

Forms of Modern Slavery

Forced Labour

Coercing or deceiving someone into working against their will. Victims are often controlled by their 'employers' through various means such as threats, physical harm, confiscation of identity documents and the withholding of wages.

Forced Criminality

A form of forced labour in which victims are coerced to commit crimes for the profit of another person. This can include pick-pocketing, begging, benefit fraud and drug related crimes such as cannabis farming.

Organ Harvesting

Involves exploiting people through the illegal removal of their internal organs for use in transplants. Traffickers can force or deceive their victims into giving up an organ.

Sexual Exploitation

Any non-consensual or abusive sexual act performed for the perpetrators own profit. Victims can be held against their will or under coercive conditions. It can include prostitution, escort services and pornography. Although most victims are female, there are also many male victims.

Domestic Servitude

Victims are forced to work in houses for little or no pay, often with restricted freedom. Those who are already domestic workers, such as maids or nannies, can be at particular risk. Roughly a quarter of domestic servitude victims are children.

Forced Marriage

Forced marriage occurs when a child or an adult has not consented to be in a marriage. Often they are unable to leave and are forced to perform domestic chores or sexual acts. Forced marriage is illegal in the UK, and is not the same as arranged marriage, which is a voluntary union, arranged by a couple's parents.

Child Slavery

Where a child or person under the age of 18 years is made a victim of slavery in any of its forms. Some children are forced to work while others are forced into illegal activities. Many are sexually exploited. Children are particularly at risk because they can be more easily controlled.

Human Trafficking

The forced and illegal movement of one person from one place to another for the purpose of exploitation. Deception is often used with false promises of a work, a better life or education. Recruitment can also be violent, including abduction.