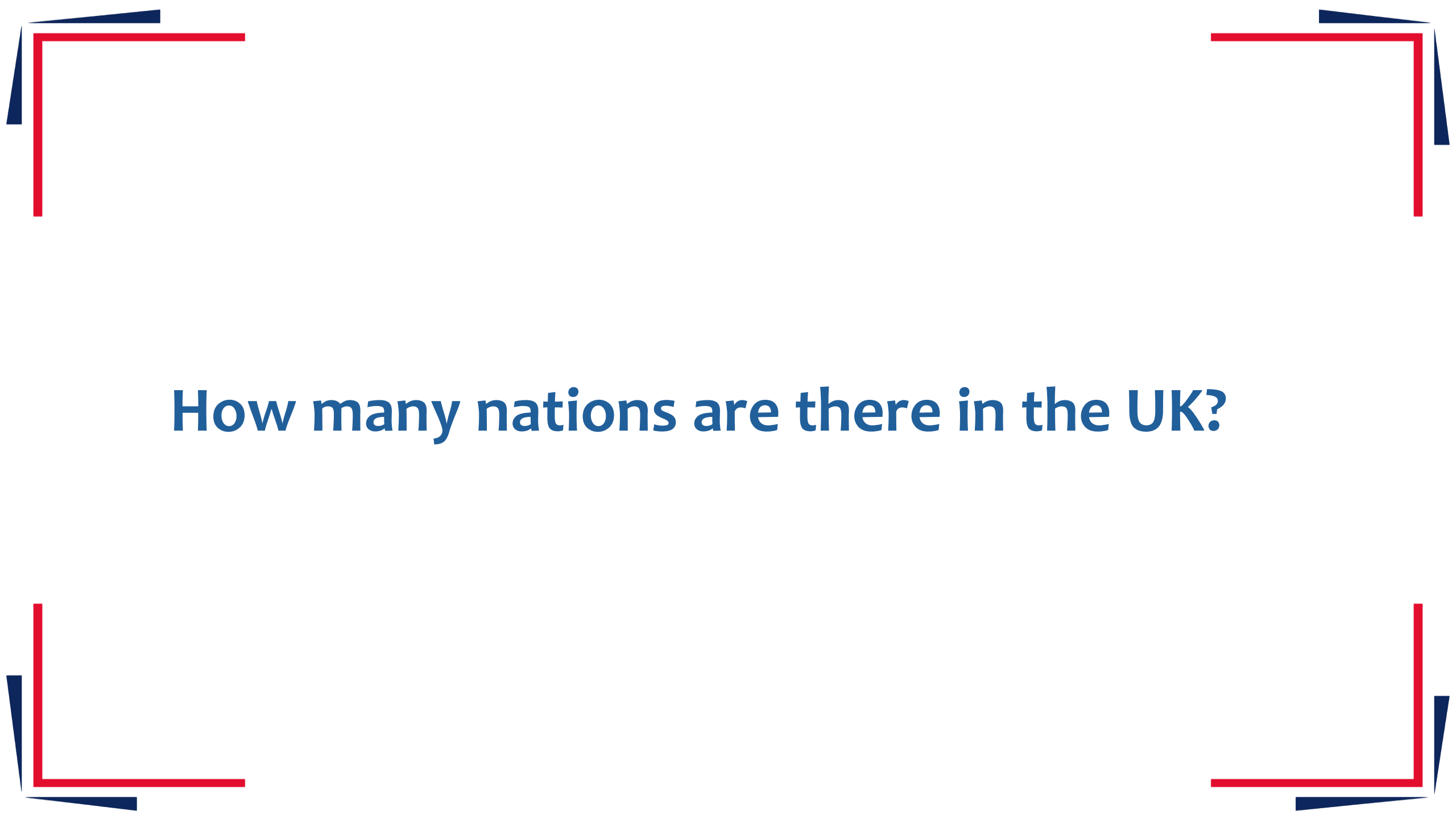
Quick quiz



**Who is the Mayor of London? Who is the Leader
of Brent Council? Who is the Prime Minister?**

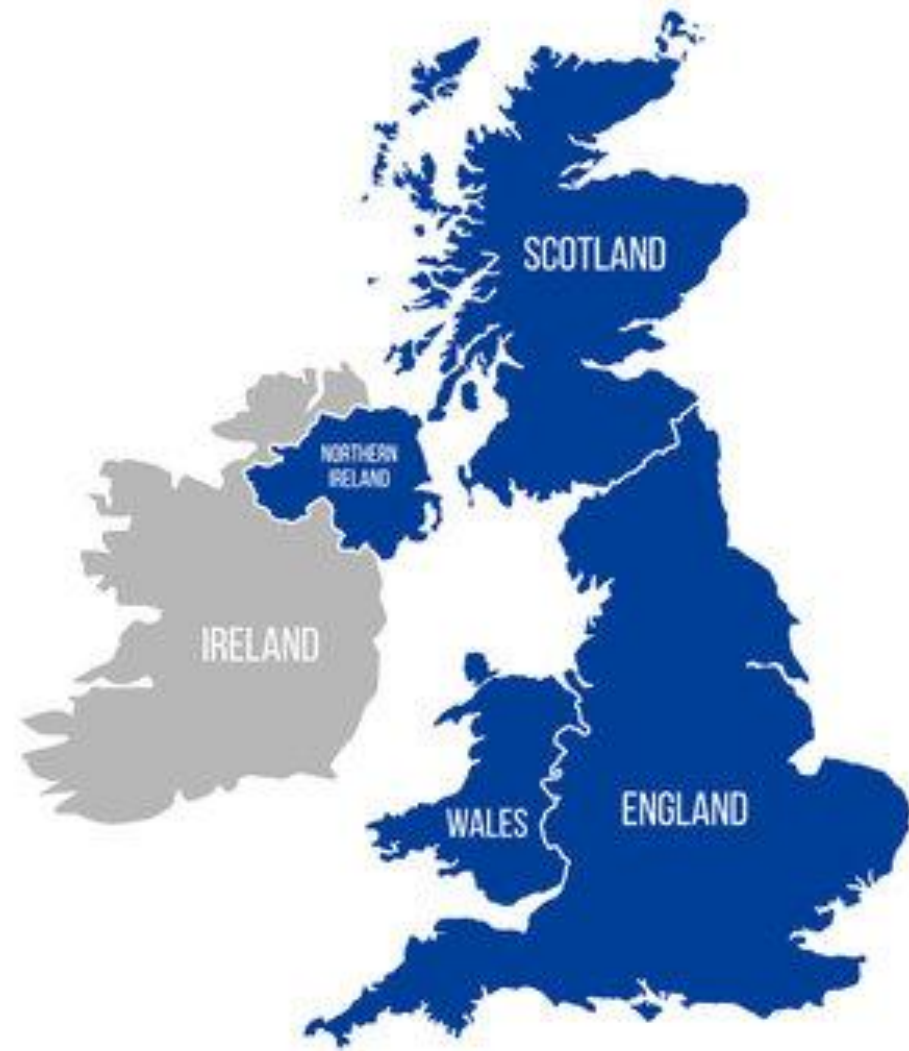


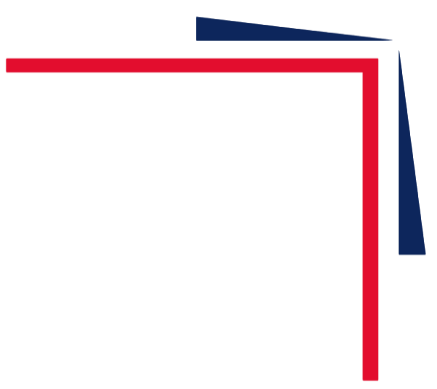
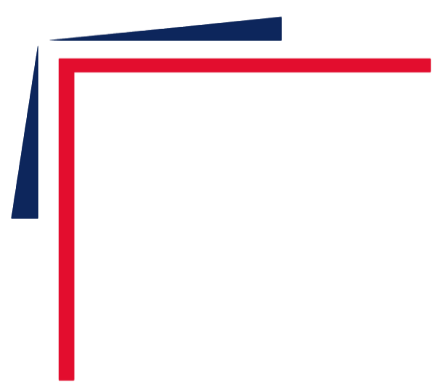




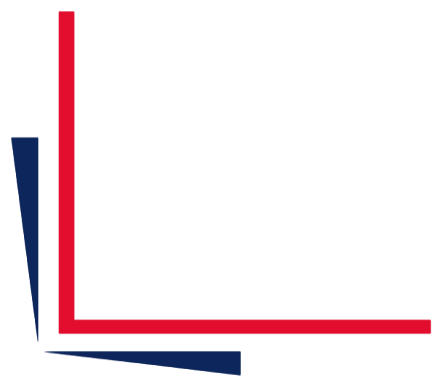
How many nations are there in the UK?

- **Four nations:
England, Scotland,
Northern Ireland,
Wales**



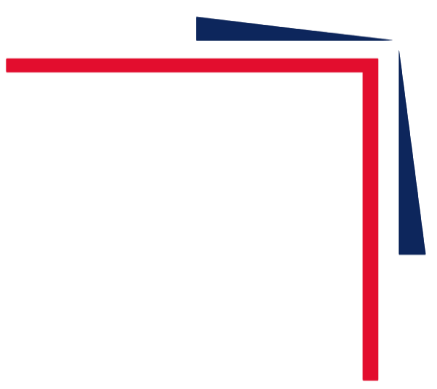
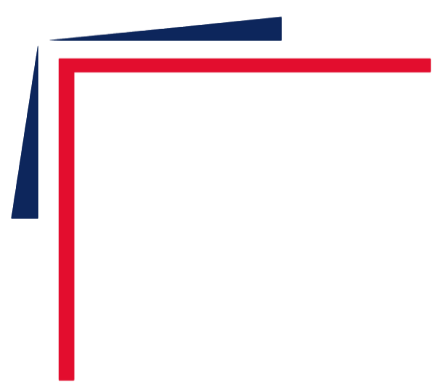


How many people live in London?

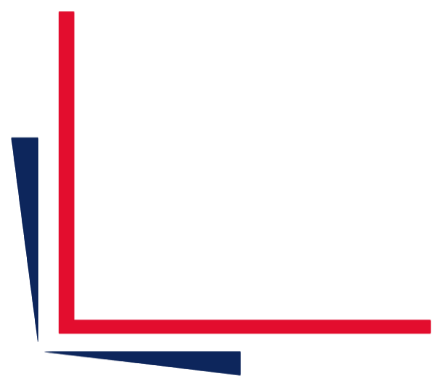




9 million



**Who judges asylum applications?
The Home Office or Local Councils?**

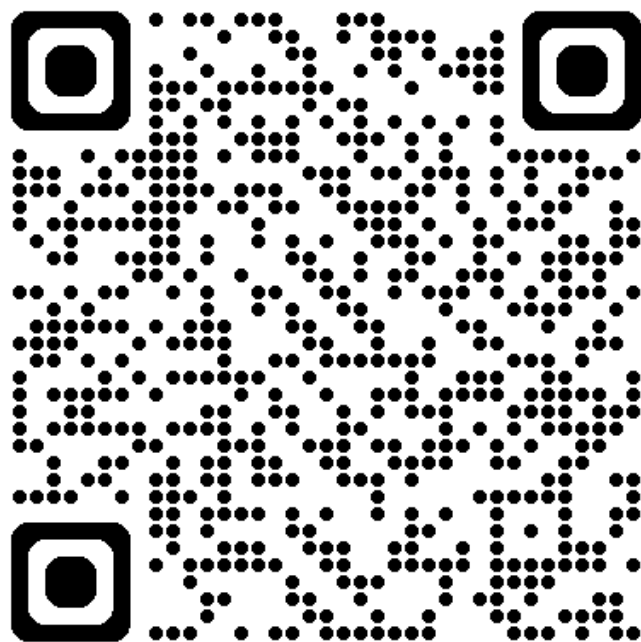




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