

Who is this leaflet for?

This leaflet offers help and advice for people who think they may be victims of human trafficking in the UK.

What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a serious crime. A person is trafficked if they are brought to (or moved around) a country by others who threaten, frighten, hurt and force them to do work or other things they don't want to do.

If you are identified as a victim of trafficking, then you will be entitled to:

- help and protection from the UK Government (this is called the National Referral Mechanism). All support is provided on a confidential basis.
- support if you decide to talk to the police.

The **National Referral Mechanism** has been put in place to identify victims of trafficking and refer them to organisations that will offer help and support.

Individuals identified as victims of trafficking are entitled to a minimum recovery and reflection period of 45 days. As part of this, support is provided by the following organisations depending on where the individual is currently based:

- The Salvation Army (England and Wales)
- Tara and Migrant Help (Scotland)
- Migrant Help (Northern Ireland).

You have rights

You may feel scared, powerless and alone. However, help is available and you have rights and choices. You have the right to:

- independent emotional, medical and practical help. This support could include:
 - finding you temporary safe accommodation.
 - helping you with medical treatment.

- having someone to help you cope with your experience.
- providing an interpreter/translator to help you communicate in English.
- protection: human trafficking is a crime. If you chose to report it to the police they must respond.
- independent legal advice.

You can obtain advice from your legal advisor or a Citizen's Advice Bureau about any compensation you may be able to claim. If you have a support worker, they can assist you in obtaining this advice.

Non-British or European Economic Area Nationals will not be removed from the UK during the recovery and reflection period. If you are identified as a victim of trafficking, you may be considered for a temporary residence permit.

If you are not British or from the European Economic Area (and do not have a right to remain in the UK) then you will be assisted to return to your home country, if it is safe to do so.

What happens if I decide to tell the police about my experience?

The police will:

- talk to you about what has happened
- offer you protection from those that hurt you
- start an investigation
- keep you informed.

For help and support, contact:

England and Wales:

The Salvation Army Human Trafficking Helpline

☎ 0300 3038151

Northern Ireland and Scotland:

Migrant Help

☎ 07766 668781

Scotland:

TARA

☎ 0141 276 7724

Throughout UK:

Police

☎ 999 (Emergency number)

☎ 101 (Non-emergency number)

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Help for adult victims of human trafficking

Your rights if you've been trafficked into exploitation in the UK



The Salvation Army
Human Trafficking Helpline

0300 303 8151