



Human Trafficking Support Services

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What is Human Trafficking?

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IS **MODERN-DAY
SLAVERY**, INVOLVING VICTIMS WHO ARE
FORCED, DEFRAUDED OR COERCED INTO
LABOUR OR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

Facts

- ▶ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) reported in 2006 that within Europe the UK ranked “high” as a destination country for trafficked people. *
- ▶ The 2006 UNDOC report noted that the UK is one of the main destinations of adults and children who are trafficked from Central and South Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. **



Trafficking in the UK

- ▶ National Referral Mechanism (NRM) a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking and ensuring they receive the appropriate protection and support
- ▶ The NRM was introduced in 2009 to meet the UK's obligation under the Council of European Convention on Action against Trafficking of Human Beings.
- ▶ To be referred to the NRM potential victims of trafficking must be referred by a “first responder”. First responder agencies include The Salvation Army.
- ▶ Referrals can only happen if the victim gives their permission by signing the referral form.

Trafficking in the UK continued....

- ▶ Stage 1 – Reasonable Grounds
The NRM has 5 days following receipt of referral to make a decision. A positive decision results in 45 days reflection and recovery period in a safe house.

Stage 2 – Conclusive Decision
During the 45 days reflection period the Component Authorities investigate the referral. The UK Human Trafficking Centre hosts one such Competent Authority and the other sits in the UKBA.



Hestia Human Trafficking Project

- ▶ 2 Safe House in London
- ▶ PAN London Outreach 160 Clients
- ▶ 2 Independent Sexual Violence Caseworker in Safe House
- ▶ 9 Independent Sexual Violence Outreach Caseworkers

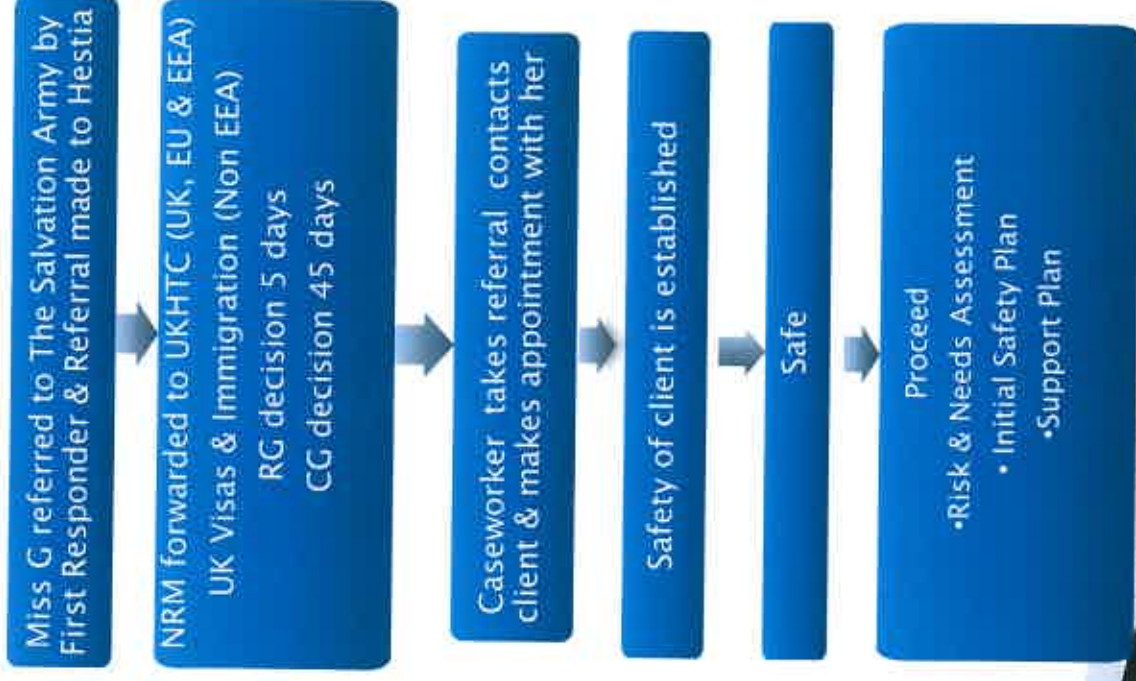


Miss G

Facts about her case:

- ▶ Police were involved
- ▶ Limited English
- ▶ Promised work in UK working in a Restaurant/Bar
- ▶ Forced into Prostitution
- ▶ Physically beaten and tortured

Miss G's Referral Process



Issues Miss G could be also facing

- ▶ Anxiety because of limited English
- ▶ Racism and prejudice
- ▶ Misinformation
- ▶ Insecure immigration status
- ▶ Financial Insecurity
- ▶ Social Isolation
- ▶ Feeling of not being loyal to family and community
- ▶ Issues of honour and shame
- ▶ Distrust on the criminal justice system

Miss G Needs

Accommodation

Income/Benefits

Emotional/
Counselling

Legal/Immigration
advice

Needs

Trust to work with
SC07 Police

Language

Isolation

Medical/Pregnancy

Risk Assessment considerations

- ▶ Is the local community safe for her?
- ▶ Access to public funds
- ▶ To understand what is going on
- ▶ To keep safe
- ▶ Are family members or friends a risk



Miss G's Support Plan



Safety

Income

Emotional

Health

Legal

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Risk
Reduction

- ✓ She understands the aim of the service
- ✓ Understanding her rights in the UK
- ✓ Explaining other services available
- ✓ Discuss any concerns over SC07 Police

Exit of Service

- Clients risk has significantly decreased. This would be shown by the risk assessment.
- All agencies are informed about the exit of service and targets in their support plans are met.
- Ensure safety plan is up to date, reflecting current realities.
- Ensure Miss G's papers are all complete.
- Signposted to other services if long terms elements of plan have not been met such as Court Case pending.

Client feels she that initial targets are met and is ready to move forward

Hestia's Response

- ▶ Knowledge of Human Trafficking
- ▶ Experience of delivering Human Trafficking specific service
- ▶ Strong monitoring and evaluation services
- ▶ Service user involvement at the heart of Hestia
- ▶ Excellent staff training programme
- ▶ IDVA service will be advertised throughout the borough
- ▶ Community development approach
- ▶ Social work student programme
- ▶ Tailored casework management system
- ▶ We use IT systems that allow mobility to our staff