

THE GUARDIANSHIP OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

U.S. & UK

DIVERGING CONTEXTS - CONVERGING POLICIES ?

TRANSFER TO A SPONSOR OR EXTENDED CARE
LEGAL STATUS DETERMINED

IDENTIFYING AND VERIFYING POSSIBLE SPONSORS

PLACEMENT WITH AN ORR FUNDED CARE PROVIDER

ORR HEALTH CHECK AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

IN OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT'S (ORR) CUSTODY

CBP DETENTION FOR UP TO 72 HOURS

APPREHENDED BY CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION (CBP)
TRAFFICKING AND ASYLUM CLAIM SCREENING



LONG-TERM PLACEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NATIONAL TRANSFER SCHEME 2016

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION THROUGH SOCIAL WORKER

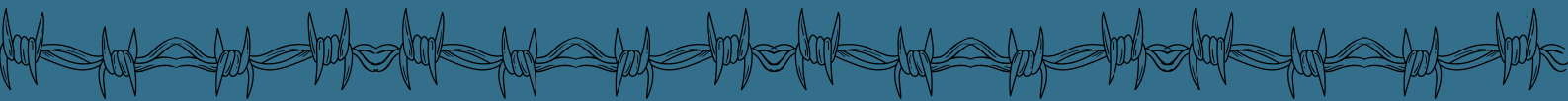
CHILDREN'S PANEL / SCOTTISH GUARDIANSHIP SERVICE
NOTIFIED

ENTRY LOCAL AUTHORITY - SAFEGUARDING ASSESSMENT

DETAINED BY HOME OFFICE IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE

APPREHENDED BY HOME OFFICE OR POLICE - SOCIAL
WORKER & LOCAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES NOTIFIED

THE CHILD ARRIVES AT THE BORDER



HOW AND WHY HAVE THE UNACCOMPANIED MINORS' GUARDIANSHIP POLICIES IN THE U.S. AND THE UK DIVERGED AND CONVERGED?

INSTITUTIONALISM ✓

We expect the UK to remain path dependent, while for the U.S., we expect a critical juncture: the 9/11 attacks.

✗ RATIONALISM

We expect that evidence-based policy-making has little influence on the guardianship policies in the UK and the U.S.

POLITICAL ✓✓

We expect that the 9/11 attacks in the U.S., and the influx of refugees in 2015 in the UK created a policy window.

✓ CULTURAL

We expect that the target population in both contexts is similarly framed as vulnerable and passive.

