

# Request title: Human Trafficking / Victims of Human Trafficking Policies

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Date of Response: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust:

[Trust Policy/ Policies on Human Trafficking OR Victims of Human Trafficking]

*NB - For a definition of "Human Trafficking"; see Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and its Explanatory Report (Warsaw, 16.V.2005): "Trafficking in human beings" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs;*

**Please provide the information in an appropriate electronic readable format, for example .pdf, .doc, .docx etc. If your Trust does not have a policy, please notify me as such.**

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

## Reply

The Trust can confirm that it does not have any specific policy in relation to either human trafficking or victims of human trafficking. The Trust does cover this in its safeguarding adults and its child protection staff training sessions, as the Trust classes this as a version of abuse.