

PILOT FOR SPECIFIC CHILD TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY SUPPORT FOR FOSTER CARERS TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF TRAFFICKED CHILDREN GOING MISSING FROM CARE

What is this leaflet for?

It can be quite scary moving to a new home and when you do not know who people are and what they are doing, it can leave you feeling confused and alone.

All the changes that are happening to you now, and people that are around you such as foster carers, social workers and immigration case workers can be quite daunting. Leaving your foster carer's home and running away could feel like the only option you have, but it could lead to you being in lots of danger.

Your foster carers and social worker will support you to access all the services you need and to answer any questions you may have.



If you feel unsafe:

Try to tell your foster carer or social worker what is happening. This can be difficult to do, but they will listen to you.

In the UK, the police will protect you so you can tell them if you are worried that somebody is going to hurt you.

If you leave your foster carer's home and you do not tell them where you are going and do not go back when you say you are going to, they will have to call the police. You will not be in trouble, but your foster carer and social worker will want to find you to make sure you are safe and well.

**IF YOU EVER NEED HELP URGENTLY
POLICE – FIRE – AMBULANCE
CALL 999 AND ASK FOR HELP**

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Telephone:

Social Worker
Name:
Telephone:

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This project aims to evaluate the impact of enhanced foster carer (FC) capability on the number of Albanian and Vietnamese children victim of trafficking and modern slavery (VoTMS) going missing. Foster carers (FCs) of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) who have been identified as VoTMS, will be provided with capacity building to increase confidence and expertise while children will receive culturally tailored information on foster care:

Objective 1: Reduce Vulnerability for Albanian/Vietnamese children VoTMS

Outcomes: 1) Increased confidence and capability of foster carers and social workers to look after children VoTMS; 2) Prevention of trafficked children going missing being trafficked or re-trafficked (through development of new method/approach in pilot)

Objective 2: Victim Recovery and Support

Outcome: Support for children who have been trafficked is improved through better informed FCs and SWs, and the development of effective and culturally tailored support to children from states who are particularly at risk of trafficking/modern slavery in the UK.

KEY PROJECT DATA

This is a partnership between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and London Borough of Croydon (LBC)

Executing Agency: IOM

Direct beneficiaries: 120 FCs, 16 supervising SWs and 2 Area Managers access online resources and participate in training; 440 further FCs, 70 SWs and Council staff have access to online resources 250 actual or potential child VoTMS (Albania, Vietnam) receive culturally tailored information

Indirect beneficiaries: Croydon's Fostering Panel, Foster Care Association, IFAs, therapeutic services, NGOs, Safeguarding teams and Police - access to information forums.