



Community Safety Glasgow

Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance



What is the TARA Project?

The TARA project was established in 2005 as a service to help identify and support women who may have been trafficked for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. Trafficking, like commercial sexual exploitation is fuelled by male demand. Agencies in Glasgow understand that commercial sexual exploitation as a form of violence against women that is harmful to women, families and communities. Thanks to funding from the Scottish Government our service is now available to women recovered from across Scotland.

We know that women are trafficked into Scotland each year for commercial sexual exploitation. This encompasses all aspects of the sex industry including, lap and table dancing, stripping, prostitution, escort services, internet sex sites and pornography.

What is Trafficking?

Trafficking is a form of modern slavery, in which persons, most often women and girls are forced, threatened, coerced or deceived for the purpose of sexual exploitation, labour exploitation and domestic servitude.

Scotland has a flourishing sex industry and women are trafficked to meet the demand that it creates.

"I was kept in a room with my daughter. The door to my room was always locked and I was not allowed out. When men came [trafficker] would unlock the door and take my daughter away from the room, she would also tell me to get myself ready... When the men came in the room they would tell me what they wanted. I just did it because I had to... While I was with these men I could hear my daughter crying in the other room. It was terrible. When the men were finished they would use the bathroom and then leave. I never saw any money."
(Interview with trafficking victim)

Our services:

TARA is a first responder for the National Referral Mechanism, provides comprehensive assessment of needs including risk, and offers a range of support services.

Women are eligible for the service if they are

- **Over 18 years**
- **Have been brought into the UK**
- **Moved around the UK**
- **Have been commercially sexually exploited**

TARA can also provide support to frontline staff by sharing information, advice and good practice. We are involved with Awareness Raising, Develop and Deliver Training and assist with Capacity Building.

Any enquiries from organisations, individual staff members and women are confidential in accordance with our policy, which is available on request.

We work with women to access

- **Safe accommodation**
- **Legal advice**
- **Psychological assessment**
- **Primary & sexual health care**
- **Safe return**
- **Advocacy**

The TARA Project supports women through individual care planning and goal setting with a focus on resilience and recovery.

Third Party Reporting

Using our third party reporting method, we have enabled frontline workers to pass on anonymised information. This has contributed to knowledge and understanding of the nature and extent of prostitution and trafficking in Glasgow. Additionally we routinely share information with police colleagues and UKBA when appropriate.



Working in partnership

TARA has well established links with support services and women's organisations. Included among our partner agencies are UKHTC, Police Scotland, UKVI, NHS Scotland, Glasgow City Council, United Kingdom Border Agency, Scottish Refugee Council, Migrant Help, Archway and Glasgow Rape Crisis.

The Scottish Government has funded the co location of a part time Psychology Service from NHS GCC COMPASS team with TARA in order to ensure that psychological advice and assistance is available to TARA service users within the 45 day recovery period.

Referral Process

Anyone can contact TARA by telephone, letter and email to request further information and discuss referrals. We initially discuss concerns and gather basic information about the woman from the referring agency. We then arrange an interview date with the woman as quickly as possible where information that is more detailed is gathered. We undertake a comprehensive four-week identification and assessment programme during which an evaluation of need and risk is completed.

Opening Times:

TARA is open for information, advice and referrals: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.00pm. An answering machine service is available outwith these times

Out Of Hours Response:

Please call our office number if you require an urgent response outwith office hours.

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