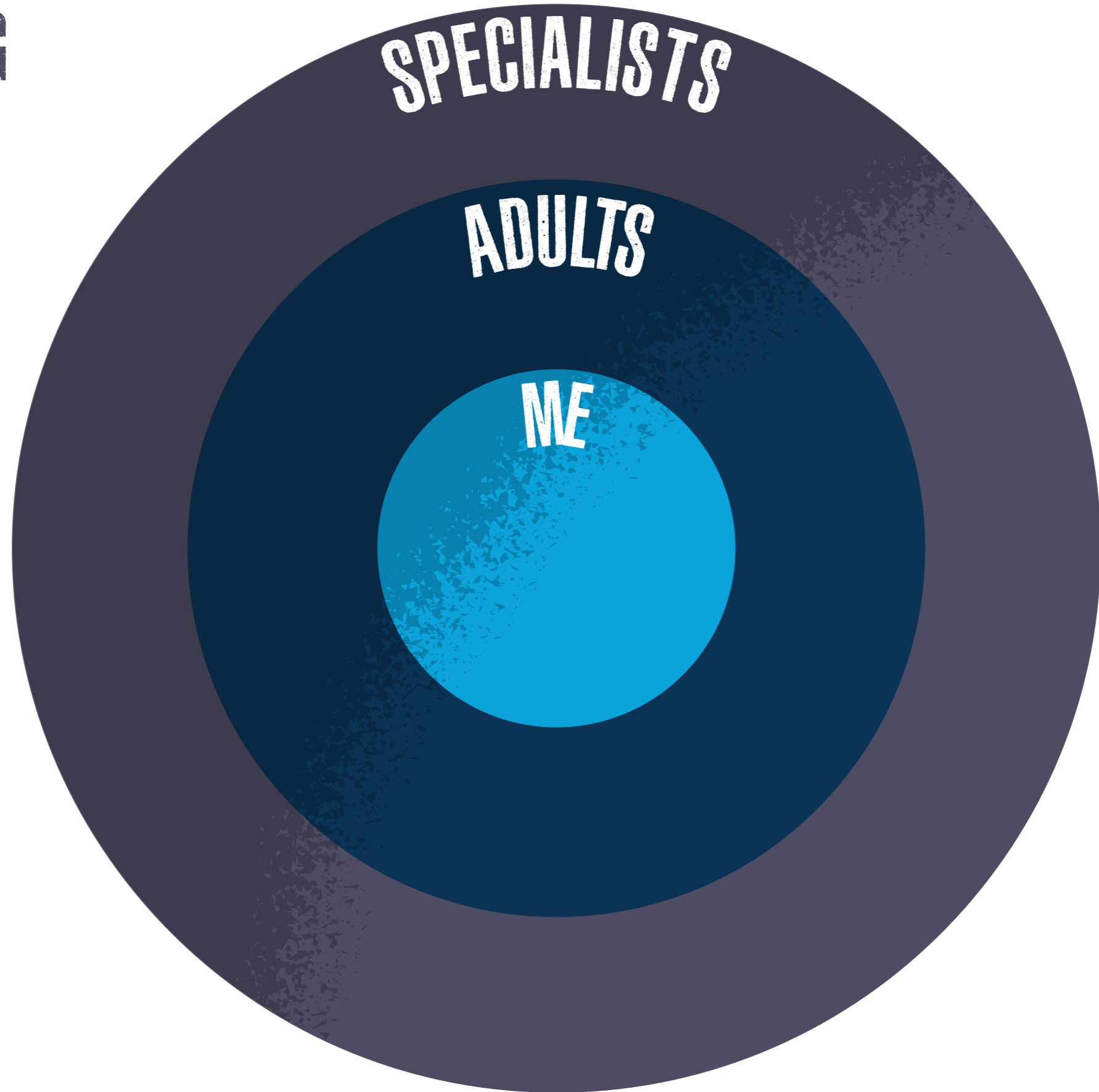


# TACKLING TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY



## FACT FILE

### Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery

The Salvation Army has delivered the UK Government's contract to manage support services for adult victims of modern slavery since 2011.



## SPECIALIST SUPPORT

The Salvation Army's specialist support programme is designed to preserve the dignity of victims, to protect and care for them in safe accommodation, and to provide access to confidential client-based support services to give victims the space to reflect, recover and rebuild their lives.

Those who don't need accommodation but still need support have the same entitlements as someone living in a safe house.

The Salvation Army will therefore provide victims of modern slavery with access to confidential client-based support services, including:

- Material assistance
- Access to psychological support
- Access to legal advice and assistance
- Counselling
- Emergency medical treatment

- Translation and interpretation services when appropriate
- Education for children
- Health care
- Support in obtaining employment and housing

## CASE WORKERS

Salvation Army case workers are in regular contact and only a phone call away.

They often accompany victims to important meetings and work alongside other key professionals such as solicitors and local authorities.

They work with victims to develop supportive links within the community and help them have access to training opportunities and secure employment.

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### REFERRING VICTIMS

The Salvation Army is a First Responder, which means that they can make referrals on behalf of an individual or other agencies which aren't First Responders.

If it is decided a person is a potential victim then they will be offered a place at a safe house and granted a period of reflection and recovery.

A Government team has five days from receipt of a referral to decide whether the person is indeed a victim of modern slavery.

### SAFE HOUSES

Through its partners, The Salvation Army provides safe houses for victims of modern slavery across the country.

The Salvation Army looks to provide activities for people in their safe houses, such as social events, days out, assistance with job searches and CV writing if appropriate, as well as emotional and spiritual support if requested. From the moment victims enter the safe house, they are given advice and support to prepare them for when they have to leave the service to continue their recovery.

### RETURNING HOME

If victims want to return to their home country once they leave the service, The Salvation Army supports them to fulfil their wishes.

### MAKING THE UK HOME WHILE SEEKING ASYLUM

*The Salvation Army prepares victims for life outside of the safe house.*

The transition from support to independence can be a difficult one for many reasons.

As victims leave the secure environment and the people they have come to trust, the trauma they have experienced can continue to make them vulnerable.

Consequent to this need, The Salvation Army has sought to increase the level of support available to victims when they leave the safe house, to help them to move on as effectively as possible and achieve independence.

### Finding Freedom: For Sale

#### FOR SALE - JAMES\*

*James\*, a 34-year-old British man, had battled substance abuse for many years until things began to spiral downwards and he became homeless.*

During this extremely vulnerable stage of his life, J was targeted by drug dealers who forced him to sell drugs on their behalf, without pay.

James's relationship with the dealers quickly changed from false promises of money to threats and coercion, making it impossible for him to escape his situation.

This nightmare ended when police became involved and recognised that James was a victim and not a perpetrator of these crimes. He was referred to The Salvation Army for support and moved to another part of the country, far from where his traffickers were operating. He was supported in a Salvation Army safe house for victims of modern slavery.

Specialist support workers worked with James to link him to local services, helping him with his substance abuse problems, and arranged for him to access a programme at a local gym which gave him a meaningful activity each day and improved his health. In the meantime they worked alongside James to help him decide what he wanted to do with his newfound freedom.

Salvation Army support workers also helped James to access the benefits he was entitled to and address his debt issues to give him a fresh start. James recently received a positive conclusive grounds decision where authorities concluded that there is definitive evidence that he was a victim of modern slavery.

James was helped to find and move into independent accommodation in the same area as the safe house so he is able to keep in touch with staff as he progresses along the road to full recovery.

The Salvation Army's Victim Care Fund and other charitable support helped James secure a deposit and basic furniture to start his new life in his own flat.

*He is connected to a range of ongoing support networks and continues to address his addiction.*

James's self-esteem is growing and he hopes eventually to become fully free of these problems to enable him to be ready to support himself through work.

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*Belle\*, 27, left Vietnam for the false promise of work abroad, but she was instead exploited for labour and sex in Russia and the UK.*

She and her sister were working on their family farm in Vietnam in 2013 when they were approached by two men offering to take them abroad to work. Belle had separated from her husband when he became violent, and was working to support their son. Belle and her sister travelled with the men to Russia and her son was left with his paternal uncle. As soon as they arrived, the men took their passports and delivered them to a clothing factory where they worked for two years without pay, along with around 70 others. She worked 10-12 hours a day and was repeatedly raped by the male workers.

Two years later, Belle and her sister were collected in a small van with eight others and driven for two days. Eventually arriving in the UK, Belle was separated from her sister and has not seen her since that day. Belle was taken in by a Vietnamese man, and she was unaware that drugs were being grown upstairs until the house was raided by police. Belle was arrested and, too afraid of telling them her story and feeling that she had nowhere else to go, remained quiet and ended up in prison. After two months, Belle's solicitor referred her to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

and The Salvation Army moved her to a safe house where she received specialist support for three months until she received a threatening phone call.

*Frightened for her life, Belle did as the caller instructed and returned to her traffickers.*

She was met by a Vietnamese couple and made to work as a prostitute in their home, and then fell pregnant.

She was discovered by the police several months later and eventually referred for a second time to the NRM. The Salvation Army placed her in a safe house where she was given support with legal services, her ongoing asylum claim and probation appointments, and was provided with medical support for her pregnancy and the birth of her daughter. Belle has received money from The Salvation Army's Victim Care Fund for her daughter's childcare, while she accessed counselling for the emotional distress of her years of abuse. Belle attends weekly English classes and her English has improved significantly.

Five years since first being trafficked, Belle is now building a new life for herself and her young daughter, having received safe house support from Salvation Army subcontractors, City Hearts and Black Country Women's Aid.

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## FOR SALE - OLIVE\*

*There were times when Olive\* wanted to end her own life, but was told that if she did so her parents would be killed.*

Now in a safe house, Olive says she feels safe for the first time in a long while. She is accessing English classes and healthcare, and is being assisted with a claim for asylum.

Olive had heard of stories of women or children being kept as slaves and used for sex or manual labour, but never imagined that it would happen to her.

Olive, 39, was living in China with her husband when their six-month-old son was kidnapped. Olive says this happens a lot in China – children are taken by gangs and either used for cheap labour or sold. On top of this, her husband's business was failing and he started to drink. He became an alcoholic and started gambling, losing more and more money until he had to start borrowing from people. When these people started threatening them, Olive's husband beat her and left, leaving her with huge debt and growing threats.

Olive was told she could pay back her husband's debts through working in a restaurant and doing some childminding in the UK.

She arrived at Heathrow Airport in 2016 on a tourist visa and was met by a man who

took her to a house and, in 'a dark room', attempted to rape her.

*The next day Olive was told she had to prostitute herself in order to pay off her debt.*

Olive had stories of women or children being kept as slaves and used for sex or manual labour, but never imagined that it would happen to her. For the next two years she was taken to different flats and worked seven days a week, never seeing the money she earned. She thinks she earned half of the one million Chinese Yuan (about £117,600) her husband borrowed. There were points during her exploitation when she wanted to end her life, but was told that if she did so her parents would be killed.

A lifeline came for Olive in May 2018 when the flat she was working in was raided by police and she was taken into custody. At the time, Olive didn't even know which part of the UK she was in. Police referred her to The Salvation Army and Olive was taken to a safe house. Within three weeks, Olive told her case worker she felt safe for the first time in a long while, although she was still finding it difficult to sleep and still had no appetite.

Olive is now doing English classes and accessing healthcare. She is also being assisted with her claim for asylum.

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### Finding Freedom: What Can I Do? Puzzle Sheet A3

Each number in the puzzle represents a letter. Figure out the paragraph by discovering which letter corresponds to each number. For example, all 7's are A's.

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# MOVING ON

## ANTI-TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY PUPIL WORKSHEET



### Finding Freedom: Freedom in numbers

1,108 people who moved on from the care of The Salvation Army went to the following destinations:

 **407 PEOPLE**

moved on from The Salvation Army's support into the Asylum Support Service (ASS) whilst awaiting decisions on their asylum claims.

 **192 PEOPLE**

were settled in private accommodation in the UK (23 outside the UK).

 **152 PEOPLE**

were living with family, friends or partners in the UK (36 outside UK).

 **94 PEOPLE**

moved into mainstream or supported accommodation with NGO's or local authorities in the UK (12 in supported accommodation with NGO's in other countries).

 **106 PEOPLE**

people returned to a country outside the UK.

 **9 PEOPLE**

were either hospital in-patients or in prison, or data on their cases was being analysed as this report was produced.

 **92 PEOPLE**

predominantly Chinese and Vietnamese clients, absconded or were deemed missing.

 **56 PEOPLE**

had not secured accommodation. The majority of these were placed within statutory homelessness services and the remainder, typically those not entitled to benefits or access to formal housing support but who took up their right to remain in the UK, were linked to support services such as homelessness shelters and food banks in the community.

*Of the 106 people who returned to their country of origin:*



**36** PEOPLE

were with family or friends.



**35** PEOPLE

were supported to do so through Government schemes, links with The Salvation Army and/or other NGO schemes in their country of origin.



**23** PEOPLE

were housed in private accommodation.



**12** PEOPLE

in supported accommodation.