

ANNEX 4: Glossary

Brexit – this is an abbreviation for "British exit," which refers to the June 23, 2016, referendum whereby British citizens voted on whether to remain or exit the European Union (EU). 51.9% voted to exit the EU and 49.1% voted to stay.

ECHR / European Convention on Human Rights - the European Convention on Human Rights is an international treaty developed to protect fundamental freedoms and human rights in Europe. It was drafted in 1950 by the Council of Europe and came into force in 1953. All member states of the Council of Europe are signatories of the European Convention on Human Rights. No country has ever joined the EU without first belonging to the Council of Europe.

ECtHR / European Court of Human Rights - the European Court of Human Rights is an international court established by the **European Convention on Human Rights**. The Court is based in Strasbourg, France, and hears applications relating to member states of the Council of Europe about human rights breaches. Since the introduction of the **Human Rights Act** in the UK, the European Court of Human Rights is no longer the only legal recourse for people seeking redress. However, UK cases can still go to the European Court, where the admissibility criteria are fulfilled.

EHRC - the EHRC stands for the Equality and Human Rights Commission. This is a statutory, non-departmental body, granted a mandate by Parliament in the Equality Act 2006 with a mandate to encourage equality and diversity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, and protect and promote the human rights of everyone in **Great Britain**.

Foodbanks - foodbanks are operated as community initiatives and staffed by volunteers. Individuals, organisations, businesses, places of worship and supermarkets donate food and basic toiletries to food bank collection points, where they are sorted and checked. Social workers, doctors, health visitors and police work to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. These vouchers can then be redeemed at the food banks for a 3-day emergency parcel. Foodbanks are increasingly offering services to support people faced with benefits sanctions or struggling after cuts to welfare provisions.

GB / Great Britain - Great Britain comprises England, Scotland and Wales.

HRA / Human Rights Act - the Human Rights Act was passed in 1998 and came into force in the UK in October 2000. The Act enshrines makes human rights from the **European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)** enforceable in domestic law. This means legal cases around ECHR human rights be brought in a UK court. It also means that public bodies (and their officials) are required to fulfil duties to respect and protect the rights outlined in the Act, and that Parliament should endeavour to pass laws that do not contravene the human rights in the Act.

UK / United Kingdom - the United Kingdom comprises England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.