

Victim Identification and Trafficking Awareness Rosie Riley & Toby Bonvoisin

### Short films

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRDgveyiRcE
- http://www.unchosen.org.uk/portfolio-item/what-doyou-see/



## Objectives

- 1. Human trafficking & Modern Slavery
- 2. Trafficking as a health issue
- 3. How to spot it
- 4. What to do
- 5. Support for survivors



## Have you seen it?

Human trafficking is hidden, but everywhere



1/8

reported previous contact with a patient they knew or suspected of having been trafficked

8/10 felt they hadn't had enough training



## Human trafficking is:

The movement of people, by means such as force, fraud, coercion or deception, with the aim of exploiting them.

It is modern-day slavery.



## Human trafficking is distinct from:

- Migrant smuggling
- Unaccompanied asylum seekers
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)





#### Types of exploitation



Sexual exploitation



Forced labour





Organ harvesting



Domestic servitude



Forced criminality

#### How it happens

## Poverty

Spiritual manipulation

Debt bondage

"Want a job?"



Lied to

**Threats** 



Violence

Sold into slavery

The scale of the problem

# How many trafficked people do you think there are in the UK?



The scale of the problem

## Statistics about trafficking are inherently flawed



### The scale of the problem

Globally, forced labour generates profits of around \$150 billion per year

Low risk, high gain



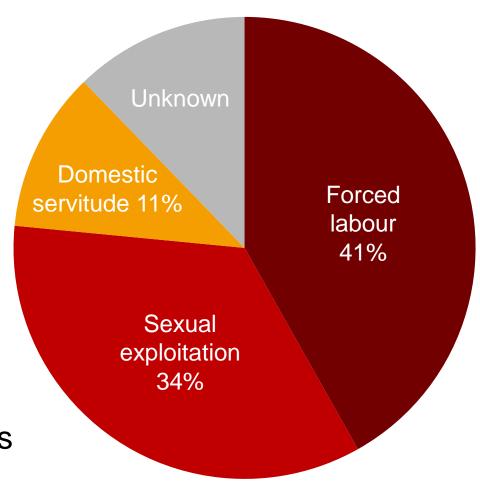




(Source: ILO 2017)

### The UK scale...

- 3,805 victims
  - 51% female, 49% male
- 1278 children
- 28% of trafficked children sexually exploited
- National Crime Agency estimate the true number is in the tens of thousands





#### South Yorkshire



- 123 victims
- Over 2/3 were children
- Mostly from Slovakia and Vietnam
- All types of exploitation
- Operation Leicester



## Operation Leicester



- Darnall
- Roma Slovak families
- Controlled by gang
- Fabricated and induced illness
- Disabled children targeted
- Hundreds of families involved



## Barnsley



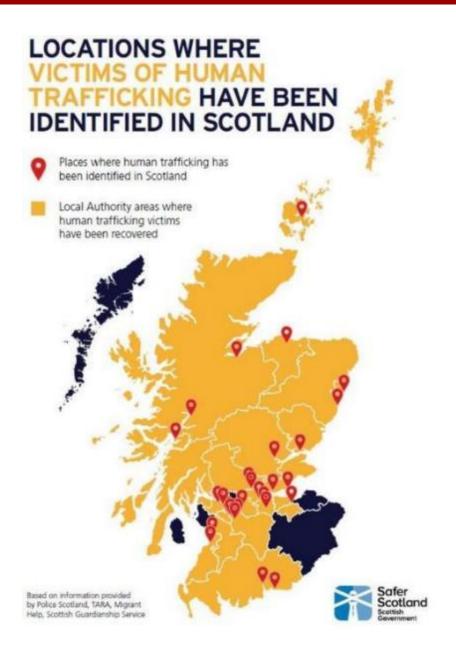
 Ongoing investigations into pop-up brothels, car washes and cannabis farms



Other hotspots around the country



#### What is human trafficking?

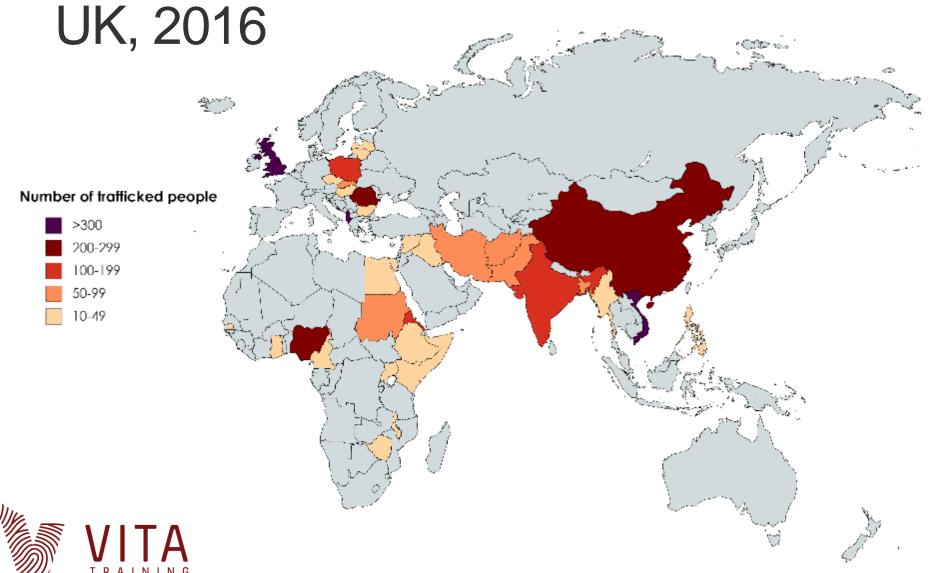




Where are people trafficked from?



Country of origin of all referrals in the













## What is the impact of trafficking on health?



























#### Access to care

- Many trafficked people have no access to healthcare
- However, a significant proportion do access healthcare – 30% to 90%
- Illness can reduce ability to work
- Accompanied by trafficker?



#### Access to care

- They may be prevented from accessing care by other barriers:
  - >Lacking official documents
  - >No fixed address
  - >Language barriers
  - >Unaware of entitlement to care



#### Access to care

- Maternity
- Emergency
- Mental Health
- General Practice
- Sexual Health



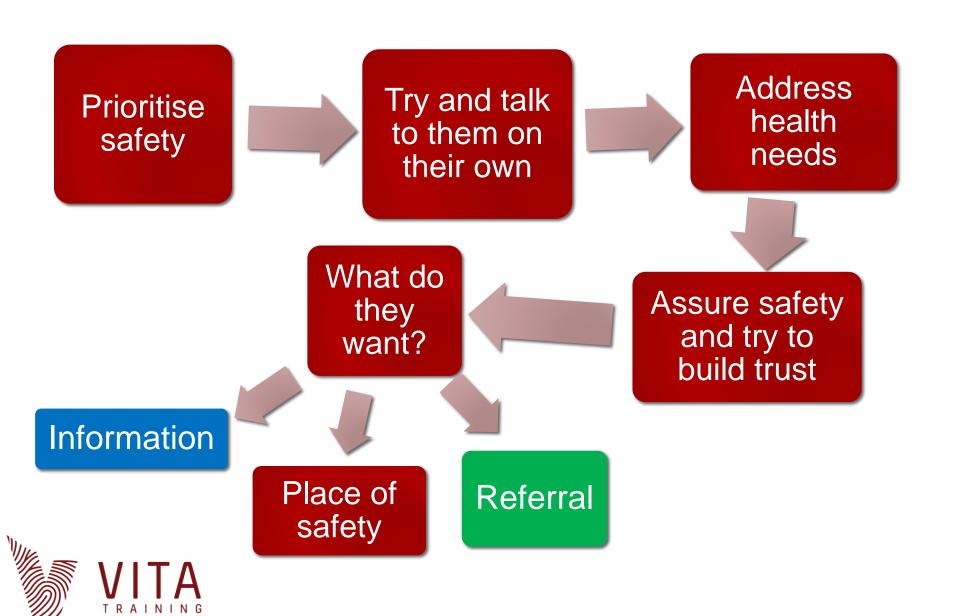
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## What do you do if you identify a potential victim?





Consider gently asking **medically relevant** questions about their living and working conditions...

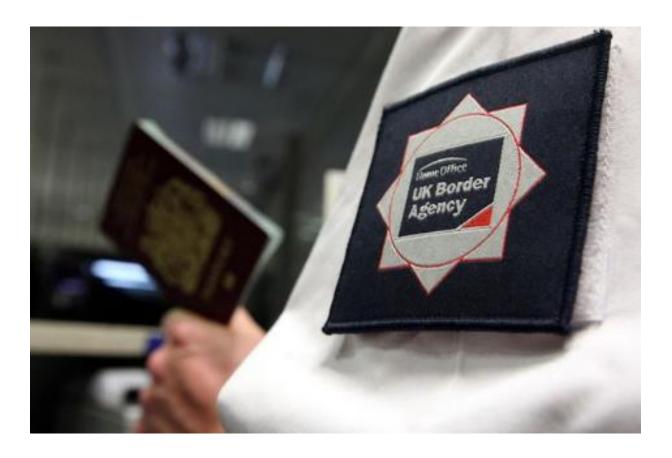
"You look very pale..."

"You are coughing a lot...."

"Were you injured while working?...I need to check that you are ok everywhere"



## You do not need to be a border officer!





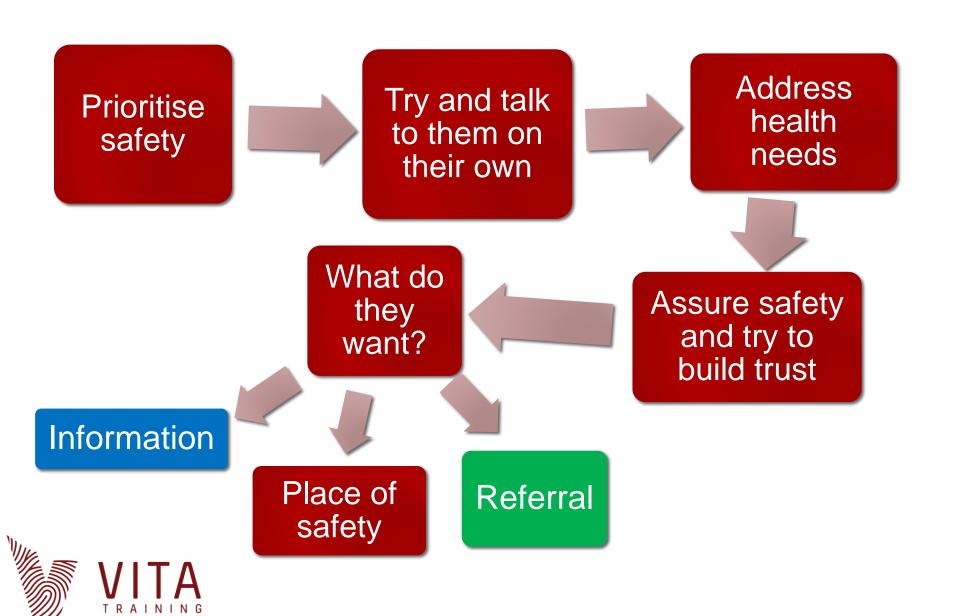
#### More specific questions to consider (Doherty, Morley BMJ 2013)

"Are you paid for the work you do?"

"Are you being forced to do things you don't want to do?"

"Are you free to leave your job if you wish?"





#### **Interpreters**

- Accompanying person might not be who they say they are
- Boss? Friend? Relative? Child?
- Avoid translating through an accompanying person
- A professional interpreter is the only safe way
- Telephone interpreting



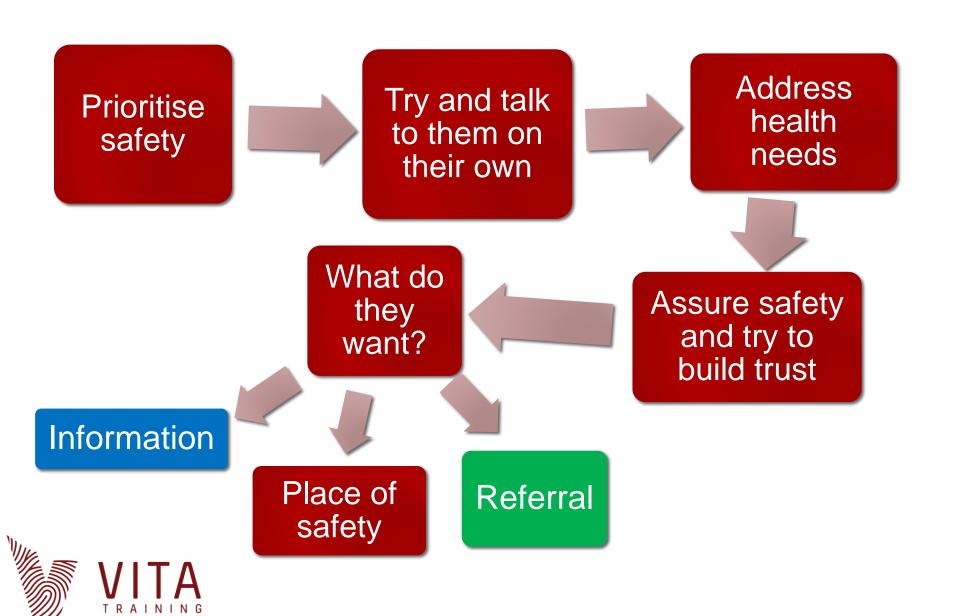


## "Support for victims of human trafficking" leaflet

Albanian, Chinese, Czech, English, French, Lithuanian, Luganda, Polish, Romanian, Slovak, Thai, Vietnamese and Yoruba.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-victims-of-human-trafficking





## **Taking action**

- Police Anti-Slavery Unit
- Safeguarding
- Modern Slavery Helpline
- Adult/Children's Social Services









## What happens next?



## Entry to the National Referral Mechanism

First Responder assesses potential victim



Consent if over 18



First Responder emails form to Competent **Authority** 

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS:**

National Crime Agency The Home Office Police forces Local Authorities Children's services Barnardo's **Gangmasters Licensing Authority** 

Health and Social Care Trusts (NI)

**POPPY Project** 

TARA Project (Scotland)

Migrant Helpline

Kalayaan Medaille Trust **NSPCC** 

Bawso

Refugee Council

Unseen

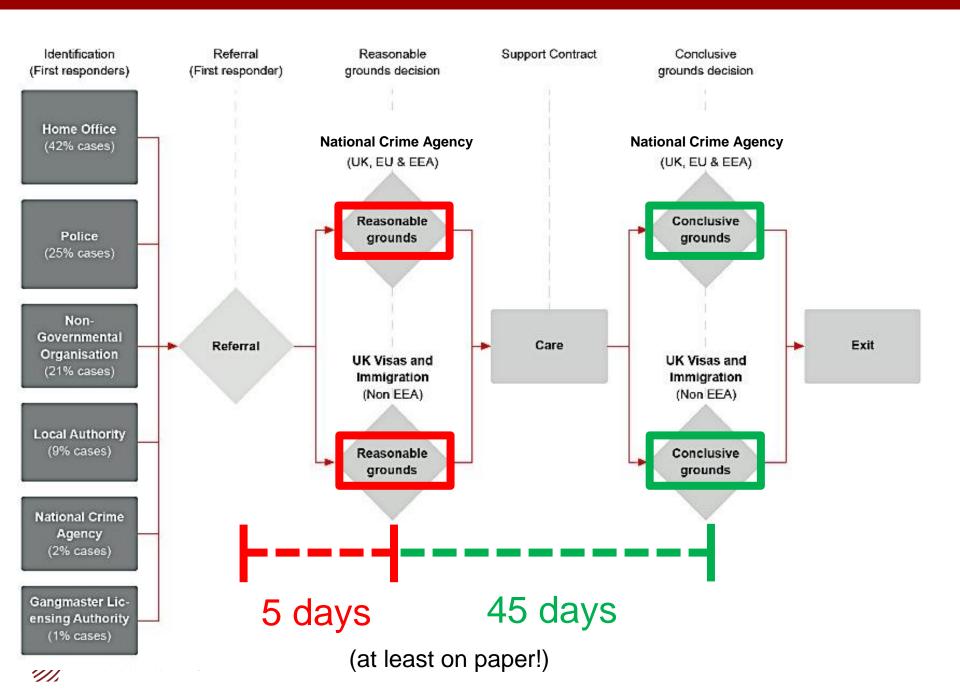
Salvation Army



If they appear under 18, they enter care of Social Services



#### Referral



## Survivors



- Charities Hope for Justice,
  Ashiana, Migrant Help, TSA...
- NRM or post-NRM
- Sequelae of trafficking may be severe
- Avoidance of re-traumatisation
- Support, advocacy and continuity of care









### Survivors

- Many trafficked children go missing from local authority care - 28%
  - >continuing control and threats of the traffickers
  - >child not identified as being trafficked
  - > lack of trust, feeling isolated
  - >lack of consistent support from a key worker
  - >immigration concerns
- Particularly Vietnamese children





## **NSPCC**

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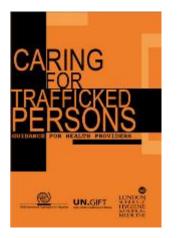
#### Sources

- Department of Health
- Unseen
- Caring for trafficked persons
- National Crime Agency









## Take home messages

- Modern slavery exists on a large scale in the UK
- You may well meet trafficked people as patients
- Look for red flags
- Use an interpreter
- Seek help





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