

Under Thames Valley Partnership, the Victims First Willow Project is commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to be the Thames Valley Wide Exploitation & Complex Needs Service working across the counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire (inc Milton Keynes) and Oxfordshire; seeking to identify and support those individuals who are assessed as having been victims of exploitation or who are deemed to be at risk of exploitation through:

- **Sexual Exploitation** – forced sex work or working in the commercial sex industry (pornography, lap dancing, telephone lines etc.) ; those manipulated or coerced into sexual activities of any kind for another person's gain
- **Modern Slavery** – human trafficking; forced labour; domestic servitude; organ harvesting;
- **Financial Exploitation** – debt bondage; finances controlled by others; financial scams; benefit fraud
- **Criminal Exploitation** – those manipulated or coerced or trafficked for the purpose of any illegal activity i.e., County Lines/drug trafficking; cuckooing (taking over of a person's property); forced street crime (shoplifting, begging etc.); cannabis cultivation
- **Cultural Exploitation** – those manipulated or coerced using religious, social or cultural beliefs e.g., FGM, radicalisation, forced marriage

As well as supporting victims of Modern Slavery, trafficking and exploitation the service will provide much-needed specialist support for victims of other forms of serious crime (excluding sexual and domestic abuse for whom specialist services already exist).

The Victims First – Willow Project will provide prevention work, crisis intervention and ongoing long term support and work directly with victims of any age, their families and anyone else who may also be involved in the care and support of them including community groups and other services. Our person-centred support focuses on the areas that are important to our clients. We encourage activities that will promote improvement in physical and mental health & wellbeing, developing daily living skills and coping strategies to enable each individual to live independently in their communities. This ranges from help with housing, benefits, immigration status, education & employment, assistance through court processes, advocating at meetings, to hospital visits and arranging food or clothes parcels, to offering a listening ear.

Our support for an individual is not time-limited, we provide it for as long as it is needed, rather than prescribing a length of time. This can range from one-off support, a few weeks, months or even years – simply put, as long as an individual needs our support we will be there for them and also act as a bridge to other support services. We believe this person-centred, long-term approach enables us to build relationships of trust with our clients that enables them to access the support they need, which in turn empowers them to begin to break the cycle of exploitation.

We pride ourselves on our staff and volunteers' commitment to valuing and empowering the individual to seek new opportunities enabling them to make positive changes in their lives. This helps in reducing the risk of exploitation, or if they are already affected, allows us to break the cycle that they may find themselves in. We believe that our experience and expertise, coupled with our passion and heart for the exploited and vulnerable, ensures that

the individual receives compassionate, holistic support and fills a much needed gap in a professional and caring way to those who are often overlooked or misunderstood.

Section A: Referral Information	
Please indicate the nature of the referral by ticking the appropriate box	
<input type="checkbox"/> Self	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Voluntary Agency* <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
* If ticked, please provide contact details of person making referral:	
Name:.....	
Job Title:.....	
Organisation:.....	
If 'other' what is your relationship to the individual being referred?:	
Tel:..... Mobile:.....	
Email:	
Section B: Applicant Details	
Forename(s):..... Surname:..... D.O.B.....	
N.I.Number:..... Nationality Ethnicity	
Current housing status:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant – Private <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant – Council/Housing Association
<input type="checkbox"/> Supported Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hostel <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging with friend/family
<input type="checkbox"/> NFA	<input type="checkbox"/> Living with family
Address:.....	
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Postcode:..... Safe to contact at this address: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Tel:..... Safe to contact on this number: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Email:.....	
Preferred method of contact (<i>tick relevant boxes</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Text	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Email
Preferred time of contact	
Morning	
Afternoon	

Evening

Section C: Support Criteria

Please indicate by ticking relevant boxes:

Have you/they been subjected to or are deemed at risk of:

- Sexual Exploitation Child Sexual Exploitation Modern Slavery
 Financial Exploitation Criminal Exploitation Other

Please give further details:

Section D: Special Requirements

Please indicate by ticking relevant boxes;

- Interpreter or Cultural Paperwork processed in different language Faith
 Visual Requirements Assistance Paperwork in large print text Literacy
 Hearing Loop Type Sign language assistance Text Talk/Text
 Female Worker Only Male worker only Joint working only

Please give details below to support the above requirements:

Section E: Other Agencies Involved *(please list all workers/agencies that are currently linked with the individual)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/organisation</u>	<u>Contact No.</u>

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Section F: Any other information *(please provide any other information you feel relevant which will support this application)*

Section G: Declaration

By signing this declaration you are consenting to the referral to Willow and holding any such correspondence on a secure database. These details will remain held on the secure system for a period of 6 years in line with our data protection policy – unless you request them to be removed.

A copy of our data protection policy and privacy notice is available upon request or can be located via our website: <https://thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk/ccc/about/policies>.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT or PARENT/GUARDIAN/APPROPRIATE ADULT IF UNDER 18

Has the application given consent to be referred to our service? YES/NO
 How was consent given? VERBAL/WITTEN

If Yes, please give further details:

Name:

Date of Consent:.....

DECLARATION OF REFERRER
I confirm that the information I have provided is correct Name: Signed:..... Date:.....

NB: Referrals will be processed within 5 working days from receipt of form.

Referral forms and enquiries containing sensitive data to be returned to enquiries@vfwillowproject.cjsm.net, using a compatible secure email format, for example:

- gsi.gov.uk
- pnn.police.uk
- justice.gov.uk
- cps.gov.uk
- hmpps.gov.uk
- hmcts.gov.uk
- yjb.gov.uk
- gcsx.gov.uk
- gcx.gov.uk
- governmentlegal.gov.uk
- nhs.net
- hscni.net

Enquiries not containing sensitive data can be sent from non-secure email addresses to enquiries@vfwillowproject.org.uk.