

Cheshire West & Chester Council

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 and we all need to be aware of the signs and take action



Common signs that a person affected by Modern Slavery may display:

- 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- Looking malnourished, unkempt or withdrawn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
- Groomed children may have a 'bond' with those exploiting them and have been groomed to not disclose their abuse – however, they are likely to be very scared and traumatised

If you suspect that someone is a victim – don't delay, notify your centre's lead Safeguarding Reporting Officer and if there is an immediate concern telephone 999 to contact the police or:

- **101** about a general situation
- **0800 0121 700** for the Modern Slavery helpline
- **0800 555111** for Crimestoppers (anonymously)

Modern Slavery concerns must be reported immediately to CWaC Skills and Employment under our Safeguarding Procedures.

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