

Resource sheet : child trafficking and modern slavery.

Introduction

The purpose of this resource sheet is to signpost local authorities and practitioners to resources which can support them in their response to child trafficking in their area. It includes good practice guidance produced by Government, as well as guides and toolkits produced by non-governmental organisations, universities and the office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

2011 DfE and HO practice guidance on safeguarding children who may have been trafficked – this guidance is for local authorities, to help agencies and their staff safeguard and promote the welfare of children who may have been trafficked. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance>

2011 London Safeguarding Trafficked Children Toolkit – this toolkit was developed by local authorities to support practitioners in identifying and assessing trafficked children.

2017 Statutory Guidance on the Care of Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Child Victims of Modern Slavery – this guidance is for local authorities and staff running local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. It sets out the steps they should take to plan for the provision of support for looked-after children who are unaccompanied migrant children, and who may be victims, or potential victims, of modern slavery. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-of-unaccompanied-and-trafficked-children>

2016 National Referral Mechanism: guidance for child first responders – this guidance outlines the role of a first responder, the use of children's services and when and how to refer the child to the national referral mechanism. It also provides information on the steps after referral, including reasonable grounds tests, decisions and reviews. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-referral-mechanism-guidance-for-child-first-responders>

The Modern Slavery Awareness booklet – this guidance is intended as a resource providing clear and up to date information on the key facts, and to help public sector workers who may not routinely come across modern slavery recognise the signs and respond. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-awareness-booklet>

The Anti-Slavery Partnership Toolkit – Nottingham University, in partnership with the Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner have developed the Anti-Slavery Partnership Toolkit. This toolkit is to assist organisations to work in closer partnership, promote consistency, good practice and develop resources. <https://iasctoolkit.nottingham.ac.uk/>

Tackling Modern Slavery: a Council Guide - the Local Government Association (LGA) and the independent anti-slavery commissioner published Modern slavery: a council guide. As well as providing an overview of modern slavery and the forms it takes, the guidance offers a detailed methodology for councils to deploy in identifying

and supporting victims of modern slavery. <https://local.gov.uk/modern-slavery-council-guide>

Independent Child Trafficking Advocate guidance - This guidance supports the six areas () where the Independent Child Trafficking Advocates (ICTAs) provision has been implemented. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-trafficking-advocates-early-adopter-sites>

Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit - This toolkit is aimed at frontline staff who are working to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation. This includes law enforcement, social care, housing, education, the voluntary sector and related partner organisations. It is intended to help all safeguarding partners to understand and access existing legislative opportunities at their disposal and to target specific risks, ranging from warning notices to offence charges and care orders. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-exploitation-disruption-toolkit>

Modern Slavery resource page - This resource is designed to share examples of training products available to public sector professionals and other individuals that might come across victims to help raise awareness, better spot the signs and increase confidence in reporting modern slavery when potential cases are encountered. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-training-resource-page/modern-slavery-training-resource-page>

NSPCC: Child Trafficking Advice Centre - Provides free guidance and training to professionals concerned that a child or young person has been or is about to be trafficked into or out of the UK. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/child-trafficking-advice-centre/>

Home Office: Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: County Lines guidance - This guidance is primarily aimed at frontline staff who work with children, young people and potentially vulnerable adults. This includes professionals working in education, health, housing, benefits, law enforcement (police) and related partner organisations. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741194/HOCountyLinesGuidanceSept2018.pdf

National Crime Agency: County Lines Threat Assessment - A public facing Intelligence Assessment from January 2019 from the National Crime Agency. <https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/257-county-lines-drug-supply-vulnerability-and-harm-2018/file>