



Social Welfare Services

**RIGHTS OF PERSONS
THAT HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION AND
HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
BY THE POLICE**

**According to Article 34 of the Law which provides
for the Prevention of Trafficking and Exploitation of Persons
and the Protection of Victims, 87(I)/2007**

After you have been identified as a person who has been trafficked with the purpose of sexual exploitation, you have the right to:

- Cooperation, if you so desire, with a specific Social Services Officer, who will provide you with support, practical help and information on how to get help from other Services that are related to your case.
- Be informed in a language that is understood by you. For this purpose the services of an interpreter may be requested, who will provide interpretation services, during your meetings with the Social Services Officer.
- Protection of your personal data and your personal incidents, according to the Processing of Personal Data Laws 138(I)/2001 and 37(I)/2003.
- Provision of public aid from the Public Assistance Fund, provided that you cannot cover your needs, according to the relevant Law 95(I)/2006, and provided that you reside in the areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus and you do not have sufficient resources for your maintenance.
- Legal representation in Court in case you do not have the financial means to secure it, according to the provision of the Legal Aid Law, 165(1)/2002.

- Medical treatment and psychological support, which will be provided by the Ministry of Health. The Social Services Officer with whom you are cooperating will guide you on how to obtain specialised assistance in terms of your health problems.
- Protection from situations and persons that threaten your physical integrity. If this is the case you must report it to the Social Services Officer who is assisting you and who will guide you to report this to the Police.
- Access to programmes or systems that can provide specialised assistance, such as training to improve your professional skills with the aim of rehabilitating your social life.
- Accommodation in a Public Shelter. The Social Services Officer who is assisting you can provide information about the Public Shelter where persons who have been trafficked with the purpose of sexual exploitation are staying. At least for the initial period, your choice of staying in the Public Shelter is in your best interest. In case you do not wish to stay in this Shelter, in cooperation with the Social Services Officer you may discuss alternative accommodation arrangements.