

Essex Police

Organised Crime Newsletter

24th September 2021

Stopping Adult Sexual Exploitation

This months newsletter is to coincide a law enforcement campaign, which started on 6th September 20201, to increase awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking, in particular focusing upon Adult Sexual Exploitation.

As part of our commitment to tackling organised crime, we are asking for your support in identifying properties that may be being used in this way so that we can work together to protect our Community.

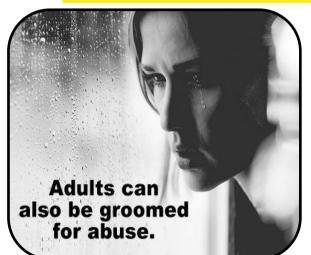
You will undoubtedly be aware of the detrimental effects, misery and harm that modern slavery, trafficking and sexual exploitation bring, not only to our wider communities but, in particular, to those vulnerable individuals within society who are often forced, coerced or exploited into carrying out this illegal activity on behalf of organised gangs

Types of Adult Sexual Exploitation

There are 2 main ways in which victims become involved in Adult Sexual Exploitation:

1. The victims are smuggled into the UK illegally and are









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If you have any information about possible organised crime, victims of such crime or vulnerable people subject of exploitation, please inform **Essex Police** or **CrimeStoppers** on **0800 555111**

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forced into prostitution in order to pay off their debts. 2. The victims are vulnerable UK citizens and the Organised Crime Groups pray upon their vulnerabilities through threats of violence or by supplying them drugs or alcohol.

Signs of Sexual Exploitation

- A longer-term rent of more than 2 weeks and less than 2 months of any premise.
- Frequent visitors throughout the day and night
- Rubbish full of condoms and massage oil
- Curtains closed permanently during the day and night
- A variety of cars parked up on the drive during the hire period.
- Evidence that numerous people have been staying at the address, not just the number listed (modern day slaves could be kept 4 or more to a room meant for just 1 person)
- Occupants not seen to leave the premise during the time of the hire
- Complaints by neighbours of an increased level of noise or anti-social behaviour
- General suspicious behaviour

How to reporting

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Should you have any concerns about child exploitation then please report via one of these ways:

- POLICE immediate threat to life 999
- To report a crime or for advice around any concerns you may have 101 or online at <u>www.essex.police.uk</u>
- The confidential UK Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or online at <u>www.unseen.org</u>
- CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or submit information via their anonymous online form.

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