



Focus on Modern Slavery

Modern Slavery is a serious crime. It encompasses slavery, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking. It is closer than you think – we all need to be aware of the signs and take action.

Common signs of a person affected by Modern Slavery

- No ID documents or bank account
- Lack of personal transport
- Not seeking medical care
- Living in poor accommodation, overcrowding
- Looking malnourished, unkempt or withdrawn
- Appearing frightened, unable to answer questions directed at them
- Fear of the authorities eg scared of what might happen to their families
- In debt to someone or in a situation of dependence

Child victims

- Absent parent or legal guardian
- Likely to be very scared and traumatised
- May appear to have a bond with those exploiting them and have been groomed not to disclose their abuse

If you suspect that someone is a victim, don't delay. Notify your centre's Lead Safeguarding Officer if there is an immediate concern.

Other ways to get in touch:

101 Police, for non-urgent reports and enquiries

0800 0121700 Modern Slavery Helpline

0800 555111 Crimestoppers (anonymous)

Concerns should also be reported immediately to the Skills and Employment Service's Safeguarding team on SETsafeguarding@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

