

CHILD TRAFFICKING

What is child trafficking?

The NSPCC defines Child trafficking as the recruitment and movement of children for the purpose of exploitation. It is a form of child abuse and requires a child protection response. Trafficking is where children and young people are tricked, forced or persuaded to leave their homes and are moved or transported and then exploited, forced to work or sold.

Traffickers often groom children, families and communities to gain their trust. They may also threaten families with violence or threats. Traffickers often promise children and families that they'll have a better future elsewhere.

Children are trafficked for:

- sexual exploitation
- benefit fraud
- forced marriage
- domestic slavery like cleaning, hospitality and childcare
- forced labour in factories or agriculture
- committing crimes.

Trafficked children experience many types of abuse and neglect and control.

Children who have been trafficked may:

- Not understand they have been abused, particularly if they have been groomed
- Be unaware they are being exploited and believe they are in a relationship with the abuser
- Think it's their fault
- Think they have broken the law or done something wrong
- Feel guilty or ashamed

If you are concerned a child is in danger, call 999

Inform your DSL and seek advice from ICRT

Contact the Modern Slavery Helpline for advice, support or raise suspicion on 0800 012 1700 or complete the online form [File a report \(modernslaveryhelpline.org\)](#)

Signs of child trafficking include:

- rarely leaving the property they live at
- being orphaned or living apart from family
- live in low-standard accommodation
- be unsure which country, city or town they are in
- can't or are reluctant to share personal information
- not be registered with a school or GP practice
- be seen in inappropriate places such as factories or brothels
- have money or possessions you wouldn't expect them to
- have injuries from workplace accidents
- give a prepared story which is very similar to stories given by other children

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Safeguarding

In case of an immediate referral contact Integrated Contact Referral team (ICRT)

Children's Safeguarding	8.30am to 5.15pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am to 4.45pm Friday	0191 561 7007
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The Out of Hours Team	Available Monday-Thursday 5.15-8.30am and from Friday 4.45pm - until Monday 8.30am. 24 hours Saturday and Sunday	0191 520 5552
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A written referral must be sent within one working day to
safeguarding.children@togetherforchildren.org.uk

In the case of an Allegation

Designated Officer (LADO)	lado@togetherforchildren.org.uk	0191 561 3901
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Early Help

Early Help Advice and Allocations Team	Early Help Together for Children	0191 561 4084
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For more information

SSCP Sunderland Safeguarding Children Partnership - Home Page
(safeguardingchildrensunderland.com)

[What You Need to Know About Child Trafficking | NSPCC](#)

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[Trafficked children | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](http://barnardos.org.uk)

[Childline | Childline](#)

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