

Key Messages for Sex Workers

Northumbria Police is committed to the protection of both females and males who may be at risk from sexual assaults or exploitation.

We work closely with sex work projects which offer support services for men and women in the industry.

We prioritise protection over enforcement, if you are involved in the sex industry and are a victim of crime you will be treated as a victim not an offender

We have Dedicated Liaison Officers who you can speak to in confidence.

It is your right to feel safe and protected.

Safe reporting can be made directly to our officers, through the Ugly Mugs or WORKSAFE schemes.

If you wish to report information but don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the Worksafe scheme. Worksafe is facilitated by the Changing Lives' GAP Project. GAP is a confidential support service which supports women and men involved in the sex industry or who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation in Tyne and Wear.

Reports can be made anonymously to the GAP project and support staff can then share this information safely with Northumbria Police on your behalf.

Our absolute priority is to protect victims of sexual offences. If you have any information in relation to potential victims and/or offenders gained in the course of your sex work, you can safely report this to our officers.