

# The importance of legislative change for VOTs

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# Glasgow 1998 - 2011

- Concern about street prostitution
- Media uproar re women's deaths
- Political involvement and then leadership
- Multi agency partnership and commitment
- Resources
- Move to develop exiting service
- Policy 1999, update 2008
- Development of trafficking service
- Piloting of IDA
- Integration of VAW and CSE policy
- Reform of Routes Out

# What is trafficking?

- Recruitment, transportation, transferring, harboring or receipt of person
- Means of threat, use of force, deception, coercion etc
- Purpose or act of exploitation including sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery and slavery like practices

## Glasgow 'sauna' website (2001)

- Established in 1967
- The top parlour in Glasgow
- Security and peace of mind are critical

which is why **every member of staff is bonded**

- 35 ladies at any given time, ensuring you a fabulous variety from day to day
- Choose from Spanish, Italian, Thai, black, white, Russian plus lots, lots more!



# Nordic model

- Clear analysis, strategy and policy
- Political leadership
- Support from police and social work
- Designed to tackle prostitution and has had huge impact on trafficking
- Reduction/lack of growth in sex industry
- Impact on social attitudes (smoking ban)

# Consequences of current leg

- Continued harm to women
- Contradiction re VAW strategy and approach
- Criminalisation of women
- Strengthens pro sex work lobby
- Lack of attention to, and respect for, women's voices
- Impact on equality
- Social tolerance – collusion?
- Enables and promotes trafficking for sexual exploitation

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