

**GLASGOW
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SERVICES**
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**Glasgow – prostitution and
trafficking**

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Prevalence of Violence Against Women

- 1 in 5 women will experience domestic abuse at some time in their lives
- 1 in 2 girls will have experienced some form of sexual abuse (from flashing to rape) before they are 18 years old
- 1 in 2 young men and 1 in 3 young women thought that it was acceptable to hit a woman under certain circumstances
- Estimate of 130 women in Glasgow involved in street prostitution
- ACPOS estimate that Scotland has 13.5% of the UK human trafficking trade although 10% of share of UK crime figures
- 700 women trafficked in to Scotland annually for prostitution

VERY HIGH PRIORITY

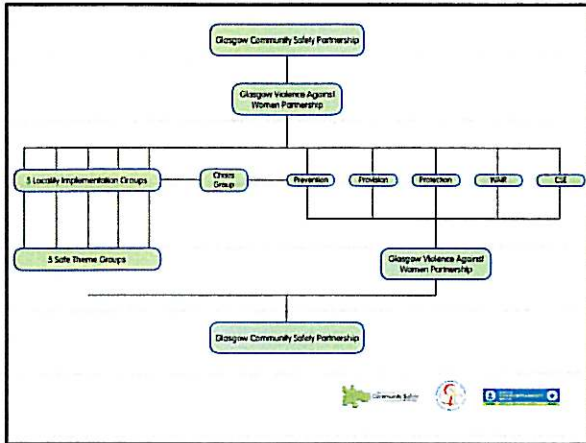
Alcohol
Antisocial behaviour
Elder, fire & home safety
Violence
Violence against women

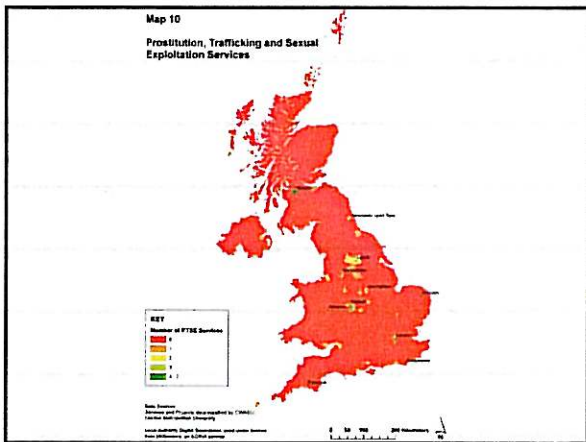
HIGH PRIORITY

Extremism, terrorism or major emergency
Hate crime
Public perceptions of community safety
Young people

MODERATE PRIORITY

Acquisitive crime
Commercial/sexual exploitation





Glasgow City Council's Prostitution Policy

- GCC recognises prostitution as a significant social problem in Glasgow which affects women, families and communities.
- Rejects the view of prostitution as work, which merely requires legalising and regulating.
- Poverty, addiction, experience of abuse and homelessness are the root causes of street prostitution
- Survival behaviour
- The only free choice in prostitution is that of the purchaser, who decides when, where and how he will buy sex
- Prostitution is a form of violence against women

Glasgow 'sauna' website (2001)

- Established in 1967
- The top parlour in Glasgow
- Security and peace of mind are critical which is why every member of staff is bonded
- 35 ladies at any given time, ensuring you a fabulous variety from day to day
- Choose from Spanish, Italian, Thai, black, white, Russian plus lots, lots more!



Routes Out Intervention Team evidence of impact on women

- Physical harm
- Emotional and psychological harm
- Stigma and shame
- Isolated and scared
- Rejected by family/community
- Vulnerable to targeting/blackmail
- Post traumatic stress
- Over 95% want to exit




Scale of sex industry in Scotland

- 1,700- 5,300 premises
- 6,000-18,000 women in off street prostitution
- Generates between £450 million and £1.75 billion each year
- ACPOS estimate that Scotland has 13.5% of the UK human trafficking trade although 10% of share of UK crime figures
- UK Govt estimates that 700 women are trafficked in to Scotland each year for sexual exploitation



Pentameter 2

- 822 premises visited UK, over 50 in Scotland
- 582 residential (2/3 were flats)
- 528 arrests UK, 35 arrests in Scotland
- 351 potential victims recovered, 59 in Scotland
- 167 victims identified
- 13 women under 18 years
- £500,000 cash seized, £3 million under restraint
- Scottish cases were in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries and Galloway, Falkirk, Grangemouth, Stirling and Tayside
- Scottish victims were from Lithuania, Slovakia, Nigeria, China, Estonia, Somalia, Thailand, Guinea and Russia



National, European, Global

- Recognition that we can't address this on our own as a city
- Robust inter agency partnership built in to community planning which is a statutory framework
- Networking and information sharing group established to liaise across 4 Scottish cities
- Scottish Stakeholder group established by Scottish Government (after some pressure)
- Representation at UK Government Stakeholder Group
- Members of UKHTC Working Groups on Prevention and Victim Care
- Represented on the Home Office European Convention Strategy Monitoring Group
- Involved in drawing up a shadow report on the 1st year of the UK's implementation of the Convention
- Links with CATW and other global campaigning bodies
- Monitoring other cities and other countries activity



Current/planned action


Updating policy to include all forms of commercial sexual exploitation – street and indoor prostitution, lap dancing, pornography, trafficking.

Activity to change lap dancing licensing legislation and process

Currently redesigning services for women to ensure that more women are able to access and that exiting is addressed at the earliest stage. Responsibility for service will come to GCSS from SWS

Expansion of TARA to cover Scotland

Launch of a campaign to demand action to address the men using commercial sexual exploitation and those organising and profiting from this trade.





Are you Frightened?
Speak to us.



Да вы спужавы? **Справажніцеся да нас.**
 Kya ba hordak? **Speak to us.**
 You jhoshia hordak? **Speak to us.**
 Easte hordak? **Speak to us.**
 Sprechet-ne cu noi! **Speak to us.**

Are you Frightened?
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If you are a victim of human trafficking, please contact us immediately. We will help you get to safety and provide you with the support you need.

If you are a trafficker, please contact us immediately. We will help you get to safety and provide you with the support you need.

If you are a witness to human trafficking, please contact us immediately. We will help you get to safety and provide you with the support you need.

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