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World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

Leave no child behind in the fight against human trafficking is the focus for 2024.

1 in 3 victims of human trafficking are children.

Children and young people are particularly vulnerable to exploitation across the world

Exploitation includes forced marriage, forced labour, criminality, illegal adoption, sexual abuse and recruitment into armed forces.

Today, traffickers use online chat rooms, social media and the ‘dark web’ to engage and exploit children. Tackling online exploitation is crucial to ensure children’s safety

The Association of British Paediatric Nurses calls on the UK Government to ensure measures are in place to identify and protect vulnerable groups, along with action to support child victims of trafficking and modern slavery.

“Human trafficking of children is a crime, a violation of their human rights and a major global public health problem. The consequences of trafficking include major and long term physical and mental health problems. Children’s nurses need to be aware of the issues that may alert them to child trafficking and how to respond”

Professor Bernie Carter, President

Notes for editors

The term child refers to infants, children and young people

The ABPN is a network of children's nurses with a wide membership of experts in clinical practice, education, leadership and research. It is the oldest children’s nursing association in the world, established in 1938.

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