

## Note of the first Modern Slavery Helpline Advisory Forum Meeting 15 February 2017

Attendees	Apologies
Eric Anderson (EA), BT	Phil Brewer (PhB), Met Police
Stephen Chapman (SC), Wales	Paul Broadbent (PB) GLA
Rod Lawson (RL), NCA	Nicholas Duffy (SD), Scotland Govt
Jane McNeill (JM), DOJNI	Jez Capey, Devon & Cornwall Police
Miriam Minty (MM), Home Office	James Ewins QC (JE)
Andrew Wallis (AW), CEO Unseen	
Justine Currell (JC), Unseen (Chair)	

### Areas discussed and key points raised

#### 1. Helpline progress to date

JC provided an update on the progress of the Modern Slavery Helpline:

- 468 calls into the helpline between 10 October and 31 December 2016.
- 349 cases registered of which 165 case of modern slavery
- Types of exploitation include: Trafficking for sex exploitation (18%), Trafficking for non-sex exploitation (12%), Forced Labour (33%), slavery/servitude (16%), various (8%), unknown (13%)
- 175 referrals and signposts to other agencies – 87 to law enforcement, 16 to local safeguarding teams, 17 to NGOs or NRM, 55 signposted to other services.

AP1	Request the helpline to include numbers on gender, age, nationality and location of exploitation in quarterly statistics	JC
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#### 2. Terms of Reference

A copy of the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was provided to all forum members prior to the meeting. Several proposed amendments were suggested during the meeting including:

- Further clarity around the Forums's role;
- Draw out in the ToR, procedures for dealing with potential conflicts of interest;
- Link between the NGO Advisory Group and the Advisory Forum;
- Reference to the Forum providing healthy and constructive challenge.

Membership of the group was also discussed. It was agreed that the membership should not be expanded to include NHS contacts and local government contacts across the UK as this would significantly expand the membership and may make the membership unwieldy. Instead, country representatives should liaise with their counterparts in health and local government to keep them apprised of the helpline and its progress. EA noted that there may be an opportunity to engage other partners using a thematic approach to meetings.

SC asked if the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC) should be invited to be a member of the Board. JC confirmed that the IASC had been invited but had declined to become a member.

AP2	Provide comments on the Terms of Reference to JC by 3 March 2017.	All
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### 3. Communications Plan

JC provided forum members with a draft of the Helpline's communications strategy.

RL mentioned activity the NCA is undertaking on forced labour and confirmed that the helpline would be referenced in any communications campaign they undertake. RL also noted the Home Office activity underway to work with the Nigerian community, as included on the draft helpline communications plan, which he was not aware of. The NCA is also working with partners to raise awareness among the Nigerian diaspora.

All members agreed that a combined communications strategy should be developed to ensure that all members have a clear understanding of when activities and events are taking place, to avoid duplication of effort and to maximise opportunities.

AP3	JC to provide members with an electronic version of the draft communications plan	JC
AP4	Comments on the communications plan to be provided to JC by 3 March	All
AP5	RL to connect JC with the NCA media lead and share NCA comms plan	RL
AP6	SC to share Wales comms plan with JC	SC

**Date of next meeting(s):** 24 May 2017, 12 September 2017