

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

2 May 2017

SUBJECT: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Joint Report of the Chief Officer Team and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. This joint report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the policing of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery and outlines the work being undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and West Yorkshire Police (WYP) to achieve the outcomes set out in the Police and Crime Plan.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) uses this report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. Human trafficking and modern day slavery is a significant threat both within West Yorkshire and nationally. Not only can it have a traumatic impact on its victims, but those involved in human trafficking often have links to other serious organised crime. West Yorkshire has already led the way nationally in tackling human trafficking and modern day slavery.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>4. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Safer Communities Fund has awarded 5 organisations with a total of £22,629 of grant funding to support their projects which are tackling Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.</p>

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

5. The first ever National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network was launched by West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Mark Burns-Williamson, and the Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Kevin Hyland. The network, launched in January 2016 involves Police and Crime Commissioners signing up to an agreement to take a more strategic approach to tackle the issue by sharing best practice, assisting in the identification and conviction of perpetrators, and ensuring their Chief Constables are regularly held to account on the work they are doing in tackling the crime.

West Yorkshire Police and the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner joined partners from the public and private sectors to host a Modern Slavery summit in September 2016. Over 140 delegates from a cross section of businesses from the banking and recruitment sectors and representatives from academia attended the event.

PCC is Chair of National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network which was launched in February 2016. This brings together PCCs and other stakeholders to provide a strategic meeting framework nationally to raise awareness of tackling human trafficking and modern slavery in all its forms.

PCC continued his work tackling human trafficking at the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) and National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Partnership Summit in November 2016.

ATTACHMENT

- [Chief Constables report – Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery](#) (PDF 342KB)
- [PCC's Update](#) (PDF 286KB)