

The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill

Dear Sir or Madam,

May I express my welcome for the above Bill and my support for it.

The Bill is essential because it will make a real difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable men, women and children who are exploited in the province of Northern Ireland. It will also help to ensure that Northern Ireland properly fulfils its international obligations as set out in the European Directive and the Council of Europe Convention.

I am sure that the primary reason for trafficking into Northern Ireland is for sex, and so I particularly welcome Clause 6 of Lord Morrow's Bill which criminalises paying for sex. This clause would thereby directly address the principal source of demand for trafficking and should be more effective than the current laws.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Braddock (Mr)