Modern Slavery

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Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery What is it?

- Human trafficking is the movement of a person from one place to another into conditions of exploitation, using deception, coercion, the abuse of power or the abuse of someone's vulnerability with 3 main elements:
- The movement recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people (includes within UK)
- The control threat, use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or the giving of payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim
- The purpose exploitation of a person, which includes prostitution and other sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices, and the removal of organs
- Children cannot give consent to being moved, therefore the coercion or deception elements do not have to be present



Developing the National Response Modern Slavery Act 2015

- Merging 3 current offences into 1 simpler offence
- Increase in sentencing from 14 years to life
- General offence rather than child specific addressing problems caused establishing the age of a child victim
- Clause 42 contains a provision for guidance to be issued to front line professionals (local authority/NHS/Police etc.) to help identification, but also how to assist and support
- Clause 44 will provide a statutory duty for specified public bodies to notify the National Crime Agency about potential victims of modern slavery
- Requires all statutory bodies to work together to tackle modern slavery – guidance November 2015





Our Vision

Working together to fight slavery and support victims of slavery in Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

Pursue: Prosecute and disrupt individuals and groups responsible for modern slavery.

Prevent: Prevent people from engaging in and being a victim of modern slavery.

Protect: Strengthen safeguards against modern slavery by protecting vulnerable people from exploitation and increasing awareness of and resilience against this crime.

Prepare: Reduce the harm caused by modern slavery through improved victim identification and enhanced support.



Find out more: www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk

What are the signs?



PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Victims may show signs of physical or psychological abuse, look malnourished or unkempt, or appear withdrawn

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ISOLATION

Victims may rarely be allowed to travel on their own, seem under the control, influence of others, rarely interact or appear unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work



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POOR LIVING CONDITIONS

Victims may be living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded

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FEW OR NO PERSONAL EFFECTS

Victims may have no identification documents, have few personal

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RESTRICTED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

Victims have little opportunity to move freely

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UNUSUAL TRAVEL TIMES

They may be dropped off / collected for work on a regular basis either very early or late at night.

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RELUCTANT TO SEEK HELP

Victims may avoid eye contact, appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers and fear law enforcers for many reasons, such as not knowing who to trust or where to get help, fear of deportation, fear of violence to them or their family.

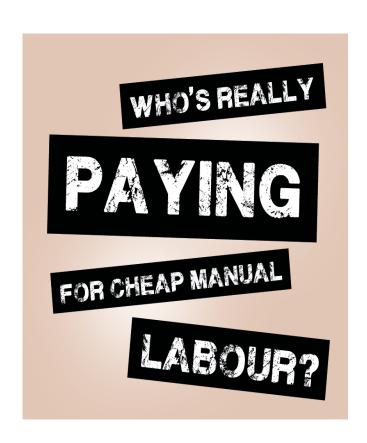






Where is it happening now?

- Agricultural trade
- Fishing industry
- Factories
- · Car washes
- Nail bars
- Sex trade
- Cannabis cultivations
- Homes





NRM Referral



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Section C: Indicators of forced labour Are any of these indicators present? (tick as applicable)
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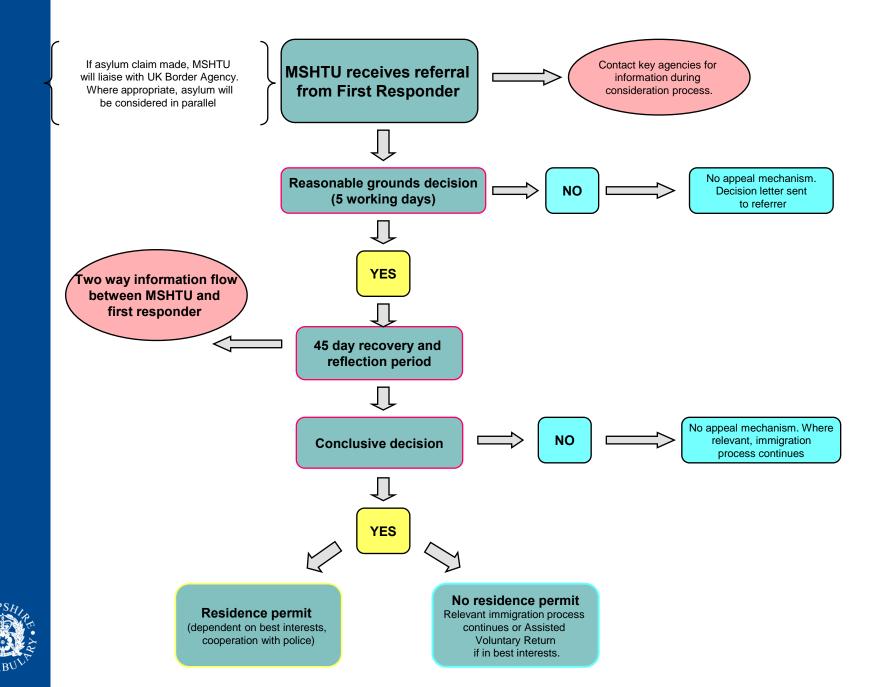
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<u>Survivor Rescue – current framework</u>



Survivor Reception Centre [SRC]



The British Red Cross

Health

Volunteers





SRC rules for staff

- Everyone to wear a identification lanyard at all times
- All staffs responsibility to meet the needs of the survivors
- Everyone has a responsibility to identify 'Alphas'
- No staff to be seen to use social media in front of survivors
- Don't discuss 'business' in the sleeping quarters
- Only people on the SRC site in uniform are the Officers providing security
- Staff are polite and courteous at all times
- No one says they will do something that is not within their power to achieve
- Never mislead survivors (even if its in their best interests)
- Staff and survivors eat together
- Any discussions regarding survivors are only in the SRC managers office
- Staff and survivors expected to attend meal time briefings by manager
- No one buys the survivors anything additional without the managers consent
- Treat others how you would be expected to be treated yourself



Operation Harvester

- 8 car Washes visited across Hampshire
- 10 victims rescued from Southampton car wash as assessment identified indicators of modern slavery
- Multi Agency Survivor Reception Centre established to cater for NRM assessment, evidence gathering, health, well being, emotional support, safeguarding and onward care.
- Victims suffering from malnutrition and some required emergency dental treatment as reflux had rotted their teeth





Operation Harvester

Two men charged with keeping '10 Romanian slaves at a car wash in Southampton for five months'

150 officers raid businesses in south coast anti-slavery clamp down

10 alleged victims being cared for in a special reception centre Police warn motorists against using car washes that are 'too good to be true'

Daily Mail







Op Harvester – outcome

- All 10 victims accepted into the NRM
- Victims provided accommodation by The Salvation Army
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- All victims received positive conclusive decision and trafficking status after 45 day review
- 8 victims provided assistance to return home
- 2 remain living in the UK following support from various NGO's
- Every victim provided an evidential interview however no prosecution took place after CPS review



Any Questions?