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2012 Olympics



Trafficking and Policy Response
Did London get it right?

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Children's rights charity campaigning for the protection of child victims of trafficking, children exploited in Travel and Tourism and prevention of such crimes.

Monitoring, Research, Advocacy, Campaigning, Training and Supporting Young victims of trafficking

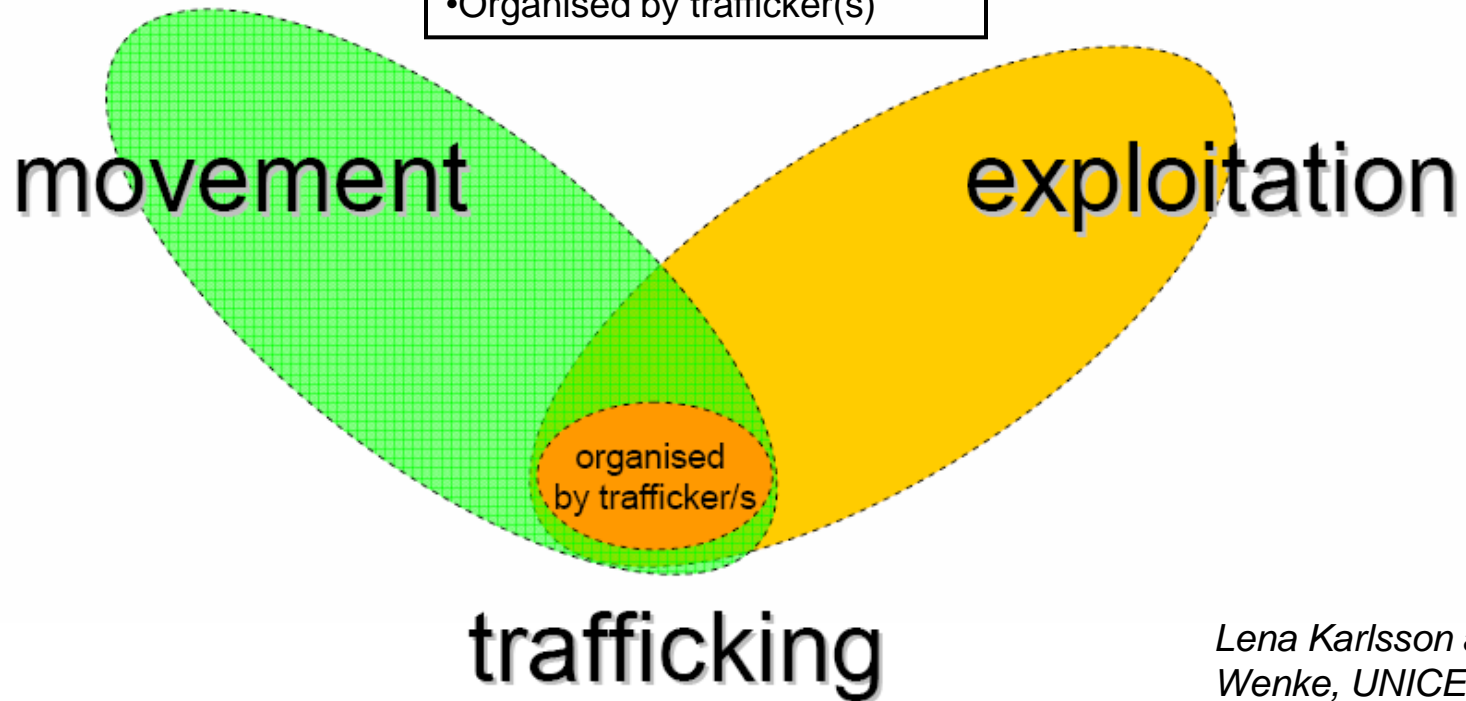
- Member of ECPAT International - Network in over 75 countries



Child Trafficking

Concept of trafficking:

- Movement of person
- For the purpose of exploitation
- Organised by trafficker(s)



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Threats of increase in trafficking?

"Major sporting events can be a magnet for the global sex and trafficking industry; this is wholly unacceptable. I am determined that traffickers will not exploit London 2012."

[Tessa Jowell](#) told MPs in January 2010
[Then Minister for the Olympics in UK,](#)

"no strong evidence that trafficking for sexual exploitation does in fact increase during sporting events".

Conservative London Assembly Member Andrew Boff in his [Silence of Violence report](#) (March 2012)





Opposing Contestants

- No positive correlation between human trafficking and major sporting events
- Visitors often come in family groups, with restricted budgets
- Cost-benefit analysis for the traffickers would be unfavourable due to the short duration of the events
- Anti-trafficking measures disproportionate, unnecessary or harmful - argued that genuine sex workers were increasingly criminalised and unable to access health and social programmes.
- Opportunism
- International sporting events can increase human trafficking due to the short-term increased demand for prostitution, construction work, and other forced labour.
- Opportunity to assess Host countries anti-trafficking strategies/ measures
- campaigns countering human trafficking and increased law enforcement are necessary to prevent trafficking





Preparation, Training and Security Fostering cooperation



Game Makers
70,000 volunteers
5770 team officials
“It was so much fun
..I wanted the games
to go on forever. –
Volunteer

The SPOC -Single Point of Contact



Metropolitan Police Service,
LOCOG, NHS London, Children
and Families Across Borders
(CFAB), Barnardo’s, the
NSPCC, the Children’s
Society, the Red Cross, ECPAT
UK and UKBA

LA children’s
social care
professional



Security for the 2012 Summer Olympics

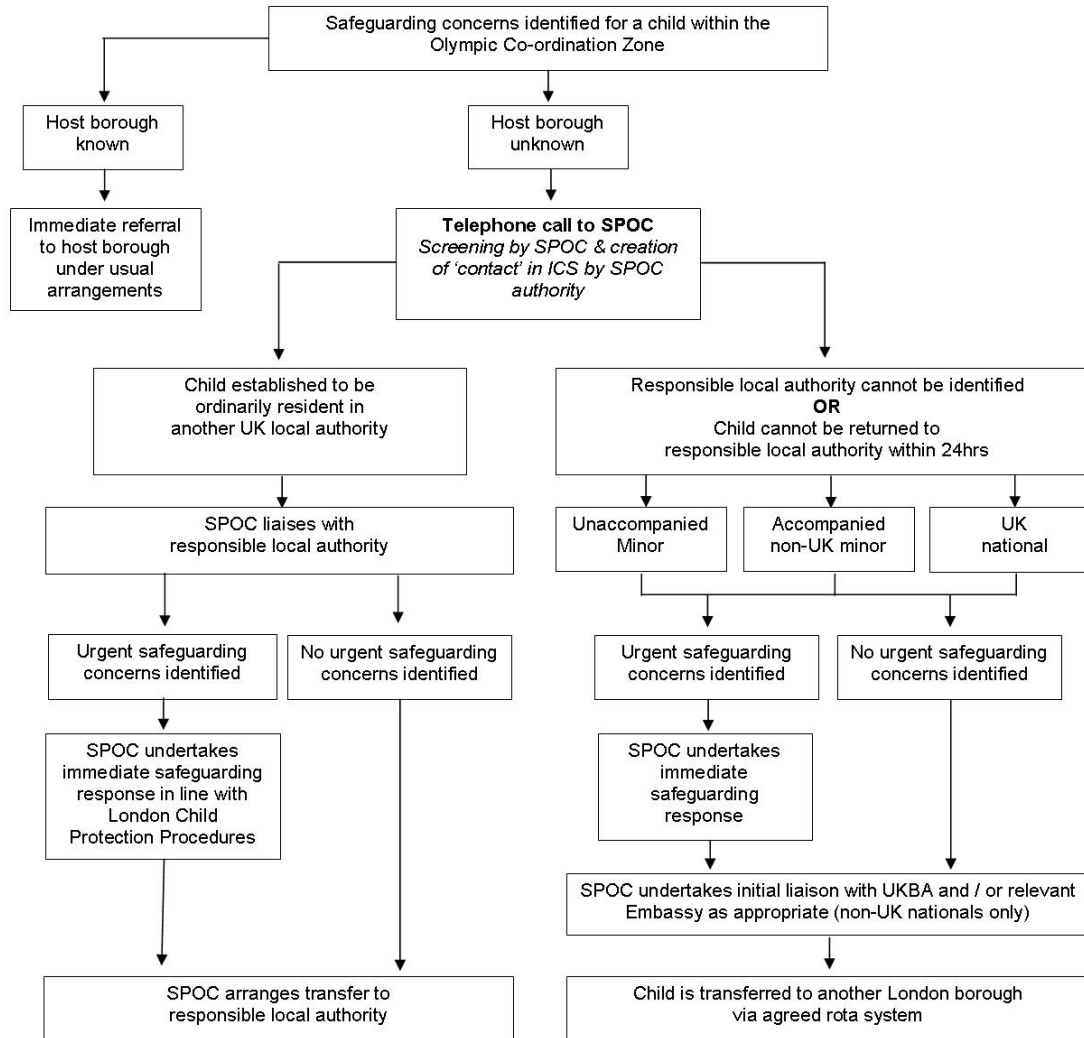
- 13000 police officers
- 17,000 members of the armed forces
- Naval and air assets - ships in the Thames,
- Euro fighter jets
- surface-to-air missile





The Assault Course

Comprehensive Action Plan



Source: LSCB Safeguarding Children at London 2012.





Vigilance in the face of threat.

- While the impact of large scale sporting events, such as the Olympics, on trafficking is uncertain, government's own research demonstrate that trafficking, or the acquisition and transportation of people for the purposes of exploiting them, **is a real issue in UK**

"current intelligence would suggest that we are unlikely to see large scale trafficking into London as a result of the Games".

"...hard to know" whether the lack of evidence for Games-related trafficking "was a result of the measures that were put in place" "or whether the threat simply hasn't materialised".

Tessa Jowell MP in 2012





Not the Olympics But Poor policy

“It’s not the Olympics that threatens to increase human trafficking,
it’s the UK’s poor policy response..

Institute of Public Policy Research , UK 2012



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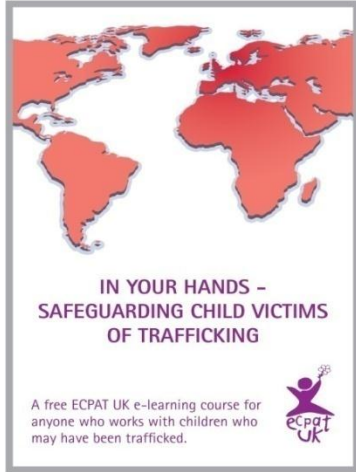
Policy reform for Strategic long term Solutions

- Focus away from simply disrupting the ‘symptoms’ of trafficking, such as strengthening the borders (This is at best short term solution)
- Address fundamental causes of trafficking to and within nations
- Comprehensive policy response - oversight, coordination and cross-departmental working.
- Appointment of an Independent National Rapporteur to oversee policy development, assess scale of trafficking, trends, monitor and make recommendations to the government including during high risk events – like the Olympics
- A system of guardianship with parental responsibility to act in the best interest of the child victim of trafficking
- Safe accommodation for all child victims of trafficking with due consideration of the child’s physical, psychological, legal, language and security needs





Campaigns/ E-Learning Tools



Don't Look Away

Thank you

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