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Agricultural slavery is a significant issue in the UK; within this sector victims are often Eastern European men and women who are promised seasonal or temporary work by traffickers who then force them to work in fields, food processing factories or solar panel installation; this is often for little or no money. Through the threat of violence or coercion they may be forced to live in squalid accommodation and have their identity documents taken from them.

As with all types of modern slavery, there is no typical victim and often the victims themselves don't understand that they have been exploited and therefore not aware that they are entitled to help and support; Victims of agricultural slavery may typically display the following signs:

- Workers are often transported en masse – working excessively long hours over long periods.
- May have inappropriate clothing for the work they are performing, and/or a lack of safety equipment – often in the same clothing and have poor hygiene.
- Be under the control and influence of others – sometimes are spoken for by a 'controller'.
- Live in degrading, unsuitable places, such as agricultural or industrial buildings either isolated or over-crowded.
- Have no access or control of their passport or identity documents or have false paperwork – many have to 'buy' back their identity for large sums of money.
- Work excessively long hours over long periods for little pay.
- Have little contact with their family and in some cases threats of violence towards their family members are used.

Recruitment agencies and umbrella companies who source temporary and seasonal workers should have policies and system checks in place with the companies seeking workers that ensure vulnerable individuals that are seeking employment in the UK are not taken advantage of. European victims often go through a recruitment process from their home country, using facilities like Skype, and are then transported via bus service.

REPORTING

You can provide information in your own language about slavery, labour exploitation and other crime types anonymously with the independent charity Crimestoppers by calling **0800 555 111** and report details online via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

You can also report your suspicions of human trafficking, forced labour or worker exploitation and receive advice:

If you have any information about the mistreatment of workers or labour providers operating without a licence, you can contact Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) on **0800 432 0804** or www.gla.gov.uk/report-issues.

The UK Modern Slavery Helpline is available 24/7 to offer confidential advice and support regarding modern slavery suspicions or concerns. Call free on **08000 121 700** or contact us online at www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report.