

Local Government Association Panel discussion

The role of Local Authorities –
a multi agency partnership
perspective

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Brief introduction

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Discussion points

- ▶ Welcome the new LGA MS Guidance
- ▶ Identification of adult and child victims
- ▶ Post TSA NRM support
- ▶ Local Authority engagement historically
- ▶ Points of contact for LA – enhanced knowledge/champions
- ▶ Are our expectations unrealistic
- ▶ Precise role and offer from LA – does this vary

Discussion points

- ▶ Identifiable regional victim care pathways
- ▶ Challenges include British nationals, NRM, NRPF, Care Act, lack of knowledge , lack of resources, partnership working,
- ▶ Understanding successful outcomes for survivors incl victim vs perpetrator identification
- ▶ Public Health approach
- ▶ Benefit of Multi agency case conferences

Partnerships require help with understanding this.

Adult victims

The picture in relation to adult victims is less straightforward. The support a person is entitled to depends on individual needs (particularly if they have care and support needs as defined by the Care Act 2014) and their immigration status. The support an adult victim receives will also be impacted by whether they consent to enter the NRM or not: many victims do not consent to be referred into the NRM. In these cases, a duty to notify should still be submitted, but councils will need to have different pathways of support depending on what decisions victims make.

Pathways should also reflect the fact that adult victims may come into contact with or seek support from councils at very different stages: while they are in a position of exploitation or before they have considered referral to the NRM, after they have exited the NRM, or sometimes during their time in it.

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