



Lived Experience and Victimization Faced by Undocumented Migrants in the United Kingdom: a Thematic Analysis

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Background

Undocumented Migrants = Irregular Migrants or illegal Migrants

My focus: Refugees/asylum seekers, asylum seekers whose application has been rejected by the Home Office and victims of human trafficking



Employment and Access to the Job Market

Depend on ethnic groups for work (take advantage of them)

Low paid, limited range of jobs, long and unsocial working hours

Young undocumented migrants are more vulnerable

Unpaid domestic help = food and accommodation

explore other illegal means (increase in crimes)



Undocumented Migrants: Arrival and Housing

Stringent policy – fewer legal route

Depend on ethnic group

Homelessness and housing problem

Fear of detention



Social Network and Social Life of Undocumented Migrants

Restricted social network

Language barrier = limited social network
or within ethnic group

Whom to interact with and whom not to

Different ethnic community have different
gender dynamic in terms of social life

fear and anxiety of getting caught stops
social networking or social life



Access to Health Care

No NHS number = No health care

Only way to access health care is by the private clinic

Self-medication

Women and girls are at risk of various sexual and reproductive complications

Lack of maternity care



Employment and job market

Social life

Vulnerability, exploitation & victimization

Housing related issues

Health care




Looking to achieve

- Yes, they face victimization but to what extend?
- They don't have to access to the justice system and risk of criminalisation high. Do they have parallel justice system or any mechanism to protect themselves?
- Undocumented migrants' perception and fear on law enforcement agencies



Methodology

- Exploratory design and qualitative approach
 - Ethnographic method
 - Snowball sampling technique
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