

## Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

Modern slavery is not something confined to history, it is still happening today, and it's happening in North Yorkshire. Modern slavery could be happening right in front of you whether that's in nail bars, car washes, rural businesses, brothels, massage parlours, or a property in your neighbourhood. In North Yorkshire, partners are committed to rooting out those individuals who choose to exploit others. The following information will help you to understand a little more about Modern Slavery and the duty you have to report information.

From 1 November 2015, specified public authorities have had a duty to notify the Secretary of State of any individual encountered in England and Wales who they believe is a suspected victim of slavery or human trafficking. This duty is intended to gather statistics and help build a more comprehensive picture of the nature and scale of modern slavery.

It is estimated that there were 10,000-13,000 victims of modern slavery in the UK in 2013, but only 1,746 potential victims were referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) in the same period. In 2015, this figure rose to 3,266 potential victims.

The 'duty to notify' provision is set out in Section 52 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and applies to the following public authorities in England and Wales at the time of publication (additional public authorities can be added through regulations):

- (a) a chief officer of police for a police area,
- (b) the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force,
- (c) the National Crime Agency,
- (d) a county council,
- (e) a county borough council,
- (f) a district council,
- (g) a London borough council,
- (h) the Greater London Authority,
- (i) the Common Council of the City of London,
- (j) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,

(k) the Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

### **What can you do?**

The Home Office have produced a Fact Sheet and Poster to help raise awareness of the duty to notify/reporting requirements for Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

The materials can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-duty-to-notify>.

If you or another person is in immediate danger you should dial 999

If you are a victim of modern slavery, or suspect slavery is happening near you and there is no immediate threat to life you can:

Call North Yorkshire Police on **101**

Report it by calling the Modern Slavery helpline on **0800 0121 700** which is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Report it online at <https://modernslavery.co.uk/contact.html>

Contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**

For more information and for details of other agencies who can offer help and support go to <https://modernslavery.co.uk/need-help.html>

**NYSCB One Minute Guide:** [Modern Slavery and National Referral Mechanism](#)

# DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH A VICTIM OF MODERN SLAVERY?

You have a duty to notify the Government to help build a clearer picture of this hidden crime.

Follow the steps below to help tackle modern slavery and ensure that victims who want it can get the right support.

## IF YOU THINK THE VICTIM IS UNDER 18

You should complete an NRM form



## IF YOU THINK THE VICTIM IS OVER 18

If you want to receive government support and are happy to be identified you should complete an NRM form

If they would like to remain anonymous you should complete a duty to notify form (MS1 form)



Visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and search 'duty to notify' for further details and to download NRM and MS1 forms and guidance.

In addition to the above reporting process, if the person you have encountered is in danger, you should call the police as normal.

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