**Modern Day Slavery**

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Margaret is the representative for modern-day slavery on the SRP panel, and also represent the diocese on the [Clewer Initiative.](https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/) This organisation enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to raise awareness of modern slavery, identify victims and to help provide victim support and care.

Representing the diocese on the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Modern-Day Slavery Group, which meets at De Montfort University, Margaret is able to liaise with other agencies from the three local authorities.

She is also a past Diocesan Mothers’ Union President. The Mothers’ Union has very useful materials around gender-based violence, both to raise awareness and to become active in the battle against this. Check out their PowerPoint presentation and their activism pack on [their webpage](http://www.mothersunion.org/16-days) which explains their annual 16 days of activism against gender based violence.

**Useful organisations**

[The CEASE project](https://www.leics.police.uk/categories/cease) is the local response- it is a call to ‘Commit to Eradicate Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Young People in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.’

For information on modern-day slavery see the Government’s [Interdeparmental Ministerial Group’s report.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-of-the-inter-departmental-ministerial-group-on-modern-slavery-2015)

The [Children’s Society](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-child-sexual-exploitation?gclid=CMOAyPfFs8sCFc0y0wodD5INOg) and the [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-trafficking/) have information on child trafficking and sexual exploitation.

[The Human Trafficking Foundation](http://www.humantraffickingfoundation.org/) has plenty of information. This is a UK charity which grew out of the All Party Parliamentary Group on trafficking.

**Help with concerns for children**

Materials for young people, parents, carers and businesses, including the signs to look out for, are available at:

Leicester Safeguarding Children Board <http://www.lcitylscb.org/>

Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Board <http://lrsb.org.uk/children>

Anyone who has concerns about a child is urged not to keep any worries to themselves. They should contact the police on 101 for non-emergencies or 999 if they are concerned a child is in immediate danger.