

Modern Slavery: Spotting the signs

Individual vulnerability

- Learning difficulties.
- Physical disability.
- Mental Health issues.
- Elderly.
- Drug or alcohol use.
- Lives alone or socially isolated.
- Described as “hostile”, “not engaging”, “aggressive”, “difficult” etc.
- Previously experienced exploitation of any kind.

General signs

- A change in the physical appearance of the person.
- A change in behaviour, attitude or willingness to socialise.
- Appears not to be coping.
- No longer accepting support services.
- Unwillingness to allow entry to property.

Exploitation and cuckooing

- *Usually* takes place in a multi-occupancy or social housing property (but not always).
- New vehicle or hire cars outside the property.
- Awareness of new, possibly unidentified, persons in the property.
- Reports or signs of new people living or staying in the property.
- Damage to the property.
- Need for repairs or replacement locks.
- Reports of drug use at the property.
- Increased attendance of police or ambulance service.
- An increase in the number of coming and goings.
- Increase in ASB activity in and around the property.
- Increase in littering, especially litter indicating drug/alcohol use.
- Indications that young women are attending the address.