

MODERN SLAVERY IN CHILDREN

SPOTTING THE SIGNS

DID YOU KNOW?

- in 2019 almost half of victims of Modern Slavery identified in the UK were exploited as children
- of those over half were British nationals
- children are never able to give informed consent to engage in exploitative activity



SCHOOL AND SOCIAL LIFE

- Behaviour not typical of their age.
- Have no friends their own age.
- Have no access to education.
- Have no time for playing.
- Persistently missing from home and / or school.
- Decline in school performance.



LIVING SITUATION

- Unfamiliar with the local area.
- Unsure of where they live.
- Live somewhere inappropriate.



MOOD AND BEHAVIOUR

- Withdrawal and / or sudden change in personality or behaviour.
- Unwilling to explain their whereabouts.
- Found out of area and / or travelling to locations they have no obvious connections with.
- Travel unaccompanied by adults.



OTHER WARNING SIGNS

- Engaged in work that is not suitable for children.
- Unexplained money, clothes, accessories or mobile phones.
- Receive excessive texts or calls.
- Have multiple phones and / or sim cards.
- Gang association or isolated from peers.

WHO TO CALL

If a child is in immediate danger call the police on **999**
or if it's not an emergency call **101**
or call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

Modern Slavery & Exploitation helpline **08000 121 700**

NSPCC Helpline **08008 800 5000**