



Leicestershire
Police
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Community Safety Support Messages

About this document

This document is to be used by partners and staff working with local communities who may be affected by issues such as;

- Domestic & Sexual Abuse
- Cybercrime and Scams
- Radicalisation & Counter Terrorism
- Hate Crime & Community Cohesion
- Modern Slavery or Labour Exploitation

The document provides a short explanation of each issue, followed by information on agencies to contact for support and/ or assistance, to help signpost those individuals requiring help. There are also useful links that provide further information and news stories about each subject matter.

Community Intelligence Portal

Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council currently share a number of Partnership workstreams that enable us to create shared intelligence and positive outcomes. The Community Intelligence Portal is an additional process to enhance our collaborative work that will support and encourage the sharing of non-urgent information by Leicester City Council with Leicestershire Police.

The intelligence portal is already used by a number of other agencies throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and can be utilised to submit information on a number of themes including, but not limited to, community cohesion, exploitation and modern slavery, knife crime, vulnerability, general crime and hate crime.

Information provided may be sanitised and used in subsequent partnership forums for the purposes of identifying and mitigating risk, and the originator of the information may be approached for additional information.

The person submitting the information will be given an automatic response with a reference number should it be required.

Information can be submitted via this link <https://www.leics.police.uk/partners/partner-services/community-partner-intelligence/community-partnership-intelligence/>

This portal does not replace 999 or 101 and is not to be shared with the general public

Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Domestic abuse or violence involves the misuse of power and is based on a range of control mechanisms which include physical, sexual, psychological, social or economic abuse or neglect of an individual by a partner, ex-partner, carer or one or more family members, in an existing or previous domestic relationship.

This is regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religious, cultural, or political beliefs, ethnicity, disability, HIV status, class, or location. Domestic abuse can also include forced marriage and so-called 'honour crime'.

Where can I get help? What to do

- Local Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline is delivered by UAVA - Ring 0808 80 200 28 or General enquiries; info@uava.org.uk <https://www.uava.org.uk/>
- Panahghar - Panahghar provides free and dedicated BME multi-lingual support, advice and advocacy and access to safe refuge for survivors of domestic abuse in Leicester. <https://www.safehouse.org.uk/listing/category/leicester>
- Zinthiya Trust – supports people to live without the fear of violence and abuse <https://www.zinthiyatrust.org/>

Useful links or articles

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/domestic-violence-programme-helping-abusers-4711940>

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/domestic-and-sexual-abuse>

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/helpline/>

Cybercrime and Scams

Scam emails take many forms, often looking very legitimate. Phishing emails are probably the most commonplace, and their purpose is to obtain your username and password. This is generally done by sending an email, which has an element of urgency to it, and requires you to log in or to resolve an issue. The link will take you to a duplicate log in page, where upon entering your username and password, instead of logging you in, it sends that information to the fraudster allowing them to log in to your account using your credentials. To avoid being caught out, our message is very simple, NEVER click on a link to log in to an account, or to resolve an issue – always log in via a browser or an app. The same rule applies to links provided in text messages.

Where can I get help? What to do

- If you receive a suspicious email, forward to report@phishing.gov.uk or for texts, forward to 7726 which spells SPAM on your phone keypad.
- If you want up to date advice and guidance follow Leicestershire Police on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/leicscyberaware/>

Useful links or articles

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/cyber-crime>

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/cyber-crime>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-55007946>

Prevent & Counter Terrorism

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from terrorism and stopping people becoming terrorists by;

- Supporting people who are at risk of being drawn into terrorist or extremist activity.
- Working with community groups that provide services and support to vulnerable people.
- Working with faith groups and institutions to assist them in providing guidance to people who may be vulnerable.
- Supporting local schools, businesses and partner agencies through engagement, advice, and training.

Where can I get help? What to do

If you're worried about a child, you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit their website -

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Or for queries or to make a referral contact:

- Police Prevent team preventengagement.team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or call 0116 248 6726 or
- Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Prevent co-ordinator prevent@stphilipscentre.co.uk or call 0116 273 3459

Useful links or articles

<https://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent>

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/what-we-do/prevent>

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/actearly/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/dedicated-helplines/protecting-children-from-radicalisation/>

Hate Crime & Community Cohesion

In Leicester, community cohesion is about us all learning to live together. Understanding what makes us all different, as well as what unites us. It is about reaching out to people of all backgrounds and in all areas of the city. A better understanding of our neighbours and communities will help us to lessen the tensions that ignorance brings so that we can all live with a feeling of safety and security.

Unfortunately, when community cohesion is reduced there is the possibility of hostility between residents and communities. The culmination of this might be where a resident sadly becomes a victim of a hate incident or a hate crime. Hate crimes are any crimes that are targeted at a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's disability, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or transgender identity.

Where can I get help? What to do

- For further information about hate incidents, hate crime and how to report it if you are a victim or a witness, please visit <https://www.leics.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/hco/hate-crime/how-to-report-hate-crime/>
- You can also report hate incidents and hate crime via the national hate crime reporting process called, 'True Vision'. <https://www.report-it.org.uk/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/report-hate-crime>

Useful links or articles

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/hate-crime>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/discrimination/hate-crime/>

Modern Slavery & Labour Exploitation

Modern Slavery is the exploitation of people who have been forced, deceived, or coerced into a life of labour and servitude. It is a crime hidden from society where victims are subjected to abuse, inhumane and degrading treatment. Examples of enslavement include: a person who is forced to work or serve - through fear and threats of violence. This can include labour exploitation or debt bondage where vulnerable people are exploited for labour or forced to work for little or no money, for example within the garment sector. Victims can be of any age, gender, or race.

We want to ensure that the community is a safe place, and everyone has access to fair pay and safe work. At the same time, we want to preserve the long tradition of Leicester being at the heart of garment production in the UK. In September 2019, we launched a Garment Sector Non-Compliance Partnership which is made up of many enforcement agencies, local groups, and not-for-profit organisations as well as the industry itself. The partnership's aim is to promote and encourage compliance across the garment sector operating within the city by addressing the issues caused by labour exploitation and modern-day slavery.

To find out more visit <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/crime-prevention/modern-day-slavery-and-exploitation/>

Where can I get help? What to do

Reporting options include:

- Leicester City Council: [0116 454 1000](tel:01164541000) or send us an email to customer.services@leicester.gov.uk with as much details as possible (put MDS Report/Query in the subject line)

- Crime Stoppers: Ring: [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111) or visit crimestoppers-uk.org
- Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700

Useful links or articles

<https://www.compassonline.org.uk/modern-slavery-a-prism-into-our-world/>

<https://righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit/>

Report: Boohoo & COVID-19 – The people behind the profit <https://labourbehindthelabel.org/report-boohoo-covid-19-the-people-behind-the-profit/>

<https://hopeforjustice.org/>

<https://www.stophetraffik.org/spot-the-signs/labour-exploitation>

<https://www.stophetraffik.org/intelligence/leicester/>

Exploited workers in Leicester textile factories 'denied millions every week in unpaid wages' 11/10/20

news.sky.com/story/exploited-workers-in-leicester-textile-factories-denied-millions-every-week-in-unpaid-wages-12100941

www.unseenuk.org/modern-slavery/spot-the-signs

Hope for Justice

Hope for Justice, established in 2008, is a charity that exists to bring an end Modern Slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society.

With a vision to live in a world free from slavery, Hope for Justice's role is to increase awareness of this abhorrent crime in the East Midlands region, where freedom is worth the fight and together, we can do more.

Hope for Justice are establishing a community hub in Leicester with community engagement specialists and award-winning trainers, where direct support to groups, community leads, or one to one advice will be offered where needed.

To find out more click on the link <https://hopeforjustice.org/> or telephone 0300 008 8000

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- Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700