

Safeguarding and Prevent newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Safeguarding and Prevent Newsletter. This edition aims to tell you more about modern slavery; online terrorism and how you can access safeguarding help and support whilst at Hull Training and Adult Education.

We hope that you find the newsletter interesting and that it helps you to understand a little bit more about issues affecting us in Hull and the East Riding.



TOGETHER WE CAN STOP TERRORISM ONLINE

Every day, thousands of pieces of terrorist content are uploaded to the internet. This type of content can lead to people adopting extreme views and becoming radicalised. A referral can help get inappropriate content taken down. If you come across anything on the internet, which you think is extreme, you can now use the **#iREPORTit app**, to report disturbing content. By doing this we can together stop online terrorism.

The app is easy to use, anonymous, and every report goes straight to specialist officers, who are trained to assess content and will take the appropriate next steps.

Download it now, so you've got it when you need it. To stop terrorism iREPORTit.

Apple iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/app/id1527456430>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ravenscience.ireportit>

REPORT YOUR SAFEGUARDING OR PREVENT CONCERNS

Did you know that at Hull Training and Adult Education we have a dedicated team of safeguarding professionals? Our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Vanessa Drax, works with Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads who are situated in all our centres. There is always a member of the team available to talk to you about any concerns you may have. Such as, housing, debt management, domestic abuse, substance misuse, sexual health or anything else that concerns you. If you feel you want to talk to someone, then please contact Vanessa Drax at vanessa.drax@hullcc.gov.uk or call 07977 060 599. Alternatively, speak to any member of staff who you feel comfortable with.

WHAT TO DO IN A WEAPONS ATTACK

There has recently been coverage in the press about the Fishmongers' Hall stabbing. Sadly this wasn't an isolated incident and there have been other similar events across the world. Have you ever considered what you would do in a weapons attack?

A film, entitled 'Run, Hide, Tell – The story of Nur, Edih and Llet' is a mix of live action and graphic novel style animation, and follows the story of three young people who find themselves caught up in an attack on a shopping centre. The film provides practical advice for dealing with a weapons attack.

You can access the film by visiting <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/advice-for-young-people/>



MODERN SLAVERY

There are an estimated 40.3 million people living in slavery today, and the Home Office estimates that up to 13,000 of those are based in the UK. These are shocking numbers to contemplate in a society, which thought it had consigned slavery to the records of 19th century history, but while statistics are important, it is the human beings behind them who should inspire us to fight the crime. In years to come, numbers will be forgotten; the names, faces and voices of brave yet vulnerable victims who ask for our help will not.

WHAT IS MODERN SLAVERY?

Modern slavery is an umbrella term, encompassing human trafficking, slavery, servitude and forced labour.

Someone is in **slavery** if they are:

- forced to work through mental or physical threat
- owned or controlled by an 'employer', usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse
- dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property'
- physically constrained or have restrictions placed on their freedom.

Servitude is similar to slavery, in that a person is under an obligation to provide a service which is imposed on them, but there is no element of ownership.

Forced work is defined as 'work or service, which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the person has not offered himself voluntarily and has been found in a number of different industries including manufacturing, food processing, agriculture and hospitality.

Finally, **human trafficking** is when men, women and children are moved and forced into exploitation. The movement could be international but also within the country,

from one city to another or even just a few streets. A person is a victim of human trafficking even if they haven't yet been exploited but have been moved for the purposes of exploitation.

TYPES OF MODERN SLAVERY

There are a number of different types of exploitation that victims of modern slavery may be subjected to, and victims may experience more than one type of exploitation at the same time. The most common forms of exploitation are:

- **Sexual exploitation:** victims may be forced into prostitution, pornography or lap dancing for little or no pay. They may be deprived of their freedom of movement and subjected to threats and violence.
- **Labour exploitation:** a victim is made to work with little or no pay, and may face violence or threats. If they are foreign nationals, their passports may be confiscated by their exploiters and they may be made to live in terrible conditions and under constant threat.
- **Forced criminality:** victims can be forced to participate in a range of illegal activities including pick pocketing, shop lifting, cannabis cultivation, county lines exploitation, and other activities. The Modern Slavery Act provides for a defence for victims who have been forced into criminality.
- **Organ harvesting:** victims are trafficked in order for their internal organs (typically kidneys or the liver) to be harvested for transplant.
- **Domestic servitude:** victims work in a household where they may be ill-treated, humiliated, subjected to exhausting hours, forced to work and live under unbearable conditions or forced to work for little or no pay. In some cases forced marriage can lead to domestic servitude.

- **Debt bondage** can be present in many forms of exploitation, and can take a range of forms. Debts may arise out of the exploitation itself, for example in relation to accommodation or travel fees, with victims having little or no control over their debt and little or no way to pay it back. Costs may be deducted from their wages, leading to further debts being accrued. A person may be forced to work to pay off the debt and it can also be used as a means of controlling a victim and keeping them enslaved.

SIGNS

Modern slavery is happening in our community so it's important you know the signs that could indicate someone is a victim of this crime.

The signs aren't always obvious but there are some that you may notice:

- do they look scruffy, malnourished or injured?
- are they acting anxious, afraid or unable to make eye contact?
- are they doing long hours, wearing unsuitable clothing or have the wrong equipment for the job?
- is where they are living overcrowded, poorly maintained or are the curtains always closed?
- do they behave like they're being instructed by someone else, picked up/dropped off at the same time and place every day or don't have access to money or identification?

REPORT IT



Communities have an important role to play in recognising abuse. If you recognise any of the above signs and suspect someone may be a victim of modern slavery, tell someone. You will always be taken seriously and protection and support is available.

To report a suspicion or seek advice you can contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Vanessa Drax) or call the Modern Slavery Helpline confidentially on **08000 121 700**. This is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you want to know more about modern slavery visit <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/>

Help and Advice

If you have any concerns or want more information about Safeguarding or Prevent, please contact Vanessa Drax our Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Email: vanessa.drax@hullcc.gov.uk Call: **01482 615 250** Mobile: **07977 060 599**

We also have a number of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads across our centres. Look out for their contact details, which are displayed in classrooms and public areas.

Let us know if there is a subject you would like us to cover in the next edition by emailing vanessa.drax@hullcc.gov.uk

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