



Combatting Trafficking

Hope for Justice

Hope for Justice is an anti-human trafficking organisation working to uncover and abolish the hidden crime of modern-day slavery. Ours is a unique vision to assist the police practically through intelligence gathering and rescue within the UK. Human trafficking is not someone else's problem, it's happening in our communities, in our neighbourhoods, in our country. Hope for Justice was created to be the practical solution to human trafficking with 4 areas of operation:

1. Investigating and bringing about the rescue of victims from the abuse of human trafficking

Our Investigations Team respond to intelligence received from frontline agencies and community groups we've trained to recognise the indicators of trafficking. This work enables them to debrief victims, identify them as trafficked, inform them of the National Referral Mechanism (system for identifying victims and providing appropriate support), rescue victims from situations of exploitation and transfer them to aftercare providers. Intelligence is submitted to the police and can form part of the picture where a larger organised crime culture exists. With so many victims arriving from countries with disreputable policing, and so many others wilfully instilled with a terror of UK police, the need for a third party is distinct and urgent. Hope for Justice build bridges of trust between police and victim, and act as a conduit for intelligence that would otherwise simply never see the light of day.

2. Assisting in the protection and rehabilitation of victims

Aftercare in the UK is overseen by the Salvation Army, who hold the Government tender, and they subcontract to a number of organisations who provide safe houses and accompanying services. Our Aftercare Coordinator makes it their business to know about the standards of care offered at each facility. Follow-up phone calls and visits are also made to those we rescue and the team track each individual's progress. This relates closely to our third aim; prosecution. After 1-2 weeks in safe accommodation 78% of the victims we've assisted request that Hope for Justice advocate on their behalf for police investigation and prosecution.

3. Ensuring perpetrators are held responsible for their crimes via prosecution

We work with the UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC), a branch of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, and local Constabularies to ensure perpetrators are brought to justice. Our Legal Team focus on evidence and intelligence gathering to generate more robust prosecution cases and have developed strong, professional relationships with law enforcement agencies.





4. Campaigning at a local, national and international level to ensure the laws on human trafficking work effectively to combat the problem

As we develop relationships in Whitehall, our advocacy and legislative agenda is growing with over 100 ACTFORJUSTICE community groups joining our call for action and awareness. We are an established part of the anti-trafficking NGO community and a member of the Human Trafficking Foundation, the umbrella forum chaired by Anthony Steen. We closely work with other organisations and often advise on legislation which improves the rights of victims.

UKHTC

“The UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) is a multi-agency organisation led by the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA). Its role is to provide a central point of expertise and coordination in relation to the UK’s response to the trafficking of human beings.

The Centre seeks to facilitate a coordinated, cooperative and collaborative way of working within the UK and internationally. Its work to combat human trafficking and provide victim-centric support covers three key inter-linked areas:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Prosecution

This work involves a wide group of stakeholders and partners, who together deliver a diverse set of programmes designed to prevent and reduce the harms caused by human trafficking. The UKHTC’s partners include police forces, the UK Border Agency, HM Revenue & Customs, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Gangmasters Licensing Authority, non-Governmental organisations (NGOs) and many charitable and voluntary expert groups.”

(from <http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc>)

Hope for Justice work alongside the UKHTC, as well as other law enforcement agencies, and regularly submit intelligence in respect of on-going investigations.

Offences

Hope for Justice provide full offence outlines with guidance notes and a breakdown of the elements of each offence for use by police officers and frontline agencies trying to identify victims and pursue perpetrators.



Listed below are the existing human trafficking-related offences in UK legislation, click to download the full offence outline:

- Holding Someone in Slavery, Servitude and Forced or Compulsory Labour
([Section 71 Coroners Act 2009](#))
- Paying for the Sexual Services of a Prostitute Subject to Force
([Section 14 Policing and Crime Act 2009](#))
- Trafficking into the UK for Sexual Exploitation
([Section 57 Sexual Offences Act 2003](#))
- Trafficking within the UK for Sexual Exploitation
([Section 58 Sexual Offences Act 2003](#))
- Trafficking out of the UK for Sexual Exploitation
([Section 59 Sexual Offences Act 2003](#))
- Trafficking People for Exploitation
([Section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration Treatment of Claimants Act 2004](#))

The Human Trafficking Foundation

“The Human Trafficking Foundation (HTF) is a UK-based charity which grew out of the work of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking.

HTF was created in order to support and add value to the work of the many charities and agencies operating to combat human trafficking in the UK.

Our vision is of a UK:

- *which presents a hostile environment for human traffickers,*
- *where there is widespread public awareness of the evils and existence of trafficking,*
- *where there is tangible and accessible support for trafficking victims,*
- *where traffickers are swiftly and effectively brought to justice.*

[\(http://www.humantraffickingfoundation.org/\)](http://www.humantraffickingfoundation.org/)

Hope for Justice sits on the Human Trafficking Foundation Forum which meets quarterly to discuss the legislative and policy issues surrounding human trafficking in the UK.