



Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Project Aidant

Project Aidant is nationally coordinated activity aimed at targeting the threat of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. This will see nominated weeks of ‘intensification’ activity, which will focus on different nationalities and communities each time.

Some key aims of the week are:

- Promoting joint working in relation to the identification and safeguarding of potential victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.
- Responding effectively to high risk trends through a more intelligence led approach.
- Raising the profile of modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK.

Polish nationals

The 24th-30th April 2017 is the next Project Aidant intensification week and this will focus on Polish nationals.

National data highlights that the number of Polish nationals being referred for support due to this type of exploitation remains significant. The majority are referred for labour exploitation but other exploitation types include domestic servitude and sexual exploitation.

How can I assist?

In your roles, you could become aware of information that someone is being exploited in this way so be aware of some of the indicators of modern slavery and human trafficking:

- Those being kept as slaves might have their movements restricted
- They may appear injured and malnourished
- They may have a lack of belongings; e.g. their passports and ID taken from them to stop them having freedom to leave and work elsewhere. They may also wear the same clothes every day.
- Are they avoiding eye contact and reluctance to talk to strangers?
- They may not know their home or work address

What should I do if I suspect someone to be a victim of modern slavery?

- If you think someone is in immediate danger you should call 999 to report it. If there is no immediate threat then you can report to Police via 101.
- Alternative routes to support are the Modern Slavery helpline (0800 0121 700) or The Salvation Army (0300 303 8151). Any other information that you think may be relevant can be provided in confidence for creation as intelligence by sending an email to CIB@norfolk.pnn.police.uk.

If you are part of a statutory organisation, please ensure you report your concerns to your safeguarding lead.