## **ADVICE NOTE** September 2012

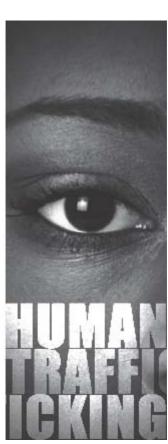
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## **Human trafficking**

Human trafficking is the acquisition of people by improper means such as force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them. They can be forced to work in the sex trade, domestic service, forced labour, begging or have their organs removed to be sold.

If you are, or suspect someone is, a victim of human trafficking in need of assistance, you can ring the <u>Salvation Army</u> 's 24 hour <u>Human Trafficking referral line on 0300 303 8151</u> for help with safe accommodation and other support services.





The Salvation Army runs a support service for adult victims. In its first 6 months of operation from July to December 2011, the service supported 190 individuals. The most common nationalities of victims were Romanian, Slovakian, Polish and Nigerian. The south east of England accounted for 54% of referrals.

## Reporting human trafficking to the Police

The Metropolitan Police also operate a <u>confidential phone line for victims</u> in partnership with the global movement, <u>Stop the Traffik</u>. The number is 0800 783 2589 and it is staffed 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Messages can be left at other times.

In an emergency always dial 999