



Hampshire
County Council

The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme (SVPRP)

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Presentation Outline

- UK Government's Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme
- The Hampshire Response
- Challenges of Social Integration

Syrian VPR Programme

- Announced by Prime Minister on 7th Sept
- Up to 20,000 people over 5 years
- Individuals and families direct from camps in Syria and border Countries
- Eligibility Criteria set
- 1000 people in first tranche before Christmas 2015



SVPRP Process (1)

- UNHCR assess individuals against eligibility criteria
- UK Government screen those recommended
- If accepted International Organisation for Migration (IOM) undertake medical screening

SVPRP Process (2)

- IOM send results to UK Local Authority for estimate of costs
- Eligibility confirmed - IOM starts visa application process
- UK Govt arrange Biometric Resident Permits with 5 years humanitarian protection

Role of the Local Authority

- Govt has asked all UK Local Authorities to make an “Offer” to host a number of refugees under the Programme
- Some Local Authorities well integrated into refugee programmes, mostly large cities and mostly in the North of England. Not rural Hampshire.



Hampshire Response

- Strong Political desire to support the Programme locally
- Learning from others
- Putting in place arrangements to make substantive “Offer”
- Taking Two families into Hampshire before Christmas 2015



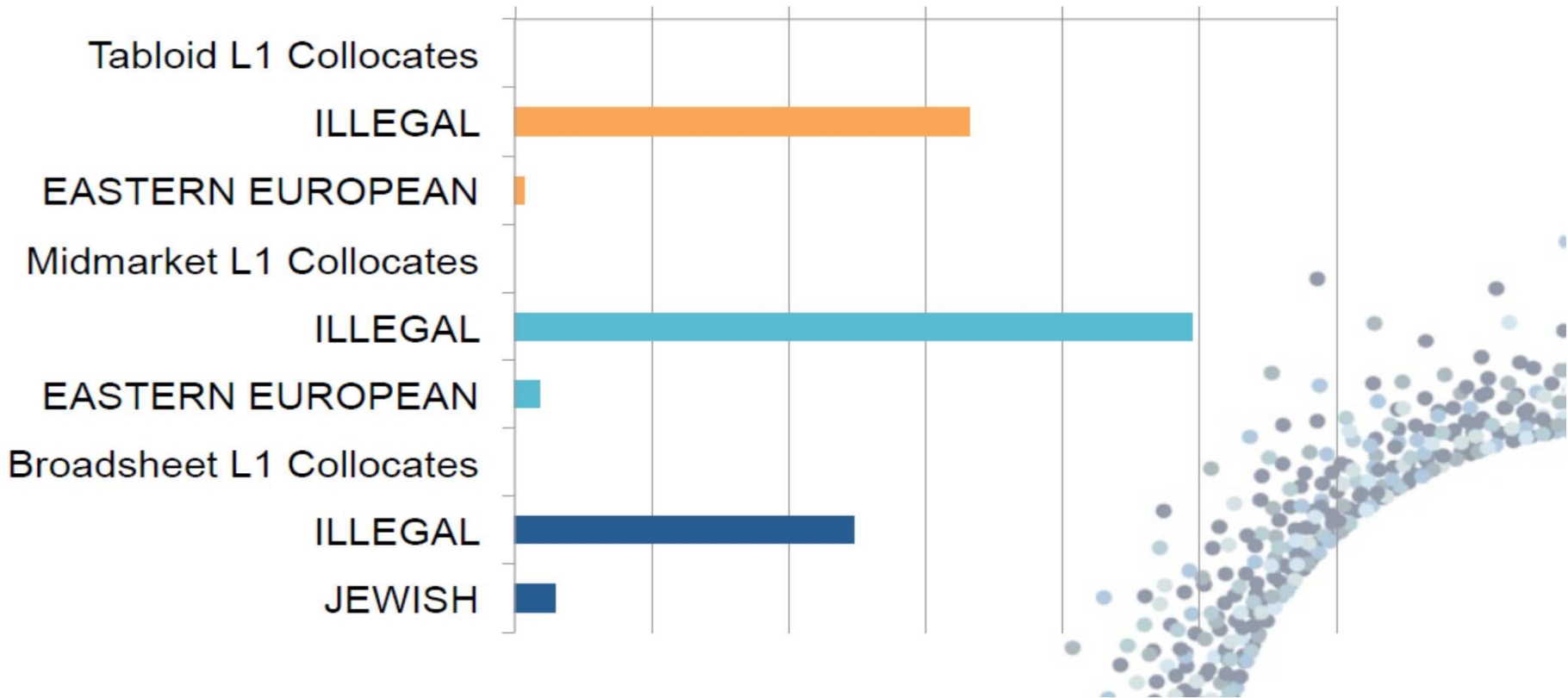
‘Migration in the Media’ project

- What language did the UK national press use to characterise immigrants, migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees from 2010 to 2012?
- Textual data of 20 newspapers (over 58,000 items and 43 million words)
- Measures “**collocates**” - **co-occurrence of words used with mentions of a target word**, and selects example sentences in the report
- Presented by Broadsheet, Mid Market and Tabloid newspapers

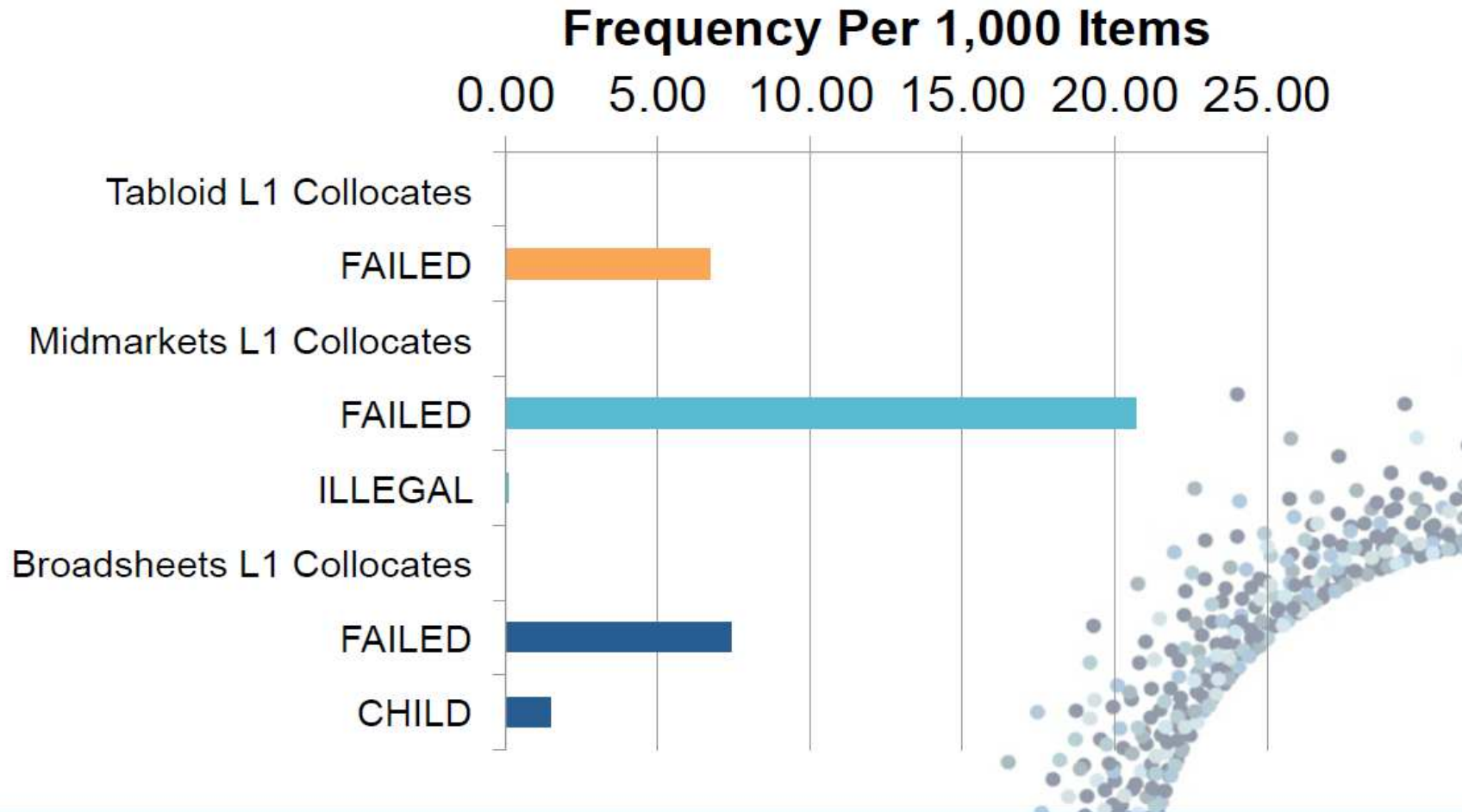
Description of IMMIGRANTS: ILLEGAL

Frequency per 1,000 Items

0.00 20.00 40.00 60.00 80.00 100.00 120.00



Description of ASYLUM SEEKERS: FAILED



Migration in the Media | The
Migration Observatory

***www.migrationobservatory.ox
.ac.uk/projects/media***



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Some implications:

Integration unfolds over time in real communities

“Real communities are bound by common experiences ... forged by friendship and conversation ... knitted together by all the rituals of the neighbourhood, from the school run to the chat down the pub. And these bonds can take time. So real integration takes time.”

David Cameron, April 2011

“integration has depended on the design and implementation of broad social policies that affect schooling, neighborhoods, housing, employment, health care, and so on. Britain has consequently relied a great deal on pinpointing, adapting and targeting mainstream policies to reach the needs of immigrants and minorities. While not a failure, this has not been done systematically, and there has been little coordination among programs.”

– Saggar and Sommerville 2012

Integration

- We recognise will be a challenge
- We are working with all partners to ensure as far as we can that there is every opportunity for integration locally



Questions?