

How to spot the signs of human trafficking

Taxi drivers will be given tips on how to spot the signs of slavery and trafficking.

Leaflets were launched on Monday as part of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

Cab drivers will be given the forms when they go to renew their licence as part of the 'slavery can happen anywhere' project, run in conjunction with Hertfordshire Police.

Members of the public will also be given leaflets at awareness events.

Both leaflets are packed with information about spotting the signs that someone might be being exploited and where to report any concerns.

Sue Darker, chairman of the partnership's steering group, said: "Criminals can use taxis to move exploited people. It is vital taxi drivers know what to look out for."

"Through the partnership more than 500 local authority, NHS and law enforcement workers in Hertfordshire have been trained on how to spot the signs of human trafficking and modern slavery."

"The work we have done so far has undoubtedly increased the number of



Could you spot the signs?

potential victims identified and made Hertfordshire a harder place for criminals to exploit people."

The Partnership was set up in May last year and has been working to coordinate efforts to tackle these crimes in Hertfordshire.

Recent developments include a new victim pathway for public

sector professionals in Hertfordshire to ensure that they refer potential victims they come into contact with to the correct channels for support.

Anyone with concerns about human trafficking or modern slavery should call police via 101 or the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700.

Emails sent with threats to kill

THREATENING messages from supposedly "envious" rivals have been sent to people across the county.

Hertfordshire Constabulary have received reports of people being sent emails with threats to kill if they do not send money to an anonymous account.

The message says, "Read this text carefully, since it

can be the last in your life".

It goes on to say the sender has been paid to kill the recipient by an "envious" business rival and to "save your life" a sum of money should be sent to an anonymous bitcoin account.

If you have received a threatening message, visit www.herts.police.uk/contact.

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