

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

12 July 2016

SUBJECT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Report of the Chief Constable

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The report outlines the current work being undertaken by West Yorkshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner to safeguard people from perpetrators of Modern Day Slavery (which includes Slavery, Servitude, Forced and Compulsory Labour and Human Trafficking) and achieve the outcomes as set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner uses this report to scrutinise West Yorkshire Police performance in respect of Modern Day Slavery which is part of the wider safeguarding agenda.

PRIORITY IN THE POLICING AND CRIME PLAN

3. Modern Day Slavery remains a significant threat facing West Yorkshire Police. A report compiled early in 2015, by the Yorkshire and Humber Police Region, stated that of all crime types, the threat and risk posed by Modern Day Slavery is the greatest of all. Sexual exploitation (inclusive of Child Sexual Exploitation) is now the most prevalent form of Exploitation in West Yorkshire, followed by forced labour.

From the work completed to date, it is readily acknowledged that the identification and support of victims, the pursuit and prosecution of offenders requires a partnership response from within the police, local authorities, health and third sector organisations playing a key role. This report will highlight that acknowledgement and the work undertaken to date.

Although Modern Day Slavery and human trafficking is most commonly thought to be associated with people brought into the UK, those born here can also be at risk from Modern Day Slavery and trafficking especially in cases of child sexual exploitation. It is only relatively recently that some aspects of this abuse has been recognised as criminal offences. This has been strengthened through the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

ATTACHMENTS

- [Appendix A: Report on the current work being undertaken around Modern Day Slavery \(Human Trafficking\) within West Yorkshire](#) (PDF 381KB)
- [Appendix B: Work completed under 4Ps'. Prepare, Prevent, Pursue and Protect.](#) (PDF 250KB)