

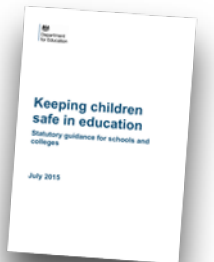
# Child trafficking

‘Child trafficking is a very serious issue which can have a devastating and lasting impact on it’s victims. Children can be trafficked into, within and out of the UK.’

- Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of threat, force, abduction, deception, fraud, abuse of power or a position of vulnerability
- For the purpose of exploitation including prostitution and other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs
- Any child transported for exploitative reasons is considered to be a victim of trafficking even if they have not been forced or deceived. This is because it is not considered possible for a child to give informed consent. Some children believe it is the ‘right’ thing to do as they are doing what their parents/accompanying adults say
- A child is anyone under the age of 18

# The problem of child trafficking

- CEOP (child exploitation online protection centre) indicate that there are approximately 300 victims per annum
- Sexual exploitation, domestic service, labour, benefit fraud, criminal activity, cannabis farms, family work
- Factors that make children vulnerable:
  - Poverty
  - Lack of education
  - Decimation
  - Cultural attitudes
  - Grooming
  - Dysfunctional families
  - Political conflict



# How children are recruited and controlled

- Confiscating a child's identity documents
- Threatening to report the child to the authorities
- Violence or threats of violence
- Keeping the child socially isolated
- Keeping the child locked up
- Telling them they owe large amounts of money they have to then work to pay off
- Depriving the child of money/food
- Frightening the child with cultural or religious threats

**All children who are exploited are likely to suffer some form of mental harm and are often abused and neglected**

# Indicators of trafficking

- Receives un explained phone calls
- History has gaps within it
- Missing from care/home
- Limited freedom of movement
- Beggars for money
- Performs excessive chores
- Is cared for by adults who are not their parents (private fostering)
- Is not registered with a GP
- Is not enrolled in school

This links directly with CME – “Children Missing in Education” and the importance of reporting student missing from your lesson

If you have any concerns – contact Richard, Tash or Imran

