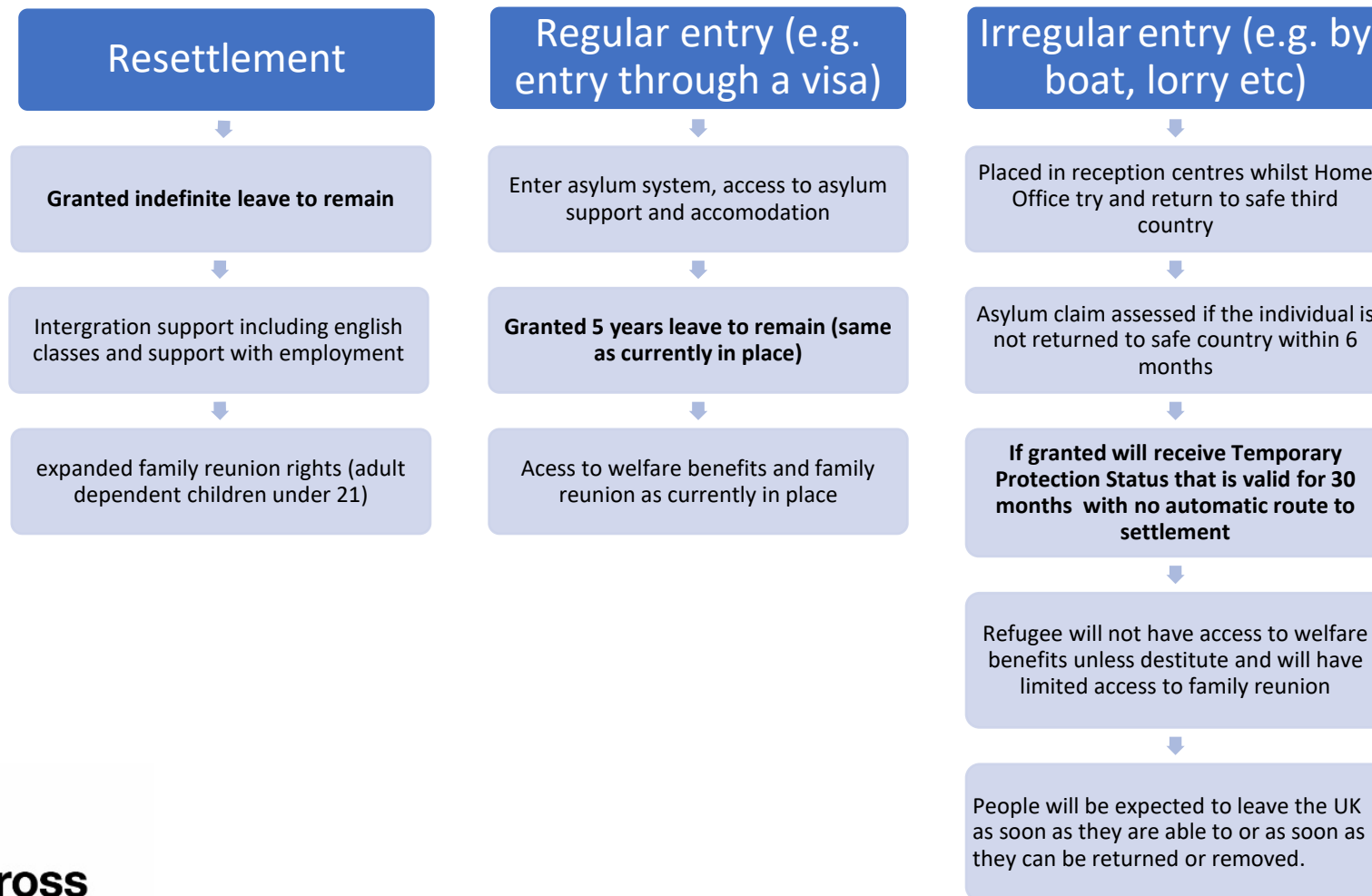


# **New Plan for Immigration: Proposal overview**

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# New Plan for Immigration: A three-tier system(?)



# New Plan for Immigration: Asylum Changes - inadmissibility

- **Inadmissibility rules** will be put into legislation (rules and guidance in force since 1 Jan set out a 6-month process)
- Will seek to rapidly **return people to safe third country** – but requires agreements to be in place
- **Reception Centres** will be introduced for people deemed inadmissible to “provide basic accommodation and process claims”, along with a fast-track appeals process
- For those that can’t be removed and in need of protection, will be given **temporary protection status** – up to 30 months, will be reviewed, restricted family reunion rights, limited access to public funds, no automatic settlement
- Put in place the legislation required to move people to **off-shore the asylum process** (but doesn’t seem to be the intention to use it now)

# New Plan for Immigration: Asylum Changes – asylum process

- **New two-tier test** for testing whether someone has a well-founded fear of persecution
  1. The person is who they say they are and are experiencing a genuine fear of persecution – **against a “balance of probabilities standard”** compared to current “reasonable degree of likelihood”
  2. The person is likely to face persecution if they return to their country of origin - **to a “reasonable likelihood” standard**
- Will clarify the definition of “persecution”
- **Changes to age assessment process**
  1. Introduce a new **National Age Assessment Board (NAAB)** – to review local authority age assessments, or carry-out age assessments where required
  2. Legislate for front-line immigration officers to assess age on the basis that someone is “significantly over 18 years of age”
  3. Consult on a **fast-track appeal process** for NAAB decisions

# New Plan for Immigration: Appeals process

- A “**one-stop shop**” for protection related claims ahead of appeal – “powers” would be introduced so that less weight is given to evidence brought forward after that, unless there is a good reason
- Ensure quicker processes for judges to review refusal decisions with no in-country right of appeal
- “consider” how to improve **access to legal advice** – focus on people subject to removal
- Reinstate an **accelerated appeals process from detention** – to be put in statute
- Put in place a panel of **pre-approved experts** to give provide expert witness statements or require experts to be approved by both parties

# **New Plan for Immigration: Removals**

- Use the **Immigration Act 2016 asylum support changes** to reduce access to support for people who have been refused asylum (and care leavers?)
- Improve returns co-operation, including by controlling access to visas
- Amend the Immigration Act 2016 to add non-compliance with immigration processes to the list of things to be considered when deciding **not to grant bail**
- Increasing the **Early Removal Scheme window** from 9 to 12 months, and “stopping the clock” on a sentence so that if someone returns to the UK in the future, it is reactivated.
- Increasing the maximum sentence for entering the UK in breach of a deportation order from 6 months to five years (s24 Immigration Act 1971)

# New Plan for Immigration: Safe and legal routes

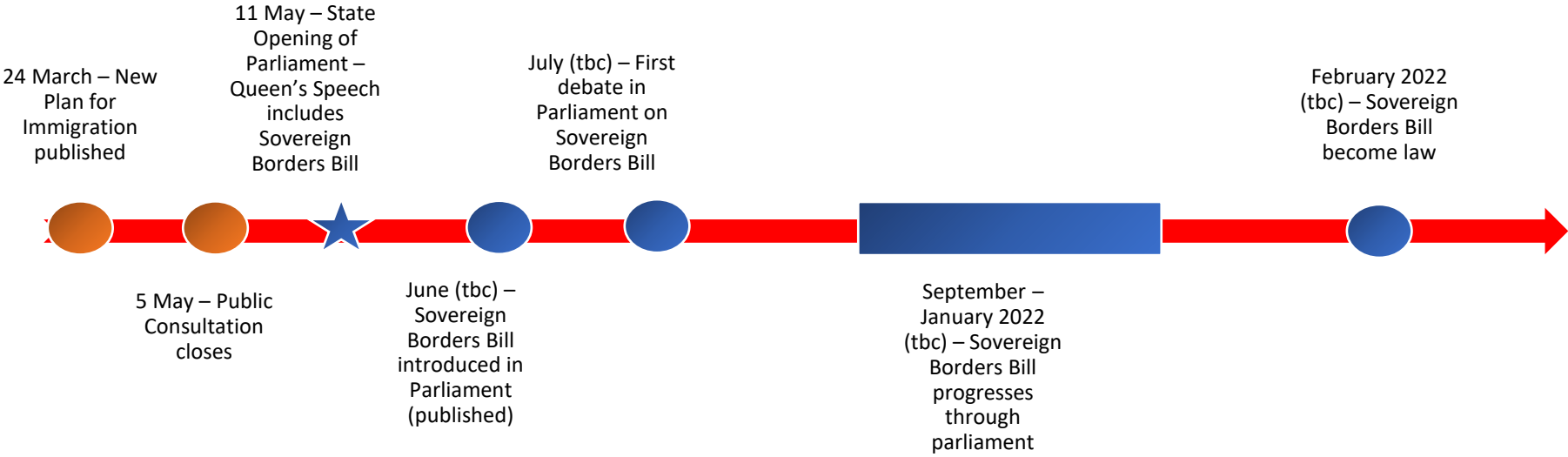
- **Multi-year resettlement commitment** – no target, numbers to be reviewed based on capacity and circumstances
- Resettlement scheme will be **global**, and prioritise people in conflict regions rather than in Europe (e.g. VPRS over Dubs)
- Ensure resettlement **includes people from minority groups** the Home Office believe struggle to access traditional resettlement routes.
- Resettled refugees will be granted **Indefinite Leave to Remain** on arrival
- Review **refugee family reunion routes** for people *who arrived through safe and legal routes* – in particular for adult dependent children joining their parents
- Encourage the **growth of community sponsorship**
- Give the Home Secretary **a discretionary power** to grant someone permission to enter the UK if their life is at risk
- Encourage/support people to apply for **other existing immigration routes**
- Focus on **improving employment outcomes** for resettled refugees

# New Plan for Immigration: **Modern Slavery**

- Amend training to first responders, with a focus on **assessing and raising concerns about credibility**
- Exempt people from the recovery and reflection period following a positive Reasonable Grounds decision on **public order grounds** (e.g. a prison sentence of 12 months or more)
- **Increase the evidence threshold for Reasonable Grounds decisions** (s50 Modern Slavery Act and statutory guidance under s49 Modern Slavery Act)
- Set-out in legislation that Conclusive Grounds decisions should be made on the **balance of probabilities** standard of proof
- Consider introducing **stricter consideration of credibility**, including late disclosure
- Consult on seeking agreements to **return survivors to safe countries**
- Put in legislation potential eligibility to **temporary leave to remain** for people with positive Conclusive Grounds decisions
- Review 2014 Modern Slavery Strategy



# New Plan for Immigration: Consultation Process and Sovereign Borders Bill



- Consultation, run by Britain Thinks, available at: <https://newplanforimmigration.com/>

