

Slavery is closer than you think



HELP FREE THE UK FROM
**MODERN
SLAVERY**

What is Modern Slavery?

Modern Slavery, often referred to as Human Trafficking, involves men, women and children being recruited, harboured or brought into a situation through the use of violence, deception or coercion and forced to work against their will. People can be trafficked for many different forms of exploitation such as forced prostitution, CSE, forced labour, forced criminality, domestic servitude, forced marriage and forced organ removal.

Who are the victims?

There is no typical victim of slavery – victims can be men women and children of all ages, ethnicities and nationalities and cut across the population. But it is normally more prevalent amongst the most vulnerable, and within minority or socially excluded groups.

What do we all need to do?

Modern Slavery destroys lives, damages communities and has strong links with organised crime. Victims are often deceived and coerced into abusive situations that they feel they are unable to leave. It is a hidden crime – it's a complex and multi-faceted problem and we all have a duty of care to protect vulnerable persons within our society.

Forms of Modern Slavery:

Sexual Exploitation - This includes but is not limited to sexual abuse, forced prostitution and the abuse of children for the production of child abuse videos/images

Domestic Servitude - This involves a victim being forced to work in usually private households, usually performing domestic chores or childcare duties. Their freedom may be restricted and they may work long hours often for little or no pay living and sleeping where they work.

Forced Labour - Victims may be forced to work long hours for little or no pay in poor conditions under verbal or physical threats of violence to them or their families. It can happen in various industries including construction, manufacturing, food packaging, agriculture, maritime and beauty (nail bars).

Criminal Exploitation - This can be understood as the exploitation of a person to commit a crime, such as pick-pocketing, shop lifting, cannabis cultivation, drug trafficking and other similar activities that are subject to penalties and imply financial gain for the trafficker

Other Forms of Exploitation - These can include organ removal; forced benefit fraud; forced marriage and illegal adoption.

What are the signs of Modern Slavery?

Victim Indicators:

- Passport or documents held by someone else normally the offender
- Employer or manager unable to produce documents required when employing migrant labour
- Low self-esteem
- Isolation – do not live and sleep with other residents
- Signs of trauma – Physical injuries/Mental Health issues
- Poor Health / Malnutrition
- Distrusting of others
- Under control of another / limited freedom of movement
- Fear of peers / managers
- Fear of Police / Authority

How Victims are controlled:

- Confiscating the victim's identity documents
- Threatening to report them to the authorities
- Violence or threats of violence to victim or their friends/families
- Keeping them socially isolated
- Keeping them locked in and/or imprisoned
- Telling victims that they owe large sums of money, they must work to pay off
- Frightening victim with threats based on cultural or belief systems, for example, witchcraft or spirit possession

Key contacts and more information

Leeds District Safeguarding Unit: 0113 385 9576

Leeds MASH email: leedsdistrictmash@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Modern Day Slavery Helpline: 08000 121700

Safeguarding Central Governance Unit: 01924 292463

You can read national guidance at:

Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation

Or for more information, see Leeds Safeguarding Children's Board

(follow the link to West Yorkshire Safeguarding Procedures)

