

N8PRP Small Grant - Identifying Sexual Trafficking Online

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Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Adult Services Websites (ASW)

- Over the past two decades, opportunities abound for organised criminals thanks to growth of ICT and online, networked environments (Latonero et al., 2012; Antonopoulos et al., 2020, Diba et al., 2017; Europol, 2016).
- Adult Service Websites have created a 'virtual red-light district as a low-risk environment for buyers to connect with sellers' (Ibanez and Suthers 2014: 1556).
- Growing evidence of use of ASWs by human traffickers – creation of fake profiles to advertise trafficking victims.
- ASWs described as 'the most significant enabler of sexual exploitation in the UK' (JSTAC, 2018).
- Previous research suggests that traffickers using ASW often display similar patterns of behaviour including the use of key words, phrases and other patterns (Wang et al., 2016; Antonopoulos et al., 2020).

ASW profile

ProfileGalleryPrivate Gallery

COME TO ENJOY THE BEST TIME WITH ME.. OWO, GFE, 69, KISSING, SEX, EROTIC MESSAGE !!!

Hy my names is ALESSIA 🙄

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I enjoy all aspects of the erotica and actively seek, to discover the ways i can give and receive pleasure!

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I love to have company thats way all

if your looking for a very naughty time with a sexy, charming and extremely foxy lady then call or text me.

I like french kissing !!! 🙄

THE BEST SERVICES XXX The Best [REDACTED] for you xxx

Contact Me...

To view my **availability** for the next 14 days [click here](#)

Rates 15 mins ½ Hour 1 Hour 1½ Hours 2 Hours 3 Hours 4 Hours Overnight

In Calls 40 60 100 160 190 280 370 900

The above rates are specified in GBP (British Pound).

To arrange a **meeting** [click here](#)

To send me an **email** [click here](#)

You can **call me** on: +44 [REDACTED] [Get QR](#)

(calls from withheld numbers and SMS messages will be ignored)

Town: Cambridge

County: Cambridgeshire

Region: East of England (Anglia)

Country: United Kingdom

Nationality: Romanian

Member Since: 20/06/2017

Gender: Female

Orientation: Bi-curious

Age: 23

Views: 239487

Last Login: Today

Select Language ▼

(more options) ▼

Go

Link to this Profile Page using <https://www.adultwork.com/4184340> or <https://www.adultwork.com/ALESSIA%5FKISS> - [Get QR Code](#)

Note: Any money paid to the adult escorts listed on this website is for their time and companionship only. Whatever else that may occur if and when contact is made is the choice of consenting adults.

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Verified Member ✓

Enjoys:

"A" Levels

"A" Levels (at discretion)

15 Mins "quickie"

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

With:

Men

Women

Couples MF

Couples MM

Couples FF

Back

Pictures

Email

Booking Request

Send this profile to a friend

The Study

Aim of the study:

To create and test a scoring matrix for the effective identification of high-risk cases of sexual exploitation mediated online, specifically those found on open-source websites such as ASWs.

Methods:

- 1) Review of existing scholarly literature.
- 2) In-depth qualitative interviews with experts (academics, law enforcement practitioners, victim support groups, prosecutors) to inform matrix.
- 3) Matrix tested in live operational context by South Yorkshire Police.
- 4) Feedback received from SYP police officers and analysts.
- 5) Creation of new matrix based on feedback.

Sexual Trafficking Identification Matrix (STIM)*

SEXUAL TRAFFICKING IDENTIFICATION MATRIX	
CASE ID	OFFICER
WEBSITE	URL
LAST UPDATED	LINKED PHONE NUMBER(S)

INDICATOR	✓	Explanatory notes	Comments
IMAGES/PHOTOS			
Face is familiar or similar to other subjects		You have seen these styles of poses in previous profiles identified as trafficking.	
Neutral expression or subject			
X FACTOR		Apply your professional judgement based on previous experience and other intelligence.	
TOTAL SCORE		See scoring categories below.	
0-10		Low priority.	
11-15		Consider further investigation.	
16 AND ABOVE		Prioritise as high-risk.	

*Redacted. For a complete copy, please contact Dr. L'Hoiry.

STIM – Findings

- STIM applied by police officers / analysts over a three week period.
 - Applied to 52 ASW profiles with 13 rated as high-priority.
- What were the most frequently identified risk indicators of trafficking?
 - Very explicit photograph;
 - Use of third person language in the advert - e.g. 'she' / 'they';
 - Poor use of language with spelling mistakes and broken English;
 - A lower price than expected relative to the local marketplace for sexual services;
 - A wide range of sexual services offered with seemingly no limits;
 - Being advertised as 'in-calls only' - suggesting lack of independence/autonomy and control of movement;
 - Indicators of recent arrival/movement - e.g. 'new in town'/'just arrived'/'in town for a few days'.
- Most of these indicators echo previous literature but some are new.

The STIM – Findings (cont.)

- STIM deemed by users to be highly proficient in identifying high-risk profiles.
- Police users found STIM to be a strong mechanism within a broader suite of risk assessment tools.
- STIM can be moulded around different sex work environments in different geographical areas.
- STIM can be effectively used alongside existing data scraping software (e.g.: Traffic Jam / Spotlight).
- However:
 - Risk of false positives remains.
 - Migrant sex worker collective is a key population that the operation of the STIM needs to account for.
 - Individual officer experience and local knowledge remains critical – STIM must work alongside the ‘craft’ of policing.

Outputs & Future Plans

- Outputs
 - Final project report and article in N8PRP annual report.
 - Journal article published in *Trends in Organized Crime*.
 - Practitioner-oriented article published in *Policing Insight*.
 - Evidence given by L'Hoiry to Scottish Parliamentary enquiry on commercial sexual exploitation.
 - L'Hoiry interviewed for article in Daily Record.
 - 3 conference presentations delivered (+ 1 scheduled in July 2021).
 - Off the Shelf festival application submitted.
- Future plans
 - Currently exploring potential for upscaled project(s).
 - Webinar on 22 June 2021 hosting police representatives from ROCUs covering 43 force areas in England and Wales.
 - ESRC New Investigator application currently in draft.
 - Early discussions with European partners about a cross-European project.

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