Modern Slavery

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References

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Definition

Modern slavery is a serious and organised crime that destroys communities and causes significant harm to victims.

It is the *illegal exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain, and involve people being coerced and forced into providing a service to others.*

A person is enslaved if they are:

➢ Forced to work (physical / mental threat)

➢ Owned or controlled by an employer by threat of abuse

➢ Dehumanised, bought and sold as property

➢ Physically constrained, restriction on freedom

Types of slavery - examples

- Sexual exploitation
- Domestic servitude
- Forced labour
- Organ harvesting
- Criminal exploitation
- Child trafficking

Act	Means	Purpose
Recruit	Threat	Sexual exploitation
Transfer	Abduction	Slavery
Harbouring	Deception	Servitude
Movement	Abuse of power	Organ harvesting
	Giving payment or benefits	Forced criminality

Potential victims (PVs) by control method*

Control Method	PVs**	% PVs**
Confinement/restricted movement	2,334	58%
Financial control	2,146	53%
Tied accommodation	1,704	42%
Monitoring	1,277	32%
Emotional abuse - verbal/manipulation	1,164	29%
Physical abuse	1,127	28%
Sexual abuse	1,030	25%
Isolation	812	20%
Threat to harm subject, family or other	675	17%
Threat - other	525	13%
Threat to report to police/immigration	443	11%
Withheld/destroyed important documents	438	11%
Induced substance abuse	152	4%
Threat to abandon subject/ make homeless	103	3%
Threat to expose or shame subject	84	2%
Cultural/familial/religious pressure or coercion	70	2%

*Excludes 787 'unknown'
** Total exceeds overall number of potential victims as multiple control methods may be indicated per potential victim

Top 20 potential victim nationalities

Nationality	Potential Victims	% Potential Victims
India	219	15%
China	140	10%
Vietnam	106	7%
Zimbabwe	91	6%
Romania	62	4%
Albania	59	4%
Bulgaria	54	4%
Nigeria	47	3%
Bangladesh	46	3%
Pakistan	37	3%
United Kingdom*	37	3%
Brazil	35	2%
United Arab Emirates	30	2%
Afghanistan	26	2%
Eritrea	25	2%
Philippines	24	2%
Poland	23	2%
Ukraine	22	2%
Iran	21	1%
Ghana	21	1%

*United Kingdom was recorded where a UK national was indicated but the country was not specified'

Top 10 potential exploiter nationalities

Nationality	Potential Exploiters	% Potential Exploiters
Libya	75	16%
Albania	50	11%
United Kingdom*	40	9%
China	34	7%
Romania	31	7%
India	17	4%
Nigeria	16	3%
Pakistan	16	3%
Iraq	13	3%
Vietnam	12	3%

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Police force	2024		Cases by exploitation type						
	MS cases	MS Potential Victims	Labour	Sexual	Criminal	Domestic	Other	Various	Unknown
England total	972	2,826	447	209	89	65	19	56	87
Avon & Somerset	42	96	17	9	4	2	2	6	42

Barriers to accepting help

- Language
- Voodoo and spiritual threat
- Learning disability/neuro divergence
- Stockholm syndrome

- Debt bondage
- Threats to family
- Lack of trust
- Shame and guilt

Support contract

Salvation Army

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➢ Temporary accommodation

➢ Support worker

➢ Medical treatment

➢ Help to cope with experience

➢ Interpreting

➢ Help to find legal advice

Questions