We are 1 in favour of the decriminalisation of sex workers

2 in favour of the decriminalisation of clients

3 in favour of collective working ie 2 prostitutes plus a maid

4 in favour of criminalisation and severe penalties for pimps, procurers and traffickers

The Josephine Butler Society is opposed, as it always has been to the legalisation or official toleration of brothels and to the registration or licensing of brothels or sex workers.

State regulation stimulates national and international trafficking of persons and appears to condone prostitution as a career option.

For over 100 years, the JBS called for the removal of the label "Common Prostitute" which was finally rescinded in the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

We have also worked to contribute to the change in attitude of the Police towards child prostitutes, from criminals to victims.

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