

Independent Child Trafficking Advocates (ICTAs)



Who are we?

Independent Child Trafficking Advocates (ICTAs) are professionals who support children who have potentially been trafficked.

The ICTAs provision was trialled by Barnardo's in 2014 -2015 and we have now set up the ICTAs Service in three early adopter sites across England and Wales.

The role of and ICTA is outlined in s.48 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and within the following interim guidance:

[Interim Guidance for 3 ICTA early adopter sites](#)

How are you involved?

All local authorities within Greater Manchester, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and Wales have been chosen to become early adopter sites of ICTAs.

This means that all children identified as potentially trafficked in those areas **must** be referred into Barnardo's ICTAs Service and an ICTA will be allocated and make contact with the child within 24 hours.

Making a referral quickly after identification could support in reducing missing and re-trafficking.

What do ICTAs do?

Support children to understand how social care, immigration and criminal justice systems work.

Enable children's voices to be heard.

Provide advocacy, guidance and signposting to relevant services.

Ensure children are referred into the National Referral Mechanism

Support in keeping children safe and work toward the prevention of re-trafficking

Raise awareness and support professionals in their work with trafficked children

What to do next?

Make a referral:

Call our 24/7 Referral Line and we will support you to make the referral over the phone.

Or send a completed referral form to our secure mailbox.

Our referral form can be found here:

[ICTA Referral Form \(English and Welsh\)](#)

**National
Counter
Trafficking
Service**

24/7 Referral Line

0800 043 4303

Secure inbox for cjsm compatible accounts only:

trafficking.referrals@bypmk.cjsm.net