

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We welcome Lord Morrow's Human Trafficking & Exploitation Bill, & are supportive of it. There are a number of Clauses to it, but may we briefly comment on Clause 6, paying for sexual services.

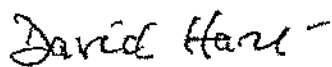
It's introduction, we believe, would help to reduce the demand for paid sex & therefore reduce the incentive for traffickers to bring people into Northern Ireland to work in prostitution.

Clause 6 addresses exploitation where there is no element of trafficking present. It is known that such things as substance abuse, homelessness, & living in care are all common experiences before entering prostitution.

These points really only touch the surface of what is a human tragedy for an increasing number of women & children. Thankfully we have the opportunity of trying to do something to effect change for the better in our society.

We are grateful for this opportunity of communicating with you over this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hart" with a horizontal line under the name.

Dr & Mrs David C Hart