Human Trafficking

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- Comprehensive approach to the specific issue of human trafficking in all forms
- Links between parliamentarians, NGOs and others in the field
- Generally raise awareness through Anti Slavery Day, website, annual awards
- Add value to the work of NGOs and others by providing networking opportunities, responding to gaps in service and policy

What is trafficking?

- Recruitment, transportation, transferring, harboring or receipt of person
- Means of threat, use of force, deception, coercion etc
- Purpose or act of exploitation including sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery and slavery like practices

Means

- Abduction
- Recruitment
- Befriended
- Tortured
- Raped
- Assaulted
- Threatened
- Blackmailed
- Debt Bonded
- Ritual Oaths

Why?

- Civil Instability
- Childhood/Domestic Abuse
- Poverty
- Inequality
- Prostitution
- Unemployment

Exploitation

- Prostitution, pornography, lap dancing/stripping
- Domestic Servitude
- Cannabis cultivation, other forms of criminal activity
- Begging
- Labour
- Benefits fraud
- Organ removal

Scale of human trafficking

- United Nations figures suggest that 800,000 people are trafficked every year in one form or another. There are more people in slavery today than in the entire 350 year history of the slave trade and 1 in 8 of those is in Europe.
- Human trafficking is now the 2nd largest criminal industry, with approximately \$11billion annual turnover

2005 Nationality











2009 Nationalities





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Two Scottish convictions for sex trafficking offences 3.10.11



Current context in Scotland

- Scottish Children and young people's commissioner report
- Scottish Parliament's EO Committee report
- EHRC report
- Scottish Government commitment to holding a summit
- Establishment of cross party group on human trafficking

Main findings

- Need for a Scottish approach
- Need for leadership by the Scottish Government
- Multi agency co-ordinated strategy
- Professional awareness
- Public awareness

Role of local authorities

- Child protection
- Vulnerable adult protection
- Regulation/licensing
- Community safety/violence against women
- Education and public awareness
- Political leadership

Background to development of responses

- Glasgow City Council identifies sex trafficking as issue within their commitment to addressing prostitution
- Successful application for funding for specific post to scope the issue 2004
- Referrals start to build.
- Additional funding allocated by SG to support female victims of cse
- Migrant Help line establish service in Scotland for victims of other forms of exploitation
- Glasgow Social Work review of CP cases/partner in national pilot on child protection
- SG guidance on child trafficking

Good practice

- Croydon Council developed and issued protocols on adult and children protection, established multi agency NRM group to respond to complex needs of victims
- Cardiff Council Scrutiny Committee undertook an inquiry in to the issue of trafficking within Cardiff which made 10 recommendations including nomination of a senior Councillor and senior officer to take the issue forward within the Council and awareness training for staff.

Challenges

- Ownership
- Competing demands
- Resources
- Scale and nature of organisations
- Identification
- Lack of leadership from Scottish Government

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