

Trafficking Victims and Direct Provision in Ireland

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Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI)

A national non-governmental organisation established in 2001 to promote the rights of migrants through:

- Information and referral service
- Legal services
- Research and policy work
- Education and training
- Racist incidents report and referral service
- Legislative reform

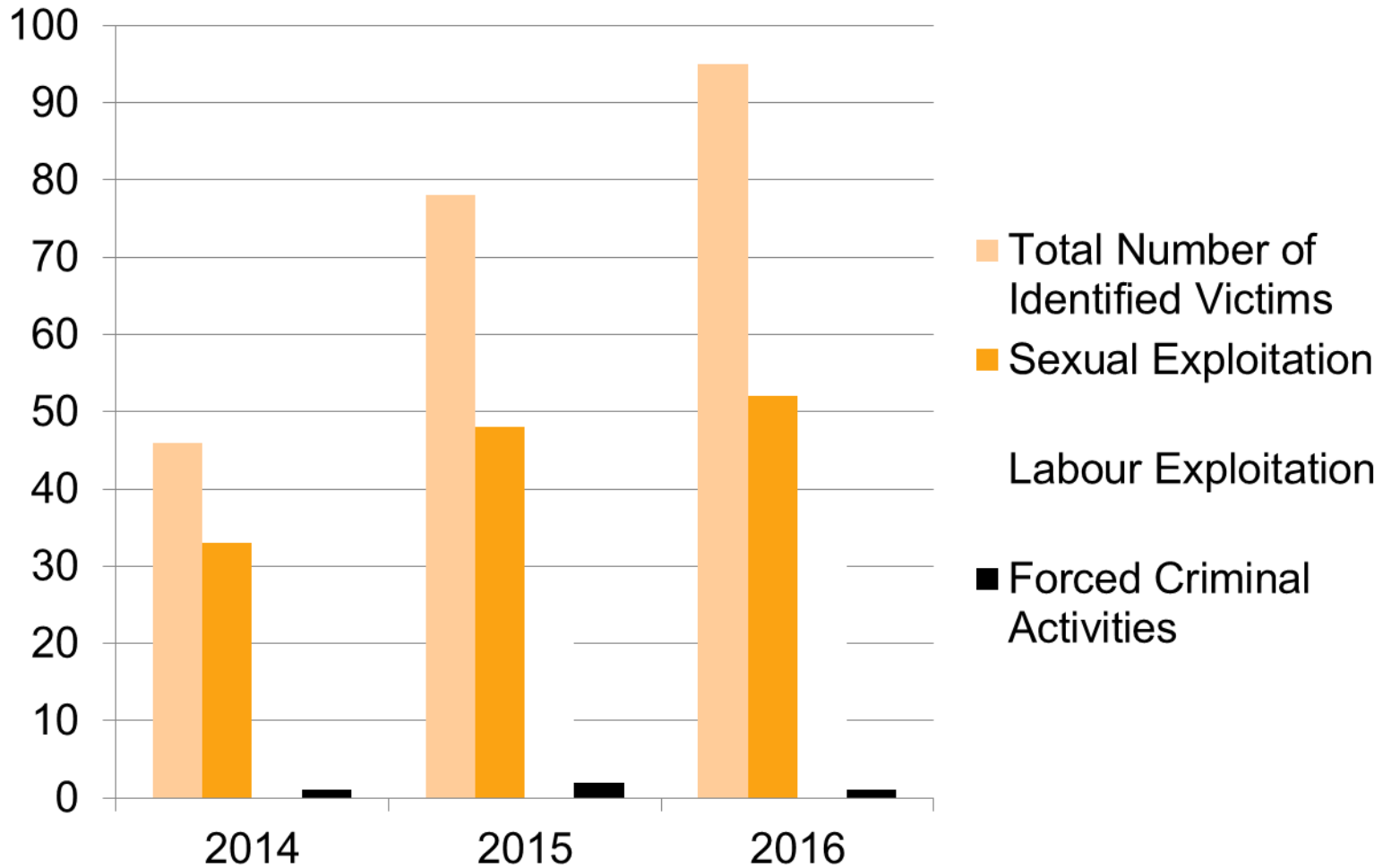
Defining Human Trafficking

- **[Act]** The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or reception of persons, including the exchange or transfer of control over those persons, **[Means]** by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, **[Purpose]** for the purpose of exploitation. (Article 2 (1), Directive 2011/26/EU)

Exploitation

- Exploitation shall include, as a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, including begging, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude, or the exploitation of criminal activities, or the removal of organs. (Article 2(3), Directive 2011/36/EU)

Human Trafficking in Ireland



Treatment of Trafficking Victims

- Victim rights
- **Different Treatment**
 - Administrative Immigration Arrangements
 - Claim Asylum
 - EU Nationals/ Nationals

Trafficking Victims and Direct Provision

- Third country nationals
 - 60 days
 - Often for longer periods
- Victims who claim asylum
 - Remain in Direct Provision for the duration of your asylum claim

Projects

- TRACKS
- Moving On
- What? Establish the special needs of asylum seeking victims of trafficking and respond to those needs from identification to reintegration
- How? Engagement with asylum seeking victims of trafficking through interviews and focus groups

Issues

- Issues around identification
 - Secondary harm/ repeat traumatisation
- Accommodation not appropriate to victims' needs
 - Lack of gender sensitive accommodation
 - Lack of privacy
 - Continued loss of autonomy
- Lack of opportunities for reintegration

Conclusions and Future Prospects

- Need for change
- Re-evaluate policy for housing trafficking victims
- Ensure that it meets the needs of victims so as to best ensure their recovery and reintegration

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