



Human Trafficking & Exploitation in Scotland

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Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance



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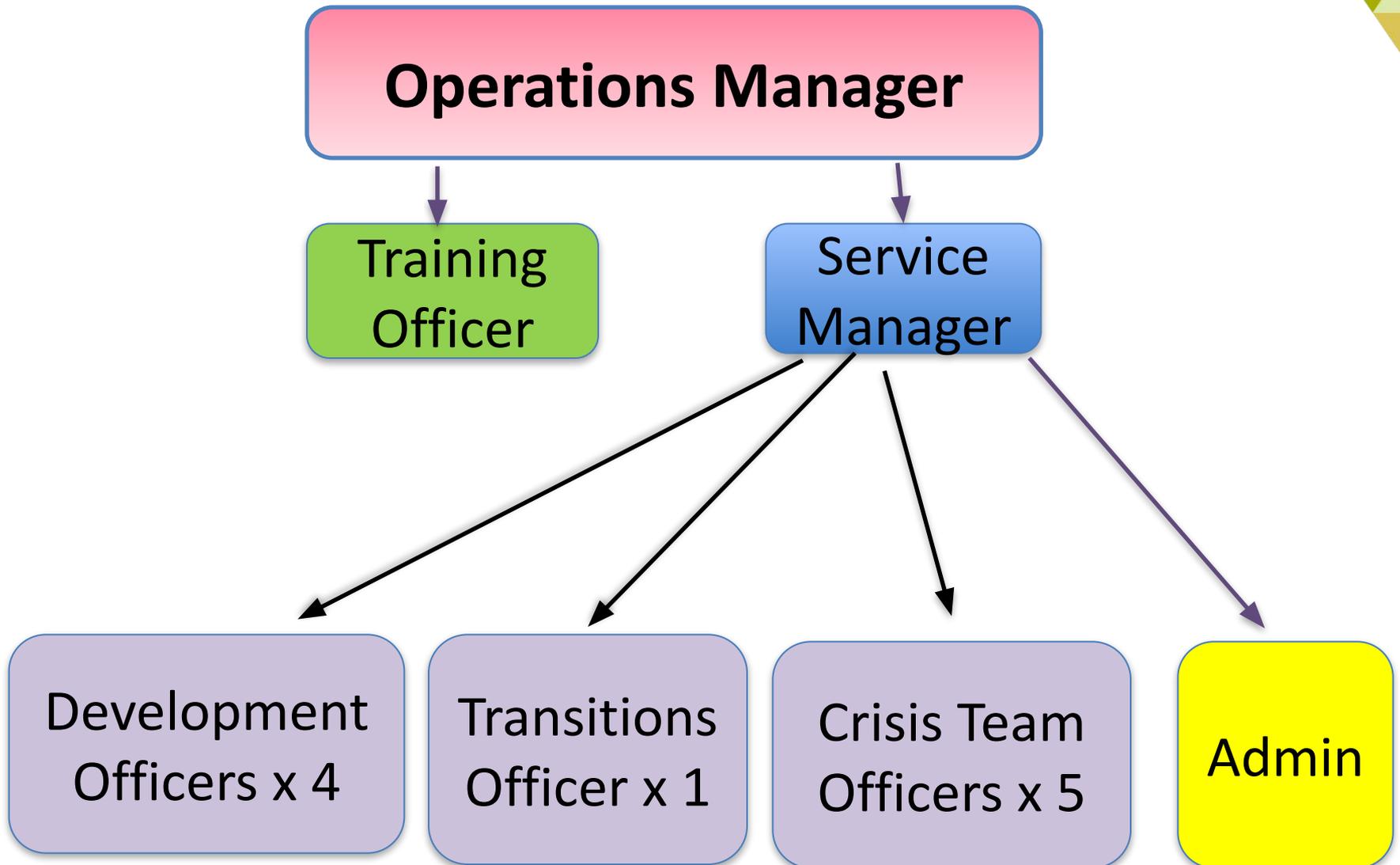
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TARA Services



- **Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance (TARA)**
- **Part of Glasgow City Council but our remit is Scotland-wide**
- **Provide support to women 18 years and over, identified in Scotland, where there are concerns they have been trafficked into and/or around the UK and commercially sexually exploited.**

TARA Services



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- **Trauma-informed approach** working with clients, to avoid re-triggering
- **Encourage women** to speak to the Police/authority about their experience



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- Work closely with **Partner** organisations to try and ensure this for all of our clients.
 - TARA act as a **First Responder** for the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) **Home Office**
 - **Advice** to other organisations and first responders
 - Deliver **training** inputs.
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TARA Services

- Safe accommodation
- **Mobile phone**
- **Clothing**
- **Basic toiletries**
- **Advocacy**
- **Financial support**
- **Specialist pathways to mainstream partner services such as psychological, legal advice and healthcare..**

24/7 Service

Tel: 0141-276-7724

Support & Recovery Process

Short Term - First 4 weeks:

- Safety
- Health
- Housing
- NRM
- Police
- Legal Advice (inc. Immigration if they choose)

Medium / Long Term

- Recovery plan
- Goal setting
- Ongoing regular support
- Community Integration (college, interview skills, volunteering, job applications, etc)



In **Scotland** and **Northern Ireland**, we
use the term
‘Human Trafficking and Exploitation’

Whereas in **England** and **Wales**, the
term
‘Modern Slavery’ is used



Indicators

Psychological

- Subjected to insults, abuse, threats or violence
- Distrustful or afraid of authorities/police and believe they are at fault or doing something illegal
- Unable to verbally communicate due to trauma
- Depression, Fear, Anxiety, Submission, Tensions and / or Nervousness
- Behaviours such as hyper-vigilance



Indicators

Physical

- Appears to be generally physically neglected
- Branding e.g. tattoos
- Inappropriate clothing for weather conditions.
- Poor nutrition
- Evidence of controlling or dominating relationships
- Old or serious injuries left untreated or treated late, vague or reluctant to explain how injury occurred



Indicators

Living Situation

- Vague / inconsistent explanation of where they live, work etc.
- Women working excessive hours / no or few days off
- Several women in same accommodation / various nationalities.
- Rarely seen out / or often accompanied with another women (alpha) or a man.
- Collected at unusual times of the day and / or night
- Multiple male visitors / various room keys/mobile phones
- Involved in criminality (for example recovered from cannabis farm / factory, street crime, petty theft, pick pocketing, begging).
- Moved around regularly e.g. AirBnB / rentals / hotels



50 million people

*in forced labour. sexual exploitation, domestic servitude
and forced marriage WORLDWIDE each day.*

150 billion USD (£116 billion)

made each year which is over \$4,750 a second

99 billion USD (£77 billion)

is commercial sexual exploitation

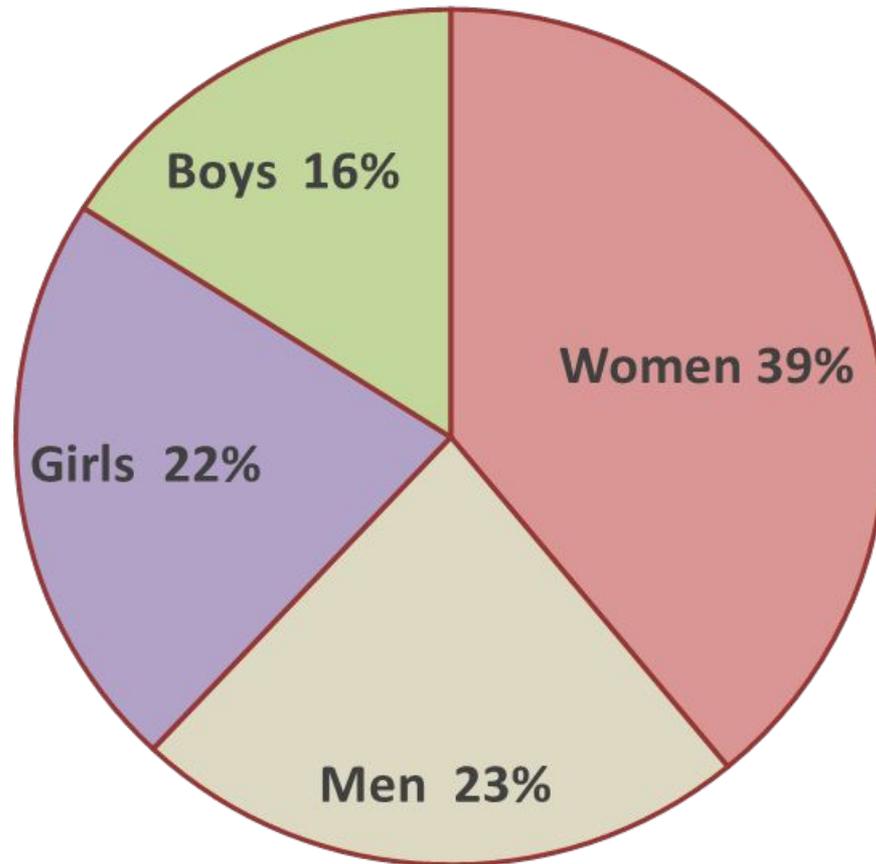
***90 USD (£70)is average price for a
human being worldwide***



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UNODC Global Report 2022



Human Trafficking in the **UK** – Numbers



2015: 3264

2016: 3808

2017: 5135

2018: 6982

2019: 10616

2020: 10601

2021: 12727

2022: 16938

2023: 17004

2024: 19125

Majority from: **2024** UK, Albania & Vietnam



Top 10 Nationalities 2024

1. **UK**
2. **Albania**
3. **Vietnam**
4. **Eritrea**
5. **Sudan**
6. **India**
7. **Iran**
8. **Somalia**
9. **Afghanistan**
10. **Syria**

Human Trafficking in **Scotland** – Numbers

Based on information provided
by Police Scotland, TARA, Migrant
Help, Scottish Guardianship Service



2016: 150

2017: 213

2018: 232

2019: 512

2020: 387

2021: 419

2022: 621

2023: 765 (306 U18)

2024: 920 (256 U18)



2019 – increase - 2020 – decrease



TARA stats - fiscal year 2022 to 2024

x 215 women supported by TARA

x 5 purchasers/day

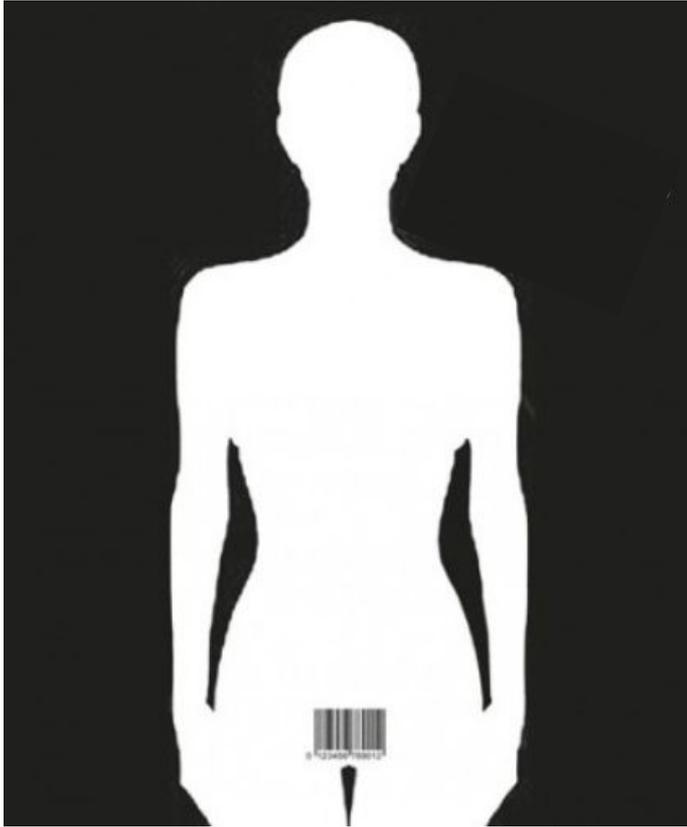
x £100 per visit

x 5 days/week

x 52 weeks in the year

= **£29,950,000**

Links between Prostitution and Sex Trafficking



- ★ Women are not commodities that can be bought and sold; that sends the message that for the right price, a man can do whatever he pleases with a woman
- ★ Majority of victims trafficked for sexual exploitation, are women and girls
- ★ Countries with legal prostitution have higher rates of sex trafficking

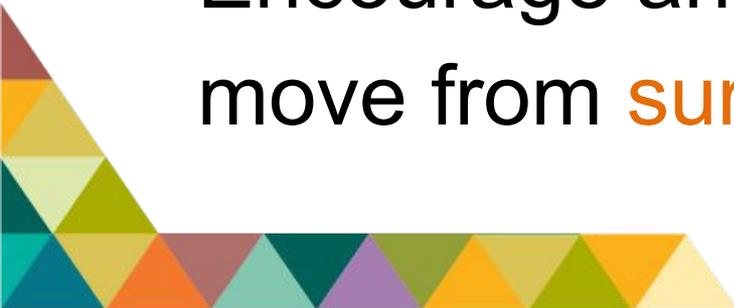
“They (punters) do not buy our consent, they buy our silence.”
-Scottish Survivor







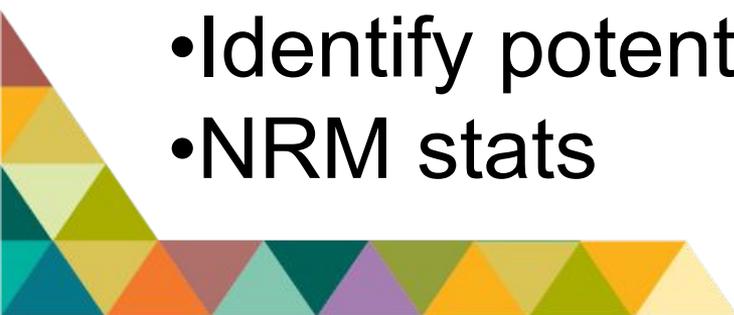
TARA Advisory Group

- **Create** a safe space for women only to have open discussions
 - Raise awareness **and** challenge **women blaming myths**
 - Improve service responses **and** support/advise TARA
 - Encourage and inspire other women to move from **surviving to thrive**
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Relevant Guidance

Scottish Legislation and Guidance <http://tiny.cc/govscotleg>

Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/05/6059/0

COSLA Guidance (2019)

www.migrationscotland.org.uk/resources/human-trafficking-exploitation-guidance

NHS Guidance (2019)

<https://news.gov.scot/resources/human-trafficking-and-exploitation-guidance-for-health-workers>

Guidance on Migrants' Rights and Entitlements to Local

<http://tiny.cc/migrantentitlementscot>

Scottish Government Inter-Agency Guidance for Child Trafficking

www2.gov.scot/resource/0043/00437636.pdf

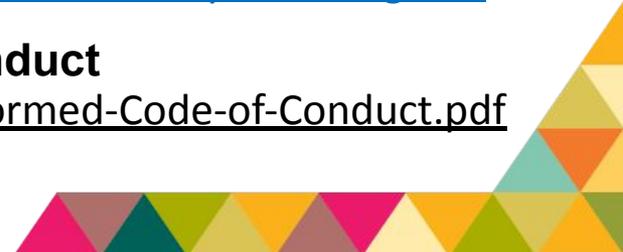
Guidance on Age Assessment

www.gov.scot/publications/age-assessment-practice-guidance-scotland-good-practice-guidance-support-social/

Local Government Association Guide www.local.gov.uk/modern-slavery-council-guide

Helen Bamber Foundation Trauma Informed Code of Conduct

www.helenbamber.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Trauma-Informed-Code-of-Conduct.pdf



Support Services & Contacts

Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance (TARA): 0141-276-7724 (24/7) | CommsafetyTARA@glasgow.gov.uk (Mon-Fri 9-5 and out of hours service.)

Migrant Help: 01304 203977 | info@migranthelpuk.org
Trafficking Office: 0141 212 8553 | Out of hours: 0141 884 7900
Free asylum helpline: 0808 8000 630 | Asylum advice email: ah@migranthelpuk.org

Aberlour – Scottish Guardianship Service: 0800 0856150 | www.aberlour.org.uk

Just Right Scotland: 0141 406 5350 | www.justrightscotland.org.uk

Your local Social Work Department: Minors, Adult Support & Protection issues

Police: Emergency 999 | 101

National Human Trafficking Unit: 01213 6818745
SCDNationalHumanTraffickingUnit@scotland.pnn.police.uk

CrimeStoppers: Anyone can call with a tip - 0800 555111

Modern Slavery Helpline: 0800 0121 700 | www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report

National Referral Mechanism UK Govt

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-trafficking-victims-referral-and-assessment-forms/guidance-on-the-national-referral-mechanism-for-potential-adult-victims-of-modern-slavery-england-and-wales>

Thank you

