HUMAN TRAFFICKING:



Pregnancy, Morbidity & Mortality

A Systematic Review was undertaken to evaluate all the eligible national and international qualitative evidence to determine the impact of human trafficking with sexual violence on the health and wellbeing of women and their babies.

"I was past my fifth month, when the abortion was done. I didn't know I was pregnant. The abortion was done illegally in terrible unsanitary conditions. The operation was very difficult, so I was nearly dead. There was no anaesthetic..... After the abortion I felt very bad, like I would die"

FOR SALE

Thematic Synthesis

- coded according to meaning and context
- Descriptive Themes
- Analytical themes

morbidity

depression pregnancy

psychosis

accessexploitation

termination

abuse

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birthweight

low forced

Ssuicidal

Records identified through database search n=1622

Additional records and reports identified through other sources n=114

Records screened n=1706

PRISMA Flow Chart

Records after duplicates removed n=1706 (dups n=

Records excluded n=1677

Full text articles assessed for eligibility n=29

Studies included in qualitative synthesis n=14, representing n=13 studies

Full text articles excluded with reasons N=15 Not victims of human trafficking n=6 No description of maternity care or outcomes n=4 Not research n=3 **Not qualitative n=2**

POPPY awareness of Human Trafficking POor health, Person centred, People who need us to say Yes to access

poor

healthcare

delivery

ptsd

"I have so many scars all over my body and so many injuries and so many illnesses. I have hepatitis C and stomach and back pain and a lot of psychological issues. I tried to commit suicide several times"

PHYSICAL, SEXUAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Poor Maternity Outcomes

Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse, Miscarriage, TOP,

Contraception access & fail,

"I was found unconscious in the street when I was heavily pregnant ... I was taken to the hospital by ambulance"

COMMUNICATION

Listen to Victims,

Lack of recognition of trafficking,

Victims don't want to relive experiences

STIGMA & SHAME

Confidentiality (good & poor),

Judgemental attitudes,

Supportive HCPs

"The hospitals are huge; I don't know how to get there on my own. The doctors and nurses talk down on me because I am a sex worker. They know I am dirty and I have HIV"

STIs, HIV, TB, Physical & Mental ill-health, Alcohol/Drugs,

Child health & Care of Baby

BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE

Lack of documentation, Fear of authorities,

Fear of recrimination, Traffickers presence,

Traffickers communicate with HCPs,

No interpreter

LATE ACCESS TO MATERNITY CARE

self-medicate, late presentation,

fear of pregnancy,

traffickers control access to healthcare

CONTINUITY OF CARER

scheduled appointments, dispersal

"The most important thing is to ask, and to give you time to explain how you are feeling instead of just assuming what is wrong, giving you the chance to explain, and listening to your opinion about why you feel like that"

No knowledge of how to access healthcare, **POOR** HEALTH CENTRED

SAFEGUARDING: Mum & Baby



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