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No UK Country Guidance cases were promulgated in the reporting period.

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Additional useful COI databases for case-specific country research (non-exhaustive):

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- [COI Forum](#) [Subscription only]
- [EASO COI Portal](#) [European Asylum Support Office's portal]
- [Electronic Immigration Network](#) [Subscription only]
- [ECOI.net](#) [European Country of Origin Information Network]
- [Refworld](#) [UNHCR's portal]
- [ReliefWeb](#)

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