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Child Exploitation Safeguarding Practice Week

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Child trafficking and modern slavery are forms of child abuse. Trafficking involves the movement of a person from one place to another for the purpose of exploitation – using them for someone else's gain. Modern slavery is an umbrella term that includes trafficking, slavery and exploitation.



MODERN SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING

Children can be smuggled or trafficked into the UK from various parts of the world for the purpose of exploitation. However, trafficking can also occur with children being moved out of the UK, and within the UK – across regions, between towns or even from house to house in their local area. Children are often moved away from their family and friends to isolate them, making it easier for traffickers to exert control and exploit them.

NATIONAL REFERRAL MECHANISM

The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a framework for identifying and referring potential victims and ensuring they receive appropriate support. Where there are reasonable grounds to believe a child may be a victim of modern slavery or trafficking, local authorities are required to notify the Secretary of State via the NRM.

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Know the signs and indicators of modern slavery and trafficking.

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Child victims do not have to consent to be referred into the NRM and must first be safeguarded and then referred into the NRM process.