

Health Service Executive Anti-Human Trafficking Team & Women's Health Service



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HSE Anti-Human Trafficking Team & Women's Health Service

Women's health Service:

- Provides Sexual Health , Outreach services for women effected by prostitution/ Sex trafficking
- Training for Statutory/NGO services

Anti Human Trafficking Team:

- Receives all referrals for labour & sexual exploitation, forced marriage and forced criminal activity.
- Assess, implement and monitor care with VoT's.

Legislation In Ireland

- Human Trafficking Act 2008

- Department of Justice - Anti Human trafficking Unit

- Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017

Decriminalisation for all persons exploited in prostitution and criminalises the purchasers of sex.

- Aim: to decriminalise those vulnerable within the sex industry and dis-incentivise traffickers /pimps from operating business in Ireland
- Offer all necessary supports to those seeking to exit prostitution
- WHS/AHTT - implementation committee and will monitor impact on women over three years until review (research)

HSE AHTT Remit/Responsibilities

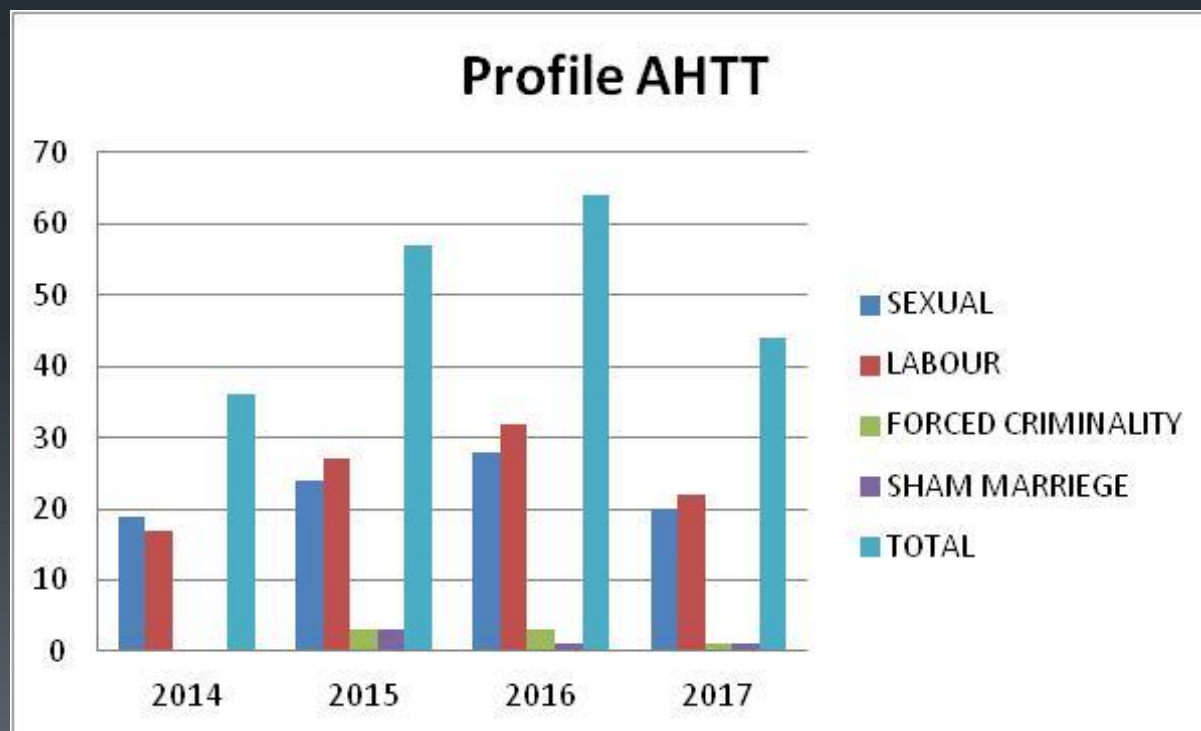
- Receive referrals through National Referral Mechanism by HTICU (Gardai-Police)
- Inform VoT's of the process and their entitlements
- Assess, implement and monitor care for victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, sham marriage and criminal activity
- Devise a Care plan with VoT's including short and long term goals
- Liaise with all statutory and NGO services to ensure best possible outcomes and needs of VoT's are met

Assessment/Care Planning

- Support client to maintain contact with family/children and refer to appropriate agencies
- Education and training – support in accessing courses/employment
- Health care- General, Sexual, Mental health
- Social welfare payment registration
- Legal Aid – arranging and accompanying to appointments
- Support through the Garda investigation
- Accommodation – assistance to access housing support
- Repatriation – liaising with IOM should the person wish to return to their home country

Referred VoT's AHTT

	2014	2015	2016	2017
SEXUAL	19	24	28	20
LABOUR	17	27	32	22
FORCED CRIMINALITY		3	3	1
SHAM MARRIEGE		3	1	1
TOTAL	36	57	64	44



Organisation of the sex trade

- **Primarily off-street:** apartments, hotels, massage parlours
- **Significant criminal organisation:** trade controlled by gangs large & small, of various nationalities
- **Using mobile technology:** internet & mobile phones to organise → anonymity, invisibility, impunity
- **Mobile trade:** women moving/being moved constantly, wide range of locations (not just major towns & cities) → high degree of isolation
- **Systems of prostitution rather than disparate ‘individual’ actors:** buyers, procurers, traffickers, pimps, organised crime networks, the State
- **A ‘serious business’:** globally a multi-billion € trade

WHS Remit/Responsibilities

- Sexual and reproductive health, Outreach and education, support services to all woman involved in the sex industry
- Provision of health information/ care in appropriate languages and Interpreter used especially on 1st visit
- Actively engage with women re. development skills, exiting prostitution and refer as appropriate
- Provide support, training and information for national organisations/education institutions on prostitution /human trafficking
- Identification and referral of potential/suspected victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation to HTICU (Gardai/Police)

Profile of Clients attending Clinic 2017

■ Total Attendees		205
■ New	64	
■ New internationals	63	
■ Nationalities	Irish	11
	U.K.	3
	International	191
■ Opiate dependent	3	
■ On /Off street	Indoor	192
	Outdoors	2
	N/A as VoT	11

31 Countries of Origin

Brazil	85	Ireland	11	Romania	46
		UK	3	Hungary	8
Colombia	3	Spain	8	Bulgaria	2
Bolivia	2	Portugal	3	Poland	2
Argentina	2	Italy	3	Russia	2
Venezuela	2	Germany	2	Slovakia	2
		France	1	Czech Rep	1
		Belgium	1	Serbia	1
Nigeria	5	India	1	Mongolia	1
Congo	2				
South Africa	1	Mexico	1		
Cameroon	1				
Malawi	1				
Somalia	1				
Zimbabwe	1				

Towards Inclusive Partnerships

To date:

- Daphne funded trip to Sweden-State & NGO partners
- Turn of the Red Light Campaign-legislators, survivors, medical professionals
- Research- Immigrant Council of Ireland ,Globalisation
- REACH campaign-targeting social media, billboards
- Training / awareness training IOM/ An Garda Siochana
- University institutions
- AHTU- policy, leadership, international representation
- NRM partners – working groups, high level group, conferences
- NRM –
 - State referrals- Gardai, HSE AHTT, Legal aid
 - NGO support sectors

Future:

- Municipalities-County Councils –awareness raising
- Survivors- testimonies , art works, survivor support...WHS/AHTT
- Financial sector- Gardai tackling those profit from THB, mandatory suspicious transaction reports by banks, financial institutions
- Medical Practitioners;
HSE awareness training- Consider the DSGBV approach -
3 'R's - Recognise , React, Refer
Nurses, Doctors, Social workers, Midwives , Professional Union's
e.g Emergency dept.s , maternity hospitals, sexual health clinics..... First line responders
- Social media companies- encourage responsibility for policing content online




HSE Casestudy
Anti human trafficking team /
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2015


Alina




- 24 years old from rural Romania
- 1 of 7 children, best connection with father who died when she was very young, mother alcohol addiction, abusive violent brother
 - No formal schooling/illiterate
 - Not allowed out much

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- Was exploited in prostitution in Italy/Spain in late teens
 - Had a daughter when 22 years
 - Brother sold her in a card game to pay for his debts
 - Disowned by family

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- “Gypsies” arrived raped her, took breastfed baby from her, put substance into her eyes and bundled her into van
 - Trafficked to UK for prostitution 6 months-year
 - Forced have oral sex, sex without condom ,beaten and photos taken of her for profile on website

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- Was uncooperative despite beatings and rape
 - Threatened harming her daughter
 - Daughter now 2 years old
 - Ran away

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- First contact with her daughter in August 2015
 - Living with foster Mother/ name changed
 - Heard her voice in Oct 2015
 - Co-operating with Gardai investigation into human trafficking
 - Receiving HSE care and living in direct provision accommodation
 - Despite good relations disengaged , went missing.....
 - Contact was made with her by Gardai, believed to be out of our jurisdiction but will not engage

