

London Modern Slavery Partnership Board (LMSPB) 18 January 2018

Note and actions

Organisations attending

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC); Metropolitan Police Service (MPS); Hestia; Border Force; ECPAT UK; London Victim's Commissioner; Local authority Head of Community Safety; Victim Support; Hestia; Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC); Director of Housing; Crown Prosecution Service (CPS); Security Industry Authority; Caritas; Flex; Home Office Modern Slavery Unit; Office of Labour Market Enforcement; NHS England; Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); Human Trafficking Foundation; and Home Office Immigration Enforcement

Note

Item 1 - Introduction and update on actions

The meeting opened and the Chair took a moment to offer condolences on behalf of the Board for the sad passing of Gangmasters Labour and Abuse Authority (GLAA) Chief Executive Paul Broadbent. The Board recognised his great energy and contribution to the sector.

All actions were either complete or covered by later agenda items.

Sub-group updates

Item 2 – London problem profile

- A meeting was held on 4 December 2017 bringing together the Met and partner agencies, particularly NGOs, to consider the intelligence held and how this can be shared. Met analysts were now meeting with agencies individually to take this further.
- This would be developed into a publishable modern slavery problem profile for London.

- It was agreed that a draft of this should be available in advance of the next Partnership Board meeting in April.

Item 3 – Victim identification – training and awareness

- The MPS has been working with the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) to roll-out train the trainer awareness sessions developed by Stop the Traffik and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). The aim of this is to provide consistency in awareness of first responders.
- This training is being refreshed, with more sessions offered to Police Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). E-learning is also now available.
- MOPAC met with the MPS, Stop the Traffik and IOM in December and a further meeting is scheduled for February to consider how this is cascaded further across London.

Further discussion included:

- Health
- Home Office awareness tools
- ECPAT UK training
- Evaluation
- CPS

Item 4 – Enforcement – industry focus

- This sub-group was established in October 2017 and was now meeting monthly to set conditions and open flows of information between enforcement agencies.

Further discussion included:

- National work

Item 5 – Procurement and supply chains

- The first strand of this work was focussed on procurement – starting with the responsible procurement policies of MOPAC and the GLA. Work was ongoing to ensure we are removing modern slavery offences and will be ready to share at the next meeting.
- The second strand concerned how the GLA could utilise its Good Work Standard and encourage others to follow suit. A best standard was being developed and when complete the intention was to push this out into the private sector.

Further discussion included:

- National public procurement

Item 6 – Provision for victims in London: what are the key gaps and where can the Partnership add value?

The Chair opened a discussion on the gaps in provision for victims in London and where the Partnership Board could add value.

Discussion included:

- Asylum and trial status
- Needs assessment
- National Referral Mechanism (NRM)
- Protection orders
- Young people
- Further guidance/protocols
- Absconders
- Systems/recording
- Re-trafficking
- Biometrics
- Employment and training
- Attrition

Other issues raised were:

- Availability of safe houses;
- Provision for male victims;
- Provision pre and post NRM; and
- Support for pregnant women.

Item 7 – Any other business

It was noted that the Modern Slavery campaign in the Evening Standard would be concluding in the Vatican in w/c 5 February.

It was reported that the Human Trafficking Foundation adult protocol for Local Authorities was almost complete and the child tool continued to be developed.