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Guidance If you're worried about a guest or their children: Homes for Ukraine

What to do if you are concerned for your guests or their children's safety. Includes what to do if you think they are being exploited.

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If you, or anyone you know, has any concerns about potential abuses of the scheme, you should report them at the earliest opportunity to the local council, or to the police if you are concerned that a crime has been committed or if there is a threat of a crime being committed.

Modern slavery and exploitation

As guests adapt to life in the UK, there is the possibility that they make be at risk of exploitation and modern slavery, by those seeking to profit from Invasion of UkraineUK visa support for Ukrainian nationalsMove to the UK if you're coming from
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their exploitation.

There are many different indicators of modern slavery and Unseen UK have produced information on signs of modern slavery to look out for.

If you suspect that your guest is being exploited, you can report this to the <u>Modern Slavery and Exploitation Helpline</u>.

Your guests do not need to work in exchange for accommodation.

Concerns about children

Child development

If you are concerned about a child's overall development and wellbeing, and you think they may need some extra support, you can use the <u>NHS</u> website for further information and the support that is available.

Child wellbeing

If you are worried about your child or another child for any reason, including that they may be experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, mental health struggles, physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect contact:

- the local council where the child lives
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) on 0808 800 5000
- Childline on 0800 1111

If you think that a child is at immediate risk of harm, call the Police on 999 or 112.

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