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Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

A partnership approach

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Leading the UK's fight to cut serious and organised crime

Current Position

- Following the launch of the Prime Minister's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Taskforce on 3rd November 2016, MSHT is now a key priority for all of UK law enforcement.
- Both law enforcement and the United Kingdom Intelligence Community are required to deliver a step change in delivery against the threat in the UK and upstream.

Scale and context

- The NCA has also produced a Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking 2017 NCA Strategic Plan to enhance the intelligence picture, drive operational intensification and to outline the role of key stakeholders.
- The NCA coordinated a week of specific multi-agency operational activity, labelled 'intensifications', on a monthly basis throughout 2017.
- These intensifications further complement NCA participation within the European Joint Action Days (JAD) across the year.

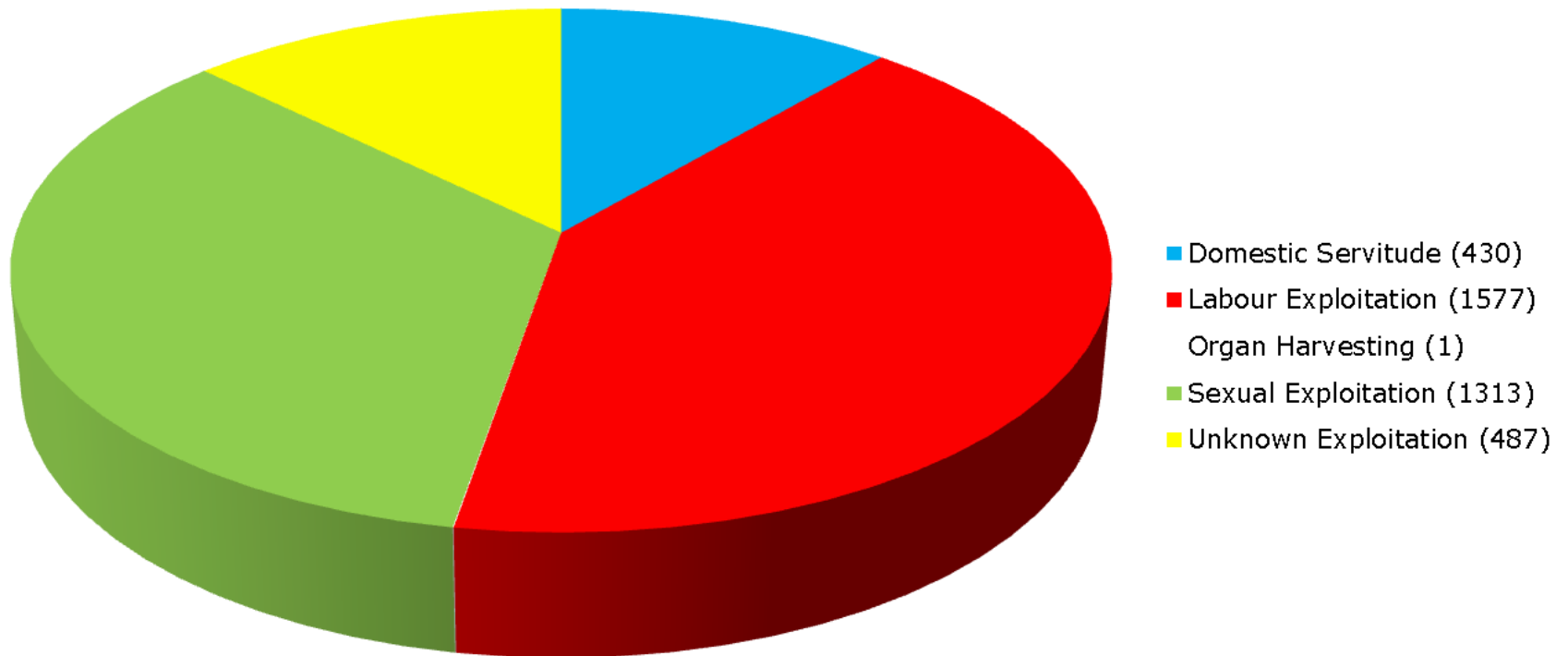
Adult referrals

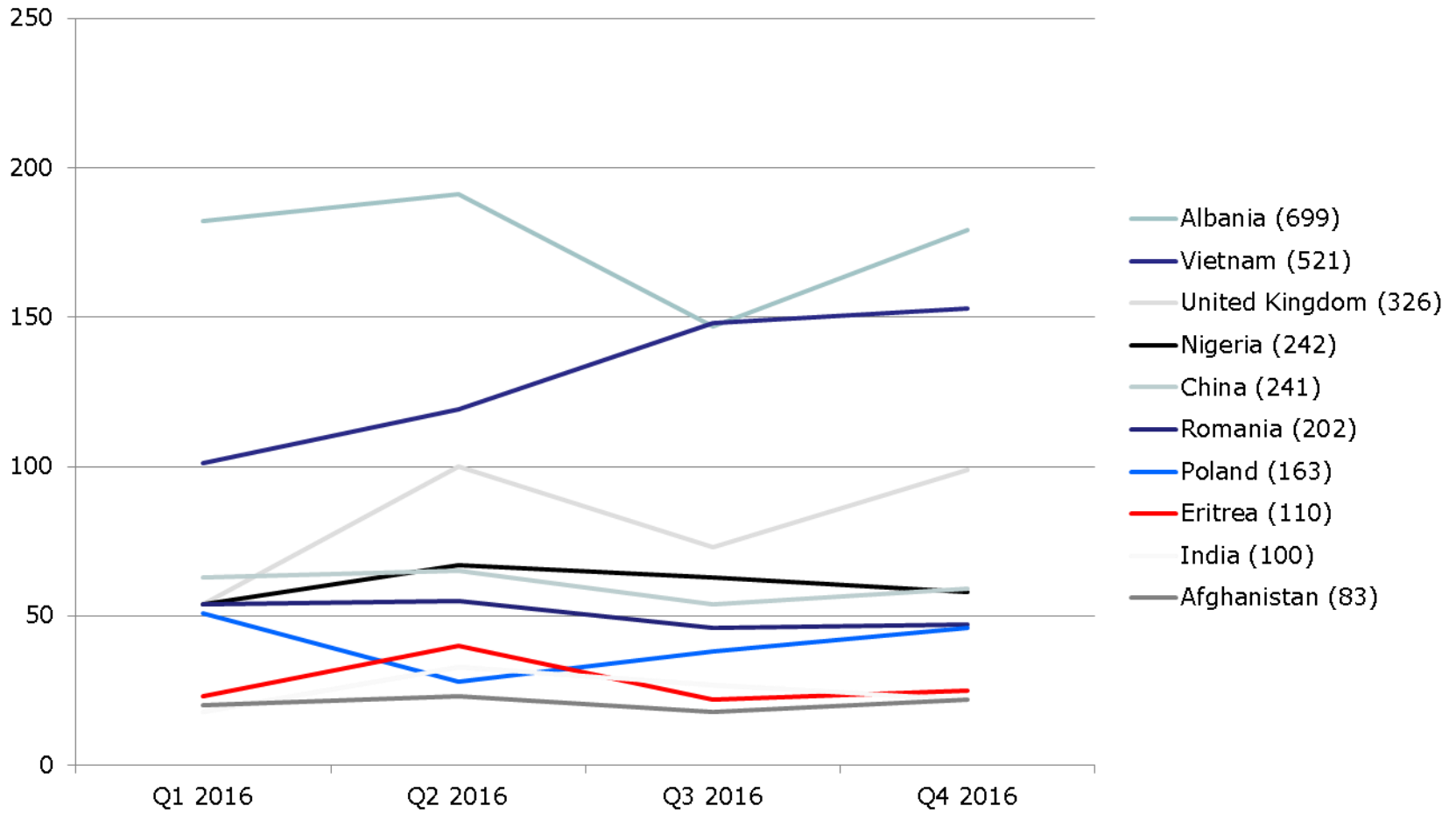
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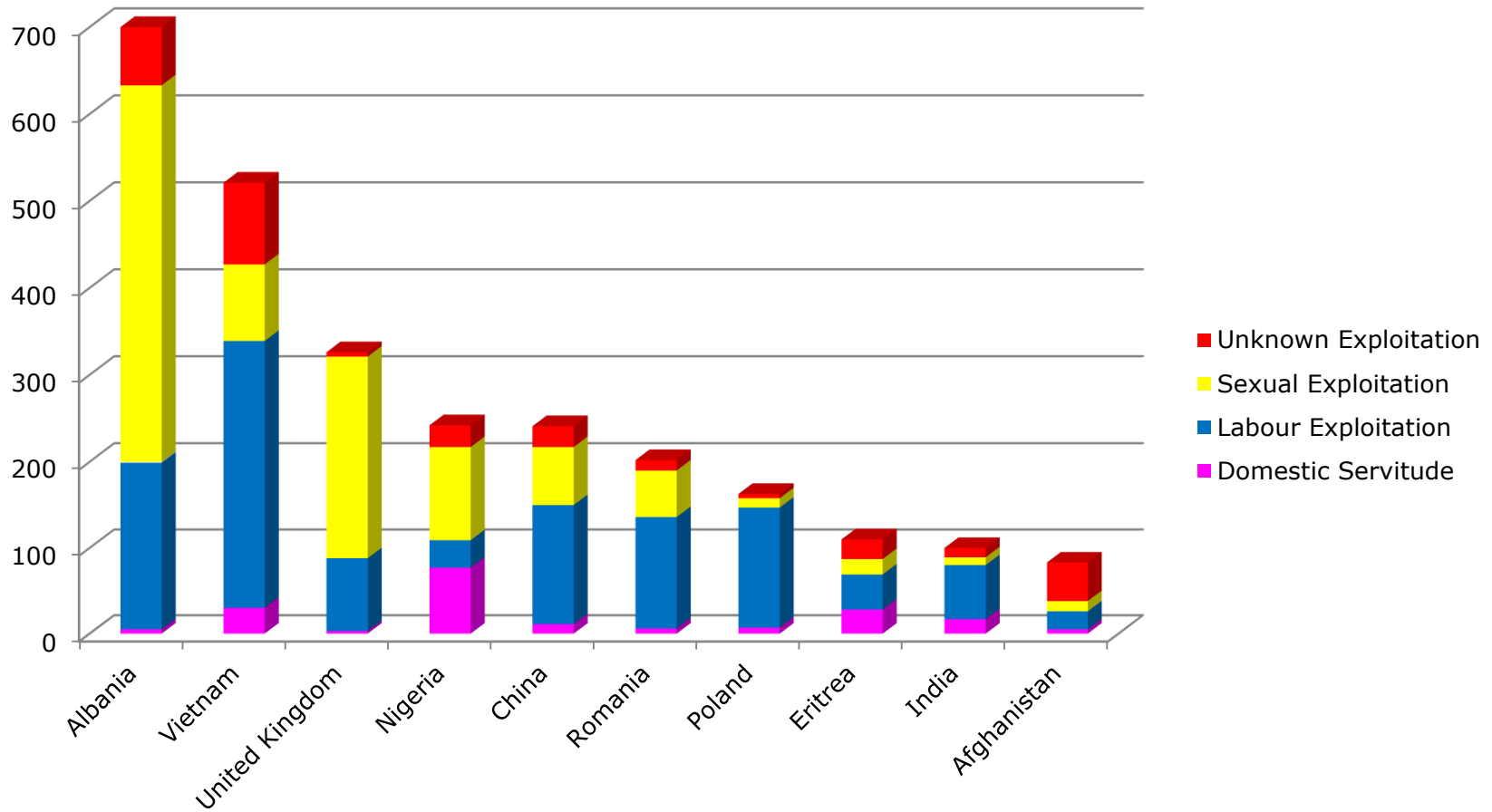
Minor referrals

- United Kingdom
- Albania
- Vietnam
- Afghanistan
- Eritrea
- Nigeria
- Iran
- Slovakia
- Iraq
- Romania

Exploitation types 2016 -







Operation Maitland – Sexual Exploitation of Adults

- Brought to the attention of Law Enforcement through local authority library staff
- Cheshire Police led investigation supported by the MSHTU
- Investigation into a Polish Crime Group trafficking polish females into the UK for sexual exploitation – forced prostitution
- Thousands of pounds going in and out of bank accounts
- In excess of 250 flights between the UK and Poland
- £15,000 spent on adult services website



Summary – Successes

- Partnership working with 5 Police Forces and Local Authorities, 3 countries, 2 charities
- Investigation strategy - did not rely on Victim Testimony to prove offences
- Discreet tactics used
- Early engagement with partners
- Correct use and understanding of UK legislation
- Support for victims key – in UK and Poland – the charity La Strada continued safeguarding in home country







Would your staff recognise the signs?

Recognition – Local Authorities carrying out their roles such as:

Licensing

Environmental health

Benefits office

Trading Standards

Social Care

Housing

Planning

Community Engagement

Support to victims – reception centres, housing, health care providing a partnership response

National Referral Mechanism or Duty to Notify (adults only)

- What steps has your Local Authority taken to enable staff to identify modern slavery and trafficking?
- What are you doing to support these vulnerable adults and children following identification?