Human Exploitation and Organised Crime Human Trafficking



What this session intends to achieve

Victim/witness confidentiality Conditions of interviews Victims and witnesses the issues A case study where witness care was key What victim measures are currently available in your areas

Third Party Reporting Is it of value

Victims account Intelligence Used to task resources Risk

Third party reporting how it works



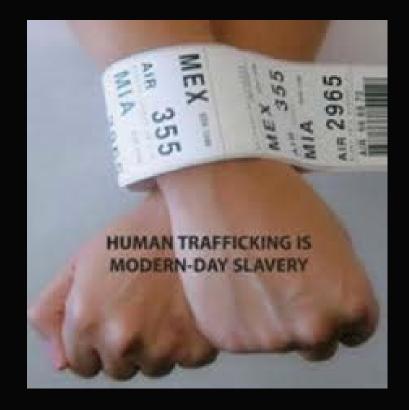






Victim Centered Approach

- Victimless prosecutions
- Understanding the needs of the victim and ensuing a bespoke service is given to them
- Working with partners to provide the best possible after care



Can confidentiality be broken?



If lives are at risk or child abuse is taking place If it prevents future trafficking If it releases another victim But do not increase the risk

Witness Interview

Achieving Best Evidence ABE

What is ABE

It is a form of obtaining evidence in a way that allows for the victim to recall events in a secure environment and is viewed as best practice

The process of ABE is not in legislation but does have a code of conduct

Other legislation like special measures is incorporated with ABE recording

Who conducts ABE interviews

The ABE procedure Planning and preparation

The purpose of the ABE is to ascertain the witnesses account of the alleged events and any other information that would assist the investigation. A well planned interview will be the only way these interviews should take place.

Failing to plan is planning to fail.

Taking time to ask questions and cover all aspects is a key factor in the gathering of evidence and facts.

- Initial contact with victims or witness (explain process)
- Do not assume they know what will happen and the purpose of the video
- Explain how the video will be used

Planning Information

- Information about the witness
- Information about the alleged offence
- Information important to the investigation

How it can be used

- Evidence in chief witness has to be available
- In hearsay

Venue

- Designed venue with equipment
- Separate viewing officer
- Mobile equipment available
- Consideration for children

Questioning of Witness

- Open
- Probe accounts
- Consider a witness liaison officer
- NGO or external support for court (non evidential)
- Witness care units

Special Measures Vulnerable and Intimidated

Who can be vulnerable or intimidated -Legal requirement to identify these

Child (under 18) Mental Health Impairment of learning Physical disability or physical disorder

Intimidated

Those whose evidence is likely to be diminished due to fear or distress.

Special Measures Available

- Screens
- TV link
- Evidence in private (limited to sexual offences)
- Removal of wigs and gowns
- Use of video evidence in chief
- Use of an intermediary
- Special communications aids

Vulnerable all the above – intimidated first five only

Witness/Victim process

- Trust
- Safety
- Non police/official premises for first contact
- ABE process
- Witness protection
- Special measures

Use of Victim Centres

- Experienced staff
- NGO/external partners
- Medical needs
- Interpreters
- Other cultural needs/considerations

Court hearing

- Explain process
- Allocate a liaison officer
- Pre visit to court
- Meet judge (if agreed by judge)
- Special measures
- Updated of any changes
- Informed of outcome
- Media interest explained
- Anonymity assured

Scenario

- Police are informed that a warehouse is employing 10 to 15 people who are in forced labour.
- They are from Thailand are working 16 hours a day for no pay.
- They live in the warehouse no proper facilities
- Some are beaten regularly

You decide to mount an intervention and recover the victims what do you consider.

- Victim care safety
- Venue for recovery
- Operational plan including rescue
- Evidence recovery ABE
- Forensics
- Identification
- Update of victim/witness
- Special measure
- Witness protection
- Court planning
- Outcome
- Update witness/victim
- Long term plan handover

Where can it occur

Case study

Operation Quartzire

CCTV EVIDENCE – Showing Subject 1 in company with victim 1



CCTV EVIDENCE Subject 1 in company with Victim1

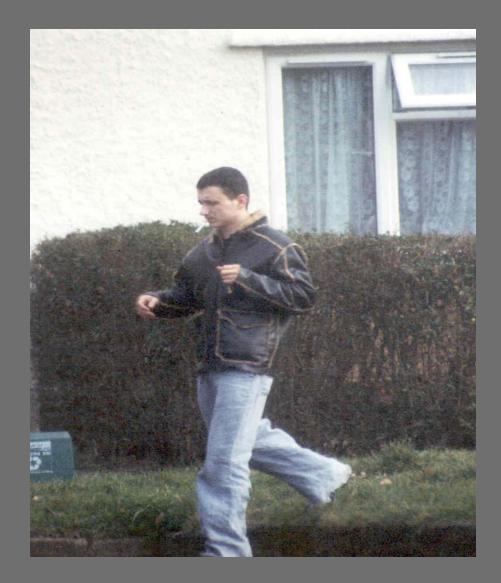


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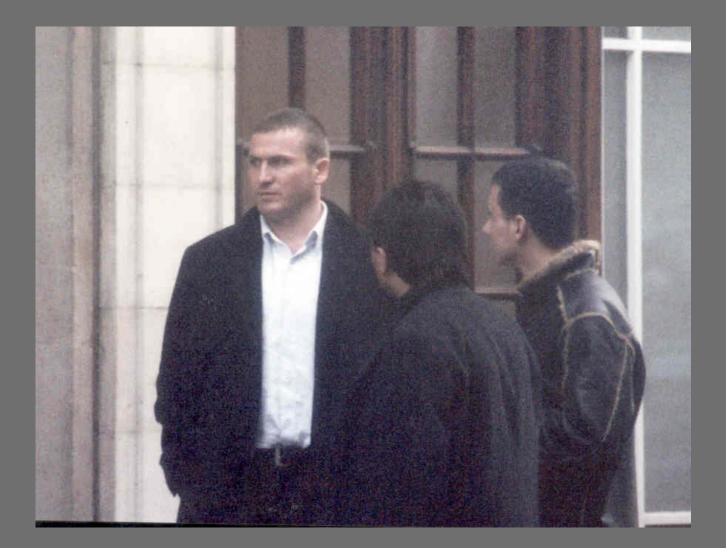














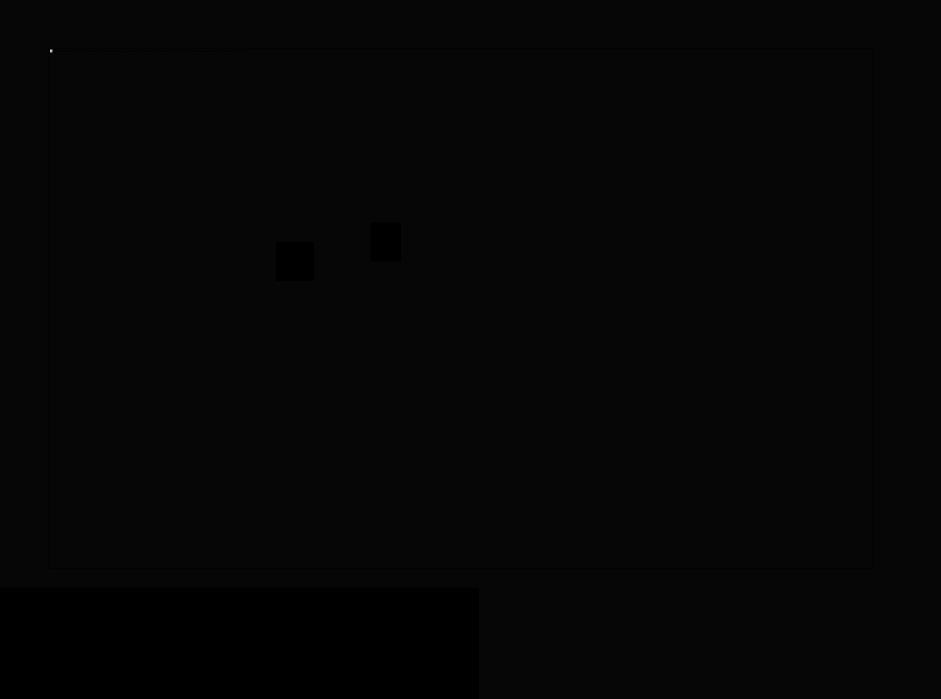




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Where do traffickers operate













Thank you