

Personal Development Resources

Safeguarding - Child Trafficking

Quick Guide



What is Child Trafficking?

Child trafficking involves the exploitation of children and young people through force, threats and deception.

A child's human rights are abused through debt bondage, deprivation of liberty and lack of control over one's labour. It includes the movement of people within and across borders.

Children have been trafficked into the UK for domestic service, benefit fraud and to be sexually exploited and abused.

Identifying if a child has been trafficked is not easy. Trafficked children are often hidden, they may be scared or they may not even realise they have been a victim of trafficking.



Indicators of Child Trafficking

- Having no access to their parents or guardians
- Looking intimidated and behaving in a way that does not correspond with behaviour typical of children their age
- Having no friends of their own age outside of school or work
- Having no access to education
- Having no time for playing
- Living apart from other children in substandard accommodation
- Eating apart from other members of the "family"
- Being given only leftovers to eat
- Being engaged in work that is not suitable for children
- Traveling unaccompanied by adults
- Traveling in groups with persons who are not relatives



What should I do if I suspect Child Trafficking?

Raise your concern to t2's Safeguarding & Prevent Lead, Stacy Preston on 07876 824157

Further Support



If you think a child may have been trafficked call the NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice Centre (CTAC) on 0808 800 5000 Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm or email help@nspcc.org.uk



ECPAT UK – Raising awareness in government of the plight of children trafficked into the UK for both sexual exploitation and for exploitative labour.



Human Trafficking Foundation – Support and add value to the work of the many charities and agencies operating to combat human trafficking in the UK.