

World Day against Trafficking in Person

30 July Dispelling three myths around human trafficking



MYTH 1:

Trafficking of persons always involves the crossing of borders

77%

REALITY:

Human trafficking often (and increasingly) takes place nationally. According to the ILO, 77% of trafficking victims are exploited within their country of residence.



MYTH 2:

Myth 2: Persons are only trafficked for the sex industry



58%

REALITY:

In 2018, 58% of trafficking victims in the UK were trafficked for labour exploitation. No industry is exempt from human trafficking. Particularly vulnerable sectors include agriculture, domestic service, construction and manufacturing.



MYTH 3:

Businesses cannot help to combat human trafficking

REALITY:

Ethical recruitment practices are crucial to mitigate human trafficking. Business need to set out clear standards for ethical recruitment e.g. by prohibiting the charging of recruitment fees.

[Click here](#) for more information on illegal recruitment fees.

