



Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (adults)

Background

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking are some of the most widespread and profitable crimes in the world. Modern Slavery includes sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude and forced criminality. Thousands of people across the UK are victims of modern slavery; some may be fleeing war zones whilst others may be UK nationals. Victims may be in debt, they may be coerced, threatened or forced into exhausting, ill-paid, and sometimes degrading work. Human Trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, or receipt of people through force or deception, with the aim of exploiting them. Traffickers often use violence, deception or fake promises of opportunities to coerce & control their victims.

Where can I find more information?

- [Coventry & Warwickshire ICB](#)
- [West Midlands Interagency Safeguarding Procedures](#)
- [Home Office](#)
- [Unseen UK](#)
- [Anti-Slavery](#)
- [Citizens Advice](#)

What are the UK statistics?

It is estimated that:

- 40.3 million people worldwide are in modern slavery
- 24.9 million are in forced labour
- Up to 136,000 people in the UK are in modern slavery, according to slavery experts
- 10,627 potential victims came through the NRM, with an estimate of up to 13,000 trafficking victims currently

How do I report concerns?

- Contact your organisational Modern Slavery lead for further advice
- Contact [Warwickshire Police](#)
- Contact [Social Care & Support](#)
- [First responder organisations](#) have a duty to make NRM Referrals or Duty to Notify Referrals (if consent not given) to the [National Referral Mechanism](#)

The Law

The Modern Slavery Act was introduced in 2015. The act gives law enforcement the tools to fight modern slavery, ensure perpetrators can receive suitably severe punishments for these appalling crimes and enhance support and protection for victims.

Further info: [Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)

What should I look out for? (Cont...)

- An adult who appears unable to answer questions or speak for themselves and/or a third party speaks for them.
- An adult who appears under the control of others, rarely interacts or appears unfamiliar with where they live or work and may not speak any English.
- For a full list, visit [Modern Slavery Helpline](#)

What should I look out for?

Potential indicators that someone is a victim of modern slavery or human trafficking include:

- An adult not in possession of their legal documents or someone else holds them.
- An adult who appears is malnourished, unkempt, or has untreated injuries and appears withdrawn or frightened.
- The adult moves location regularly

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