



# Child Trafficking: Impact on Victims

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## UK child sex abuse trafficking doubles - National Crime Agency



The number of UK-born adults trafficked also increased

The number of UK-born children thought to have been trafficked for sexual exploitation more than doubled last year, the National Crime Agency said.

Fifty-six minors from the UK were flagged up as potential victims of

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Slavery is not an issue confined to history or an issue that only exists in certain countries - it is something that is **still happening today**. It is a global problem and the UK is no exception.

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It's a growing issue, affecting men, women  
and children

in the UK in 2013 were **47%** more than reported in  
2012\*\*.



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- ECPAT UK is a children's rights charity campaigning for the protection of child victims of trafficking and the victims of transnational sexual abuse by British citizens
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# What is Child Trafficking?

“ My friend & I were offered summer jobs in London. We were 15. At the airport we were met by some men who gave £3,500 to the guy who travelled with me. I was taken to Birmingham by the man who bought me. He raped me then took me to a brothel and said I had to have sex with customers. I was too terrified to refuse. One of the other girls working there said “Don’t think about trying to escape, wherever you run they will find you”. Clients could see I was distressed but none of them offered to help”

*‘Missing Out’, ECPAT UK 2007*





# Definition of Human Trafficking

**UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime:**

**Article 3 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress & Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women & Children, (2000)**

Often referred to as the 'Palermo Protocol'

“The **recruitment, transportation**, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or **use of force** or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of **deception**, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of **payments or benefits** to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the **purpose of exploitation**”.

Child - anyone under the age of 18

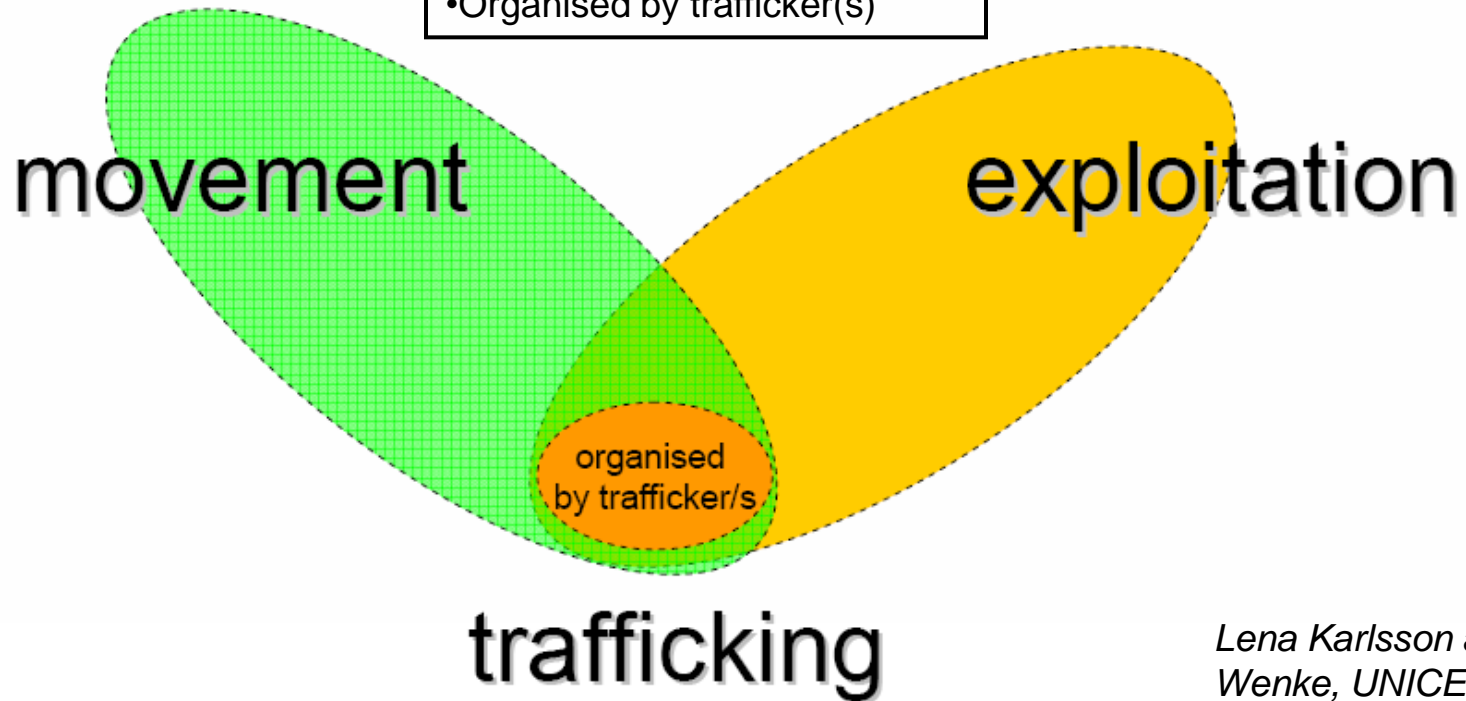


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# Child Trafficking

**Concept of trafficking:**

- Movement of person
- For the purpose of exploitation
- Organised by trafficker(s)



*Lena Karlsson and Daja  
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# Trafficking, Smuggling and Migrant Workers

**Smuggling** is always illegal. It is when a person pays another to transport them illegally from one country to another. The service ends when they are dropped off.

**Trafficking** is when a person is tricked or deceived. They may think they are being smuggled for work but are in fact exploited when they enter the country. Trafficked victims enter either with legal documents or illegally.

Some people are transported to work legitimately, they are not exploited, are paid and treated well, known as **migrant workers**, however some people are exploited by their employers







# UK - What is the evidence?

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of trafficked Children</b>	<b>No. Missing</b>
<b>2004 ECPAT Cause for Concern</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>2007 ECPAT Missing Out</b>	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>2009 CEOP</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>2010 CEOP</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>2012 NRM</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>UKHTC</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>N/A</b>





# Child trafficking in the UK

- Of the 2255 potential victims of trafficking in 2012, 549 (24%) were children. This represents a 12% increase from 2011 (UKHTC, 2013)
- The most prevalent countries of origin of child potential victims were Vietnam (103, 19%), Nigeria (78, 14%), Slovakia (43, 9%), Romania (39, 7%), UK (38, 7%), Albania (22, 4%), China (13, 2%), Bangladesh (10, 2%), Democratic Republic of the Congo (10, 2%) and Somalia (8, 1%)



The age groups of child potential victims were as follows:



Age group	Gender	Total
0 - 9	Female	33
	Male	34
	unknown	3
<b>0 - 9 Total</b>		<b>70</b>
10 - 15	Female	67
	Male	45
	unknown	1
<b>10 - 15 Total</b>		<b>113</b>
16 - 17	Female	82
	Male	60
<b>16 - 17 Total</b>		<b>142</b>
18+ <sup>8</sup>	Female	57
	Male	39
<b>18+ Total</b>		<b>96</b>
unknown	Female	71
	Male	30
	unknown	27
<b>unknown Total</b>		<b>128</b>
<b>Total number of children</b>		<b>549</b>





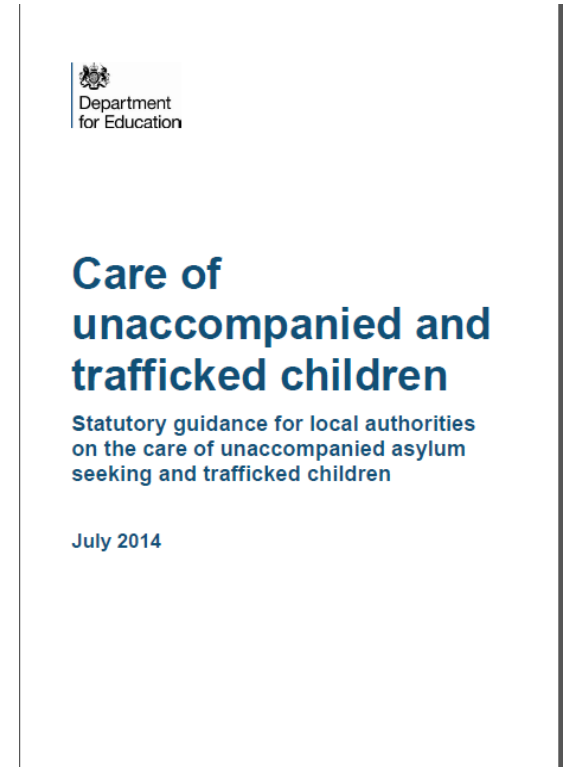
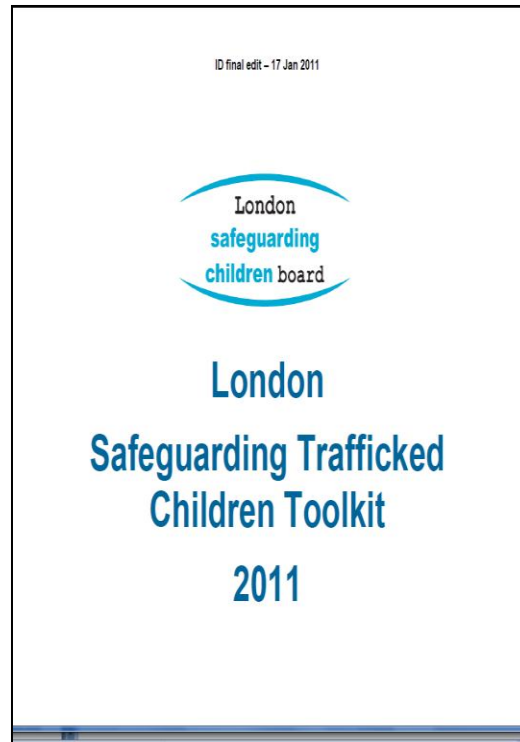
# What's New in UK?

- Removal of reservation to the UNCRC 2009
- Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings 2009
- London Safeguarding Trafficked Children Trafficking Toolkit *updated* 2011
- UK Human Trafficking Strategy 2011
- Implementation of EU Directive on Trafficking 2013
- Modern Slavery Bill 2014
- Announcement of advocates for trafficked children
- New DFE guidance





# Practice guidance and tools





# Traffickers control

- Violence: physical & sexual
- Removal of identity documents
- Threats
- Lack of personal belongings
- Coaching
- Social isolation
- Debt bondage
- Dependency
- Spirit possession/juju/traditional practices





# Impact on child

- *I will never be the same again...*
- *I was hit in the head by my trafficker and I have problems in remembering things from yesterday*
- *My inner world has changed. The things around me have a different colour; everything seems to be dark grey...*
- *Sometimes when I am in the street I feel that everyone is looking at me and I want to shout. I'm tired of being afraid...*





# Impact on Child

## Physical health

- headaches
- gastrointestinal problems
- extreme fatigue, dizziness
- skin problems
- STI's
- child pregnancy
- infertility due to forced abortions

## Mental Health

- PTSD
- depression
- suicidal thoughts
- guilt and shame
- low self-esteem and confidence
- emotional withdrawal
- mood swings
- paranoia

## Behaviour

- mistrust of adults
- anti-social behaviour
- addiction problems
- dependency on abusers
- self harming
- angry and aggressive
- sexually provocative
- Attachment & identity issues

STI: Sexually transmitted infection

PTSD: Post traumatic stress disorder







# Safeguarding Issues to consider

- Fear and distrust of authorities
- Cultural differences/expectations
- Control mechanisms
- Inability of child to remember what has happened
- Timescales
- Risk assessment in relation to going **missing**
- Risk upon return
- Child witnesses and special protection
- Confidentiality





# Local safeguarding response:

What to do if you have concerns a Child has been Trafficked:

- SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) Child Protection Procedures 2011
- Contact the Initial Response Team or Early Help and Advice Hub on 0845 603 7627





# How can you get involved?

- ECPAT E-News
- ECPAT Campaigns
- ECPAT UK Supporter
- Friend of ECPAT UK
- Fundraising
- Facebook and Twitter

**three SMALL STEPS**  
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