

Newcastle SE Hub Modern Day Slavery Workshop

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Aims

- To share our learning – with a specific emphasis on how we support and safeguard victims of MDS
- We will use case studies to aide discussion using examples from supporting planned Operations and safeguarding individuals who self present
- Highlight challenges moving forward

Context for Safeguarding Adults

- Care Act 2014
 - MDS is now a category of abuse
 - Adult at Risk criteria
 - Consent to referral
- LA duties under Modern Day Slavery Act
- NRM

Case studies

- **Katherine-long term intervention**
- **Is a 38 year old young woman – previously known to CSC-children removed from care**
- **found by police, victim of domestic servitude, financial abuse and sexual exploitation**
- **Very poor presentation – 7 stone and diagnosed Learning Disability, limited English**
- **Capacitated re contact, accommodation, care treatment, contact**
- **Difficulties in engagement initially- refusing safety plans**
- **Creative, persistent and flexible social work support**
- **Now moved into safe accommodation, finances, accepting support by multiple agencies**
- **Now disclosing to police-partner currently on remand.**

Case studies

- Case Study 2 - Supporting Prosecutions
- Peter
 - Brought back over the UK by the police to give evidence at trial
 - Had previously been in UK & entered into NRM after giving evidential account
 - Intermediary used as it was found that Peter had communication difficulties.
 - Further exploration by social worker found that he had substantial care and support needs
 - Learning Disability/Brain Injury
 - Need for clothing, support after court, safe accommodation with support post trial

Case studies

- Case Study 3 – Short Term support
- David
 - Self presented to the police as victim of MDS
 - Immediate need for safeguarding and support
 - Clothing/food/accommodation provided by social care
 - Allowed time for investigation and time to consider NRM or return home for David
 - Importance of supporting prosecutions – inducement?

Case studies

- Case Study 4 - Use of statutory powers
- Maria
 - Is a 22year old young woman – found by police, victim of domestic servitude, financial abuse and sexual exploitation
 - Very poor presentation – 4 ½ stone in weight, IQ of 44 (LD)
 - Physically poorly
 - Lacks Mental Capacity, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
 - Placed in a care home, now doing very well, represented by an advocate, active in the community



Questions and Thank You!