

National Referral Mechanism form for potential child victims of human trafficking (Scotland and Northern Ireland) [GDPR]

To note: this form is for all child cases identified across Scotland and Northern Ireland.

For England or Wales cases please use the relevant form.

For referral of potential adult victims please refer to the specific adult guidance and form.

Child trafficking, is child abuse. When an agency comes into contact with a child who may have been exploited or trafficked, Local Authority Children's services (the relevant Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland) and the police should be notified immediately. A referral into the NRM does not replace or supersede established child protection processes, which should continue in tandem.

All children, irrespective of their immigration status, are entitled to safeguarding and protection under the law. Referrals to the NRM should be for all potential victims of trafficking, who can be of any nationality, and may include British national children, such as those trafficked for child sexual exploitation or those trafficked as drug carriers internally in the UK.

Where there is reason to believe a victim could be a child, the individual must be given the benefit of the doubt and treated as a child until an assessment is carried out.

This form should be completed with reference to the linked guidance available on gov.uk.

Privacy Information Notice

(Please explain the below information to the potential victim and signpost them to the full Privacy Information Notice on gov.uk.)

How and why the Home Office will uses your information

The UK government signed the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings ('the Convention') on 23 March 2007. The Convention was ratified by the UK on 17 December 2008, and came into force on 1 April 2009. The UK is compliant with its international obligations through the creation of the UK's NRM, the system for identifying and supporting victims of modern slavery, which was established in 2009.

The Home Office in its capacity as the competent authority, under the Convention, is responsible for identifying and supporting victims of modern slavery, in addition to detecting and preventing the commission of modern slavery offences.

More information about the ways in which the Home Office may use your personal information, including the purposes for which we use it, the legal basis, and who your information may be shared with can be found at:

[Privacy Information Notice.](#)

[Personal Information Charter.](#)

Section A: child's details

Last name: First name(s):

Also known as: Sex:

Date of birth: known / claimed (delete as appropriate)

Age (approximate if not known): known / claimed (delete as appropriate)

Place of birth:

Nationality: Immigration status:

Language(s) spoken:

Any English spoken / interpreter needed (delete as appropriate)

Home Office reference: UK visa reference:

Crime reference number / detail when reported to police and which force:.....
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Any other reference numbers:.....

UK Home address:
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UK Port of entry: known / claimed (delete as appropriate)

Method of entry to UK: Carrier:

Section B: contact details of person making referral (First Responder)

Name:

Job title:

Organisation:

Unit or area:

Tel: Fax:

Mobile: Email:

Signature:..... Date:/...../.....

Details Of Encounter

Date encountered (if relevant) or date of first agency contact:

Address encountered or place of first contact with your agency (if different from above):
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Date of referral to local authority:/...../.....

Local authority area

Local authority / social worker contact details:

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Section C: potential indicators of children who may have been trafficked (Y = Yes, S = Suspicion)

Child development			Parenting Capacity			Family/environment		
Exploitation	Y	S	Exploitation	Y	S	Exploitation	Y	S
Claims to have been exploited through sexual exploitation, criminality, labour exploitation or domestic servitude by another person			Required to earn a minimum amount of money every day			Located / recovered from a place of exploitation (for example brothel, cannabis farm, involved in criminality)		
Physical symptoms of exploitative abuse (For example sexual or physical)			Involved in criminality highlighting involvement of adults (for example recovered from cannabis farm / factory, street crime, petty theft, pick pocketing, begging)			Deprived of earnings by another person		
Underage marriage			Performs excessive housework chores and rarely leaves the residence			Claims to be in debt bondage or "owes" money to other persons (for example for travel costs, before having control over own earnings)		
Physical indications of working (For example overly tired in school, indications of manual labour – condition of hands/skin, backaches)			Reports from reliable sources suggest likelihood of sexual exploitation, including being seen in places known to be used for sexual exploitation			Receives unexplained / unidentified phone calls whilst in placement / temporary accommodation		
Sexually transmitted infection or unwanted pregnancy			Unusual hours / regular patterns of child leaving or returning to placement which indicates probable working			No passport or other means of identity		
Story very similar to those given by others, perhaps hinting they have been coached			Accompanied by an adult who may not be the legal guardian and insists on remaining with the child at all times			Unable or reluctant to give accommodation or other personal details		
Significantly older partner			Limited freedom of movement			False documentation or genuine documentation that has been altered or fraudulently obtained; or the child claims that their details (name, date of birth) on the documentation are incorrect		
Harbours excessive fears / anxieties (for instance about an individual, of deportation, disclosing information)			Movement into, within or out of the UK			Movement into, within or out of the UK		
Movement into, within or out of the UK			Gone missing from local authority care			Entered country illegally		
Returning after missing, looking well cared for despite no known base			Unable to confirm name or address of person meeting them on arrival			Journey or visa arranged by someone other than themselves or their family		
Claims to have been in the UK for years but hasn't learnt local language or culture			Accompanying adult previously made multiple visa applications for other children / acted as the guarantor for other children's visa applications			Registered at multiple addresses		
Other risk factors			Accompanying adult known to have acted as guarantor on visa applications for other visitors who have not returned to their countries of origin on visa expiry			Other risk factors		
Withdrawn and refuses to talk / appears afraid to talk to a person in authority			History with missing links or unexplained moves			Possible inappropriate use of the internet and forming online relationships, particularly with adults		
Shows signs of physical neglect – basic care, malnourishment, lack of attention to health needs			Pattern of street homelessness			Accounts of social activities with no plausible explanation of the source of necessary funding		

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Section D: evidence to support reasons for referral (2 pages available)

Please use this section to:

1. expand on the circumstances and details of the encounter or contact
2. provide supporting evidence for the indicators that you have identified in the matrix (please number the indicator you are referring to)
3. Provide details of any other indicators you feel are relevant but are not listed.
4. provide any other relevant information that you consider may be important and wish to include for example details of behaviour, abuse and neglect
5. provide details of any movements into, within or out of the UK, including dates (if known)
6. provide name of any adults or traffickers (if known)
7. provide details of any linked victims (if known)
8. provide suspected place of exploitation (if known)
9. provide details of suspected form of exploitation (whether this had taken place or was yet to take place)
10. detail any action you have taken including referral to other agencies such as police, local authorities.
11. provide reasons why you think individual is a child
details of any adults or other children the individual was encountered with, or whether the child was unaccompanied.

(if a separate sheet is required, please indicate that section D is continued and provide with referral)

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Section D: evidence to support reasons for referral (continued) if required

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