



RISHI, DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON SLAVERY SURVIVORS



WHAT HAPPENED?

Despite promises to support survivors of modern slavery earlier and for longer, Rishi Sunak's Government has now u-turned. As far back as 2017, the Government promised a 'Places of Safety' scheme which could have provided shelter and advice for survivors in the days after exploitation. This promise has been scrapped, **leaving survivors without guaranteed support or safeguarding in the hours and days after reporting modern slavery.**

In 2021, survivors were also promised a minimum of 12 months' support if needed. However, the promise of longer support has now been scrapped too, **leaving survivors of modern slavery with only 30 days' support before being expected to move on.**

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Survivors of modern slavery have often endured serious forms of abuse including physical, sexual and emotional. The process for accessing help, supporting a criminal investigation, or in certain cases applying for immigration leave, are long-term challenges and support is needed for much longer than 30 days. In the worst cases, survivors are made even more vulnerable after reporting modern slavery to the authorities. Those without adequate support are at risk of homelessness, destitution, or retaliation from traffickers. Some feel they have no choice but to return to exploitative conditions.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Ask your MP to raise their voice and demand the support promised to survivors of modern slavery. You can sign the MP action here:

<https://afterexploitation.eaction.org.uk/keepyourpromise>