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Some statistics around Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

- In 2018 there were 6,994 referrals of potential victims of modern slavery reported into the Competent Authority – this was a 36% increase on the 2017 total.
- Between 1 April and 30 June 2019, there were 2,320 referrals of potential victims of modern slavery, which is an increase on the previous quarter of 8% and a 40% increase on the same quarter in 2018.
- UK Nationals were the highest referred nationality, the majority of which are minors at the time of referral.
- The number of minors referred has increased by 48% compared with 2017.
- The most common type of exploitation for both adults and minors was Labour. This category includes Criminal Exploitation.

Cumbria Statistics 2018 - 2019

• Intelligence Reports	2018 – 113	2019 – 170
• NRM Referrals	2018 – 22	2019 – 26
• Duty to Notify Referrals	2018 – 3	2019 – 5

Types of Exploitation

- To be a victim, someone must have been trafficked for the purpose of 'exploitation' which may take the form of either:
- Sexual Exploitation
- Forced Labour or services
- Slavery or practices similar to slavery
- Servitude
- Forced Criminality
- Removal of Organs (also known as organ harvesting)
- Apart from the last type of exploitation, we have dealt with reports of all other types in Cumbria.

Sexual Exploitation

- Sexual Exploitation is any abuse of vulnerability for sexual purposes. Grooming is often used to gain a vulnerable person's trust.
- Cumbria has an active sex working market.
- Websites such as Adultworks and Viva Street are being used by sex workers and their perpetrators to advertise their availability and services on offer.
- Girls offering Sex Work may do so by choice, however, some girls are groomed and then forced to work as prostitutes by their so called boyfriends, fiancés and even husbands.
- Sex workers use a variety of properties to work from, including hotel rooms, rental apartments, self catering accommodation and lodges and private houses.

Sex working in Cumbria

- Several reports from concerned Members of the Public over possible 'pop-up brothels'
- Hotel staff reporting concerns of girls possibly working in rooms in their premises
- Police are investigating any concerns reported.
- Concerns are raised about forced sexual exploitation and possible underage girls being used.

Forced Labour

- Forced labour refers to situations in which a person is coerced to work through the use of violence and/or psychological intimidation, such as accumulated debt, retention of ID, or threats of denunciation to the immigration authorities.
- Forced labour occurs throughout the UK, often in low-skilled, low-wage jobs where labour standards and workers are unregulated, unlicensed or unenforced.
- Typical Sectors: Agriculture, food processing and packaging, construction, tarmacking and paving, hotels, cleaning services, manufacturing (sweatshops).

So what's happening in Cumbria?

- Forced Labour
- Recently in court, Shiny Car Wash at Carlisle
- Victims statements include :
- Being left with £20 after paying debt to boss, which included transport to the UK, Rent on property, Service Charges i.e. electricity.
- Having to buy protective gloves from Tesco as no work wear supplied by car wash.
- No lunch breaks having to eat when there are no cars to wash
- Forced to work at car wash – not able to move to other employment.



The workers were allegedly treated "like prisoners" while employed at the Shiny site during 2016 and 2017.
Credit: Google Maps

Indicators of Forced Labour

- A large number of workers living in a small house
- Inappropriate clothing for the job and a lack of safety equipment, such as rubber gloves for cleaning.
- Dependence on an employer for a number of services (such as accommodation, transport, and banking).
- No contract
- Working excessive hours over long periods
- No days off.
- Receiving little or no payment.

Forced Criminality

- Forced criminality is where a person is forced into criminal activity for another's gain.
- Common forms in the UK are cannabis cultivation, drug dealing, benefit fraud, theft, begging, and the selling of counterfeit goods.
- People forced into criminality are often afraid to go to the authorities for fear that they will end up in trouble or even in prison.

Forced Criminality Indicators

- On your high street!
- People begging – have been seen around Carlisle and Penrith.
- Collected at the end of the day by perpetrators
- Not actually interested in food or drinks provided by kindly members of the public – just after your cash!
- Shoplifting to order
- Crime groups recruit children and adults to go into specific shops and steal.

County Lines – Forced Criminality

- Human trafficking is linked to County Lines, where people are forced to travel around the UK and deal drugs on behalf of Organised Crime Groups.
- It is estimated that there are in excess of 2,300 unique deals in the UK, some worth up to £800,000. We are aware of around 20 in Cumbria!
- County Lines offenders remain highly adaptable, including in the recruitment and exploitation of vulnerable people.
- The majority of victims referred tend to be males in the age range 15-17 years, but it is likely there is under reporting in relation to exploited vulnerable adults.
- Knife crime is a significant feature of these markets. Many county line market towns report an increase in violent and weapons based crime.

Indicators of County Lines

- Victims going missing for periods of time travelling to towns around the UK to sell drugs.
- “Cuckooing” living on vulnerable people in our neighbourhoods. Unknown people suddenly appearing at persons homes.
- Gang association
- A child carrying a weapon
- Already a problem in all of our major towns, some victims have been safeguarded and referred into social services in their home areas.

The National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

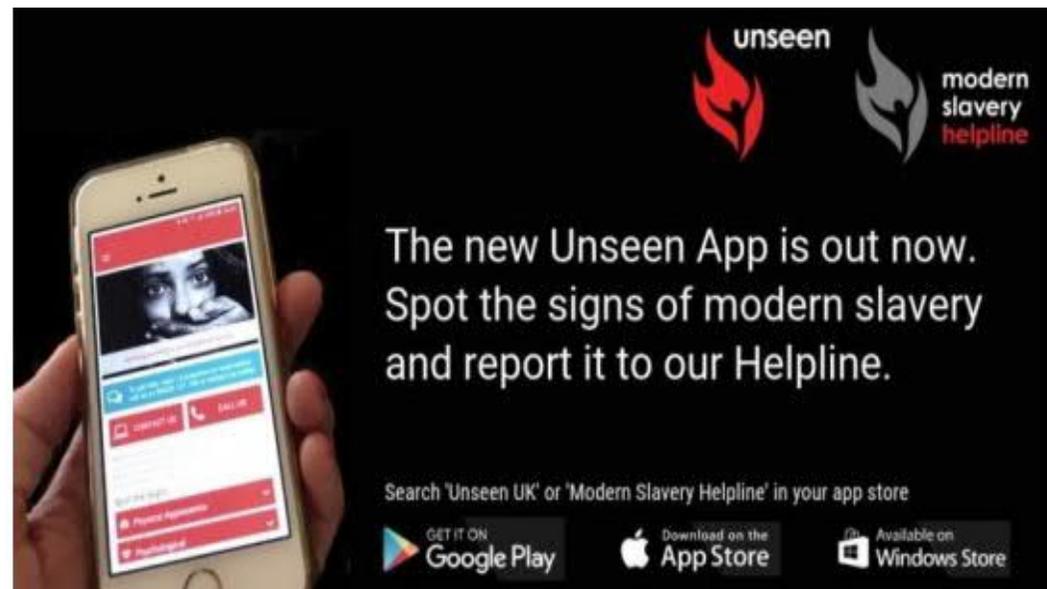
- The NRM is a framework for identifying and referring potential victims of modern slavery and ensuring the appropriate support is received.
- NRM forms are sent to a Single Competent Authority (SCA) who will make decisions as to who is recognised as a victim of modern slavery.
- If the decision is positive then the potential victim will be:
 - Allocated a place within Government funded safe house accommodation, if required.
 - Granted a reflection and recovery period of 45 calendar days. This allows the victim to recover from their ordeal and to reflect on what to do next.
- Victims will be offered support with:
 - Relevant legal advice
 - Accommodation
 - Protection
 - Independent emotional and practical help.

If you have any concerns....

- You can get in touch with the Police on 101 or by completing the online report form if its an emergency please dial 999!
- You can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 on via online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org and give information anonymously.



Unseen App by the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700



The advertisement features a hand holding a smartphone on the left, displaying the app's interface with a photo of a person and various buttons. On the right, the text reads: "The new Unseen App is out now. Spot the signs of modern slavery and report it to our Helpline." Above the text are the logos for "unseen" (a red flame) and "modern slavery helpline" (a grey flame). At the bottom, it says "Search 'Unseen UK' or 'Modern Slavery Helpline' in your app store" and includes logos for "GET IT ON Google Play", "Download on the App Store", and "Available on Windows Store".

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Safer Car Wash App by The Clewer Initiative

- Safer Car Wash App has been developed to be used when you attend any car wash in the UK.
- There are a number of questions which you will be asked – by answering them, the information will then be used to investigate specific car washes which may be exploiting victims.



Any Questions?