



association of **visitors** to
immigration detainees

Training for Volunteer Visitors: Supporting trafficking/modern slavery survivors in immigration detention

Wednesday 14th March, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, London

AVID is working with an external trainer to offer a free training to all AVID member visitors groups on *“Supporting trafficking/modern slavery survivors in immigration detention.”*

The training will be led by Elizabeth Flint who is an expert practitioner with long-standing experience of providing direct support, advice and guidance to survivors of trafficking/modern slavery, refugees and asylum seekers and to practitioners and services supporting such individuals. She also has extensive experience in providing crisis intervention and support for survivors of trafficking/modern slavery. She is regularly instructed by legal advisors as an Expert Witness on trafficking/modern slavery cases and has attended to and assessed a number of people in detention before both in her capacity as an advocate and more recently as an independent Expert Witness. She has an understanding of the many challenges people in detention face and of barriers to disclosure.

Training in how best to support these vulnerable people in detention, as a volunteer visitor, is more important now than ever. Both the APPG parliamentary inquiry (2015) into the use of detention in the UK, and the Shaw Review (2016) into the welfare in detention of vulnerable people, highlighted and recommended that Trafficking survivors should not be detained and that the safeguarding system is simply failing.

While the Shaw review II is underway, it is timely to consider how best we, as volunteer visitors, can ensure we are equipped to recognise the needs of trafficking survivors in detention, to understand rights, policy and guidance in place, and to make sure that we are offering the best support we can.

The training session will take place in central London, more details are below:

Venue: Wework, 2 Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington, London W2 6LG ([MAP](#))

Transportation: nearest tube/ train station - Paddington

Date: Wednesday, 14th March 2018

Time: 18:30 – 20:30 pm

Learning objectives

At the end of this course delegates will;

- ➔ Better understand and recognise the needs of modern slavery (including trafficking) survivors and best practice around supporting survivors.
- ➔ Be clearer about common misconceptions about trafficking/modern slavery, for example, the difference between smuggling and trafficking – myth breaking.
- ➔ Have had an opportunity to share their experiences and feel more confident in supporting people in detention.
- ➔ Understand the protection and support mechanisms available to victims in the UK – and how to sign post to the external organisations, etc.

We are pleased to be able to offer this training on a first come, first served basis to volunteer visitors throughout the AVID network. Places are limited, so please register your interest by emailing **Gee Manoharan**, Training and Membership Coordinator: gee.manoharan@aviddetention.org.uk by the **Friday 09th March**.