## Railway Children is an international children's charity.

Our mission is to fight for vulnerable children who live alone and at risk on the streets, where they suffer abuse and exploitation.

We have worked in the UK, India and East Africa to make a sustainable difference and long-term change for over 25 yrs.

In 2014, the Transport Select Committee called for action to improve safeguarding on rail networks.

Together with British Transport Police (BTP), we developed 'Safeguarding on Transport' our programme of work in the UK

Our objective is to create a 'safety network for vulnerable people across the UK transport system' ensuring they are identified &offered the support they need.

Every year BTP complete safeguarding forms (CYP1) for around 9,000 vulnerable young people across the UK each year. These forms are completed for a variety of different concerns.

Many young people are found on the rail network because they are missing, being exploited, at risk of abuse or at risk of physical harm.

BTP refer vulnerable young people to our projects who they encounter on the rail network.

We also know it is vital to work closely with the rail industry ensuring there are more eyes & ears to help protect vulnerable young people.

We have e-learning for our industry partners around safeguarding & vulnerability. We also have training around County Lines.

We work in stations to bring together the rail community to create Safeguarding Action Groups & promote safeguarding.

Our work aims to improve the life chances and opportunities for those young people we work with.

Areas of support given include abuse & exploitation, mental health, substance misuse, county lines, missing from education, looked after children, unhealthy relationships, family conflict, self-esteem, and anxiety.

We offer support for as long at it takes.

Our projects (N/West, Yorkshire, London & now Birmingham) take referrals for vulnerable young people aged 10-17

We offer ongoing support to young people, parents & families.

We take specialist referrals from BTP for high-risk young people. We work in collaboration with other statutory & charitable organisations.

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You can watch a video of our UK work athttps://www.voutube.com/watch?v=pgPVbmVFR1I

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