

A woman with dark hair is looking down at a tablet computer she is holding. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong blue color cast. In the background, there are out-of-focus lights, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is serious and focused.

# RECOGNISING SIGNS OF EXPLOITATION

DIALOGUE JULY 2023

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# UNSEEN.ORG

STATISTICS RECORDED IN 2022:

6516 Potential victims identified in the UK in 2022

From 99 different nationalities

8387 Referrals were made and signposted

2588 cases of modern slavery

Exploitation types ranged from – Trafficking, Modern Slavery, Debt bonded, organ Harvesting, CCE, CSE, Forced Labour and Forced or Early Marriage.

(<https://www.unseenuk.org>)



# CASE STUDY

A is a young man who was trafficked to the UK in 2019 and presented in Bristol alone aged 13yrs old. He had suffered significant trauma both in his country of origin and during his journey to the UK.

He has lived in our children's home and during this time we have supported him with his recovery through trauma and successfully navigate transitions through school to college.

He has strong ties to his ethnic community and has developed a network of support from both the carers in the home and his community.

In late 2022 he passed his moped test, and he began to express a desire to gain employment, indicating to carers that he had acquaintances who were working using the names of other people. Shortly after this carers observed a change in his routine, he became less communicative with carers, regularly bringing takeaway food home that carers had not given money for, and when carers expressed curiosity he became defensive and began to express behaviours that were uncommon for him.





# CONCERNS

NEW PATTERNS IN HIS ROUTINE

RETURNING LATE MOST NIGHTS

WITHDRAWAL FROM CARERS

STOPPED ENGAGING IN USUAL ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATION

NOT RESPONDING TO CARERS WHILST AWAY FROM THE HOME

DEFENSIVE WHEN CARERS SHOWED CURIOSITY

RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE WITH CARERS, SHOUTING, LASHING OUT, BLAMING STATEMENTS, THREATS NOT TO RETURN HOME, RUDE TO CARERS.

ITEMS AND TAKEAWAYS THAT COULD NOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND DID NOT APPEAR IN CONTEXT TO MONIES AVAILABLE TO HIM

DEBT BONDED – possible forced to work to repay traffickers.

FORCED LABOUR

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

CRIMINALISATION





## RECORDING, REPORTING & RESPONDING

DAILY REPORTS & HANDOVERS

THERAPEUTIC APPROACH

AGREED PLANNED RESPONSES TO BEHAVIOURS

WEEKLY UPDATES TO SOCIAL WORKER

WEEKLY TEAM MEETINGS

DEVELOPED A MONITORING TOOL TO IDENTIFY PATTERNS

MONITORED MILEAGE

EXPRESSED CURIOSITY

NON-JUDGEMENTAL

NETWORK MEETINGS

REGULAR RISK MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

STRATEGY MEETING

NRM REFERRAL

REFERRAL TO BARNADO'S FOR EXPLOITATION SUPPORT WORKER

MAPPING EXERCISE WITH OTHER AGENCIES





# WHAT HELPED

CURIOSITY OF CARERS

KNOWING THE YOUNG PERSON AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR NEEDS

RECOGNISING PUSH AND PULL FACTORS

IDENTIFYING PATTERNS AND USING THE MONITORING TOOL

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL POLICE AND LIASON OFFICER FOR NRM

TRAINING - PREVENT, SAFEGUARDING, EXPLOITATION, BRISTOL MODEL

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT

STRONG MULTI-AGENCY WORKING, COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSE



# WHAT NOW

YOUNG PERSON HAS BEEN SUPPORTED TO EXPLORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY LIAISING WITH HIS EDUCATION PROVIDER AND EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

REDUCTION IN DISTRESS AND BEHAVIOURS

BETTER RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE YOUNG PERSON

BETTER UNDERSTANDING

POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM POLICE

YOUNG PERSON HAS MORE TRUST

TEAM HAVE CONFIDENCE IN PRACTICE

# REFERENCES & RESOURCES

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/support-for-parents-and-carers/child-abuse-and-har>

[National referral mechanism guidance: adult \(England and Wales\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[About Us - Unseen \(unseenuk.org\)](#)