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For 6 years I supported victims of crime in a crown court, where I gave support to prostitutes when they came to court to give evidence. I learnt some of their stories and from those and hearing information from Dr Barnardo’s, became convinced that they are victims. (I do accept that there may be a percentage who choose the lifestyle of prostitution.)

Experience of Sweden and Norway

I have read that Sweden and Norway made it illegal to buy sex, which led to a decrease in the number of prostitutes and helped to deter trafficking. I think that anything we can do to decrease people trafficking would be a very good thing.