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As part of the NRM Transformation Programme, we are progressing with the rollout of [Independent Child Trafficking Guardians](#) (ICTGs), an independent source of advice for trafficked children.

An ICTG referral should be made in addition to the [NRM referral](#). A First Responder can make a referral by completing an ICTG service online referral form available [here](#) or [here](#) (Welsh). A 24/7 assessment line number for the ICTG service [0800 043 4303] is available for advice on referring a child into the service

The ICTG service now covers in total two thirds of local authorities across England and Wales; a key milestone in the NRM Transformation Programme.]

The role of the ICTG Direct Support:

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians will provide one-on-one support to trafficked and potentially trafficked children within the Early Adopter Sites where there is no-one with parental responsibility for that child.

The role of the ICTG Regional Practice Coordinator (ICTG RPC):

The RPC will work with professionals to support them in recognising and responding to exploitation and trafficking for children with someone with parental responsibility for them. They will offer individual case consultation for professionals who are in direct contact with the child, focusing on safeguarding within the context of exploitation; and will support in referrals to the National Referral Mechanism.

24/7 ICTG Support Line

Available 365 days a year, our support line for all ICTG Early Adopter Sites provides consultation, advice and guidance to professionals who have trafficking concerns for any young person who is a potential victim of trafficking, including guidance on immediate safety planning.

Independent Review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

As part of this phase of the rollout, the Home Office will undertake targeted testing of the following three recommendations from the Independent Review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in a mix of ICTG sites:



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- Remove the 18-month limit for ICTG support to ensure that the support provided is based on the individual needs of the child rather than being time limited. This change will be implemented in all ICTG sites.
- Enable those children who need it, to continue to receive ICTG support following their 18th birthday. This change will be tested in London, West Yorkshire and Warwickshire.
- Allow children who have a figure of parental responsibility for them in the UK to access one-to-one support where there is an exceptional need. This change will be tested in Wales, the East Midlands, and West Midlands Combined Authorities.

Updated Guidance

We have updated the [Interim ICTG Guidance](#) to reflect the expansion of the service and the targeted testing of the three recommendations. We worked in consultation with other government departments and key stakeholders, including the Children's Task and Finish Group (CTFG) to achieve this and are grateful for their input.

We have worked closely with Barnardo's to ensure we have a service model that delivers needs-based support for child victims of modern slavery. We are grateful for Barnardo's work so far and are looking forward to continuing to work together to deliver support to child victims of modern slavery.



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