



Public Accountability Meeting Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

24th September 2019



Areas of Discussion



- Definitions
- National context
- Local context
- Our challenges
- Actions

Modern Slavery



Section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 provides an offence of slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour.

1(1) A person commits an offence if -

(a) the person holds another person in slavery or servitude and the circumstances are such that the person knows or ought to know that the other person is held in slavery or servitude, or

(b) the person requires another person to perform forced or compulsory labour and the circumstances are such that the person knows or ought to know that the other person is being required to perform forced or compulsory labour

Section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 provides for a single offence of human trafficking covering sexual and non-sexual exploitation.

2(1) A person commits an offence if the person arranges or facilitates the travel of another person ('V') with a view to V being exploited.

2(2) It is irrelevant whether V consents to the travel (whether V is an adult or a child).

Human Trafficking



Human Trafficking		
The Action	The Means	The Purpose
Recruitment Transportation Transfer Harboursing Receipt	Fraud Coercion Abduction Abuse of power Threat or use of force Abuse of a position of vulnerability Deception Etc.	Sexual exploitation Forced labour Forced criminality Removal of organs Servitude Slavery

North Yorkshire – structures



- North Yorkshire and City of York Modern Slavery Partnership
- Modern Slavery and Exploitative and Illegal Working Group
- Strategic & Operational leads
- Command Leads

National Context

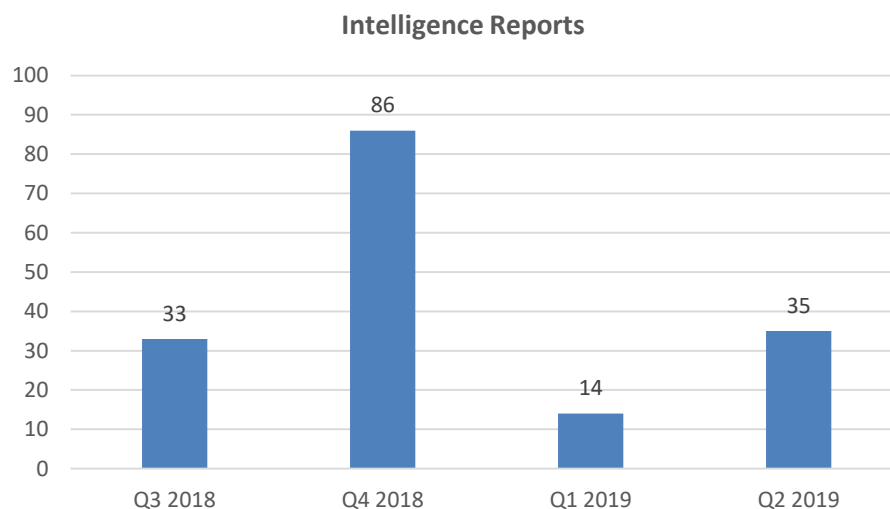
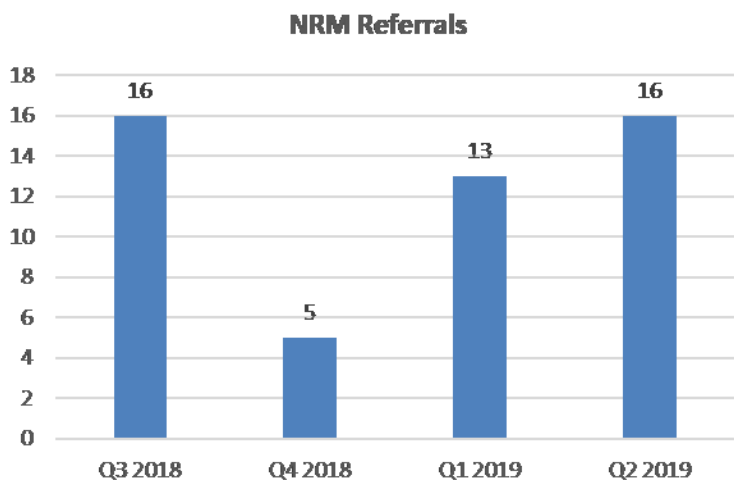
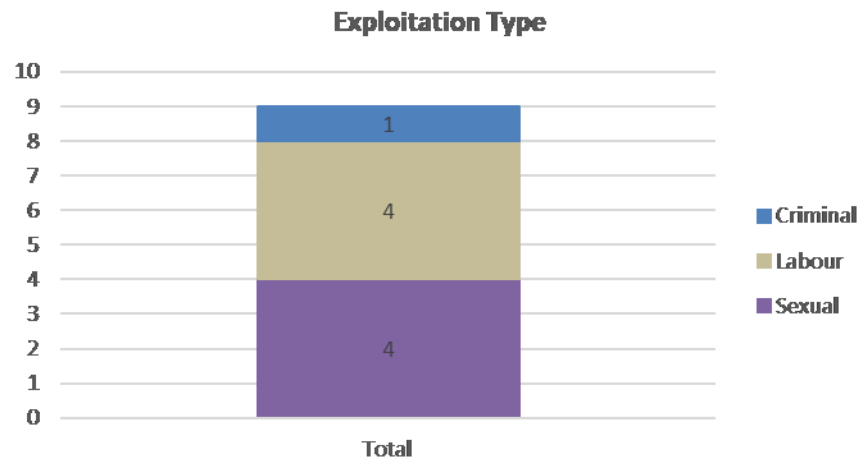
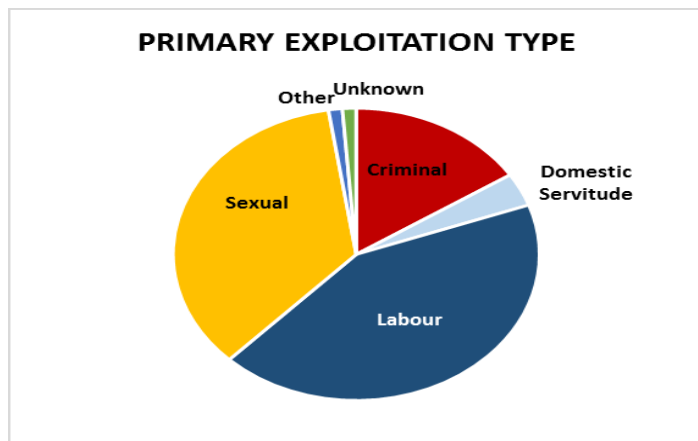


- Part of the National Control Strategy for Serious and Organised Crime.
- Modern Slavery Transformation Programme set up in March 2017 to improve the policing response to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Majority of MSHT offending is organised but emerging evidence that the greatest harm to victims is perpetrated by opportunistic offenders.
- OCG's tend to be poly-criminal with MSHT OCG's also involved in Organised Immigration Crime, Money Laundering and Drug dealing.
- 6,993 NRM referrals in 2018 (36% increase on 2017)
- U.K, Albania and Vietnam are the top 3 most commonly referred nationalities
- Now estimated that there are up to 100,00 MSHT victims living in the U.K



North Yorkshire context

There are four organised crime groups known to be active in North Yorkshire with link to MSHT, and organised Immigration crime.



Resources



- Insp 1366 Freer
- Vulnerability Intelligence research officers
- 20 + Dc's attended 4 day MSHT investigative course run by the Modern Slavery Transformation Programme

North Yorkshire and Sex Workers



Proactive visit to sex workers who are identified as being at risk to reduce the risk of harm.

Positive outcomes and engagement.

Proactive media campaign to support all sex workers which has received national recognition as best practice.

National Referral Mechanism



- The National mechanism to identify, assess and support potential victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
- Two stage process::
 - Stage 1 – Reasonable Grounds Decision. “believe but cannot prove” that the individual is a potential victim of trafficking or modern slavery.
 - Stage 2 – Conclusive Grounds Decision ““it is more likely than not
- “Duty to Notify” (MS1) where victim does not consent
- 185 NRM and MS1 submissions since 2016

Challenges



- Understanding local and national nature of MSHT
- Rural elements of North Yorkshire
- Victim support and engagement, previous life conditions.
- Increasing public awareness and reporting
- This is everybody's responsibility
- Investigation capacity

Training



- All student officers receive an input on MSHT
- 4 day specialist investigators course of selected Detectives.
- NCALT on line e learning
- Production of a MSHT Toolkit
- NPT Certificate in Neighbourhood policing
- Internal and external communications campaign

Victim care and Support



- Pre- NRM Emergency Accommodation
- NRM and the Salvation Army
- PCC Community Fund – vulnerable sex workers
- National Ugly Mugs

Futures



- Op Nexus
- Op Missouri
- Breach of EU Treaty Rights
- North Yorkshire Police Action Plan MSHT
- Relationships with Immigration and partner agencies to tackle the challenges.



Case Study

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Specialist Support



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