

## Case study of Get Safe Link Worker

### Female young person aged 17 years old.

#### Circumstances of young person

A1 has been referred to the weekly, multi-agency Get Set Safe meeting following concerns she was at high risk of exploitation.

This young person had already been a victim of modern day slavery in another LA area. This young person came to the attention of the Get Safe Team after being found in a car with drugs in her possession. Some concerns regarding sexual exploitation were raised, however the young person has not yet wanted to discuss this aspect of concern with her link worker.

At the time it emerged that there had also been a significant number of missing from home episodes prior to the link workers involvement and concerns around her family not knowing where she was. However, since the one-to-one work with her link worker started there has been no more missing episodes.

The young person has engaged well with the programme of support, and we have been able to influence change and sustainability in her education and employment.

The Link Worker assisted in keeping the young person in education by attending meetings and gaining the support of her college to keep her on role. Initially her attendance was poor and over the 5 months of working with this young person her attendance has increased and she is now on track and looking into university courses. The Link worker has also assisted in getting the young person into an appropriate part time job giving a reference to the employer which assisted in securing the role.

In the 5-month period of working with this young person there has been no police involvement and current evidence of exploitation is significantly reduced. Her confidence and self esteem has improved and she is looking at a positive future.

#### intervention undertaken

- Stabilised college attendee and young person now on track for university opportunities. A route out of exploitation.
- Gaining employment as a route out of exploitation.
- Implications of the law as she is almost 18 therefore work undertaken around what could happen as a young adult if evidence of criminality was found.
- Support medical appointments

- Healthy friendships/ relationships
- Awareness of substance use
- Family relationships/ network is now stronger
- Understanding exploitation (age appropriate)
- Completed compensation form with the young person. This is a criminal compensation form relating to a conviction for the perpetrator of modern slavery.