

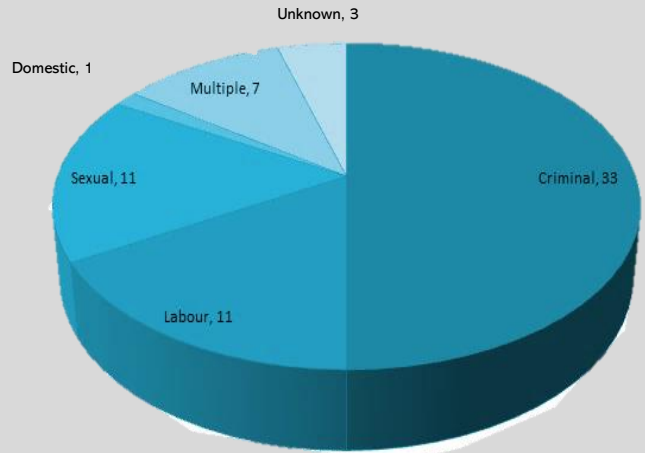
# ANTI-SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP

## REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

### NRM STATISTICS AND HELPLINE DATA

NRM referrals in the South West have significantly increased since Q1 2017, in line with national trends.

The high number of male minors entered onto the NRM has resulted in criminal exploitation being the largest reported typology of MSHT.



South West NRM referrals, Q2 2018 1

### ASP ANNUAL EVENT

The ASP Annual Event will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Paintworks Event Space in Bristol. The day will focus on celebrating the work of the ASP, and introducing potential new partners to MSHT and the partnership. It will feature a series of interactive workshops and keynotes. If there is an organisation or sector you would like represented, contact [coordinator@aspartnership.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@aspartnership.org.uk).

### NRM REFORM

The Home Office are introducing a series of reforms to the NRM process, including –

- Places of Safety
- Single Home Office competent authority
- Multi-agency negative Conclusive Grounds review panel
- Digitisation of NRM referral forms
- Longer move-on periods post NRM support
- Six-month drop-in services through Local Authorities
- Reduced subsistence allowance

See Annex A for more details.

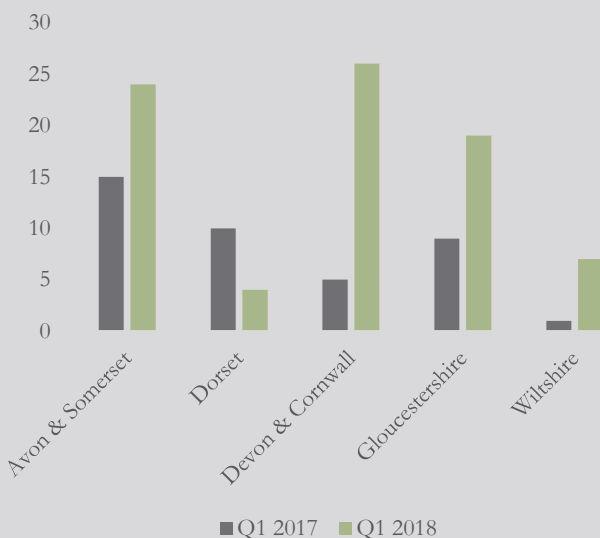
### MODERN SLAVERY APP

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July Unseen launched an app that provides an alternative channel of communication for those who want to reach the Modern Slavery Helpline.

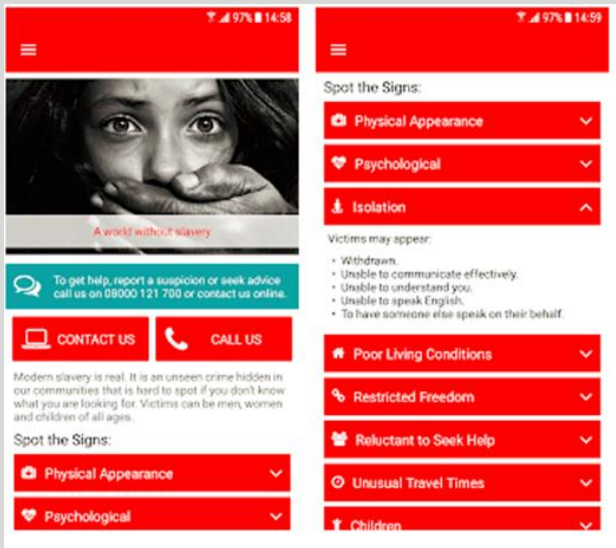
### Helpline cases Q1 2018



### NRM REFERRALS Q1 2017/2018



The app includes information about the different types of modern slavery, the signs to spot, and what to do. Users will be encouraged to call the Helpline or complete the online reporting form provided through the app if they need help or want to report something concerning. It can be downloaded [here](#).



The Clewer Initiative have launched the Safe Car Wash app, which encourages users to assess businesses against a set of indicators and can be found [here](#). This information is passed to the Modern Slavery Helpline and NCA.

### SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO HAND CAR WASHES

An Environmental Audit Committee into Hand Car washes is conducting an investigation into the impact of these sites (details [here](#)). Avon & Somerset Car wash regulation working group has submitted evidence recording the progress and findings of the work they are doing with businesses in Bristol.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch have created a comprehensive [Modern Slavery Toolkit](#), which includes leaflets, presentations, information resources, and action plans. The toolkit has been circulated to their members

to run awareness raising campaign, however they have indicated they are happy for anyone to utilise the resources in it.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASP

A new partnership in Bedfordshire has been established, modelled on the local boards in the South West. For contact, [l.begum@unseenuk.org](mailto:l.begum@unseenuk.org).

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES SOUTH WEST

The pilot home modelled to reduce the number of trafficked children who go missing in the first 72 hours is located in the South West and is accepting referrals.

For more information contact [director@childrenservicesw.org](mailto:director@childrenservicesw.org).

### UPDATES FROM LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

**Avon & Somerset** – The Car Wash regulation project continues, with secondary visits planned for September, and the Rural Exploitation working group is developing a POA. ASC will be conducting a follow up survey in September to test staff understanding of MSHT. A scrutiny panel is also being organised to assess the quality of investigations, with Unseen and CPS providing external

**Dorset** – Community Safety Partnerships are planning an event in November focused on the criminal exploitation of children and adults.

**Gloucestershire** – Gloucestershire County Council is developing a Modern Slavery infographic as part of a drive to improve communications on Modern Slavery. They are also developing a focus on rural exploitation, which is under reported in the area.

**Devon and Cornwall** – Jez Capey will be taking over from Ben Deer as chair of Devon and Cornwall ASP.

**Swindon and Wiltshire** – Jem Carter has taken over from Craig Holden as chair of the SWASP. The partnership has developed a toolkit detailing the various powers agencies have to combat MSHT.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Unseen Training - Bristol - 19th September](#)

[Unseen Training - London - 26th September](#)

[Swindon & Wiltshire ASP meeting – 19th September](#)

[Devon & Cornwall ASP meeting – 20th September](#)

[Regional ASP meeting – 11th October](#)

[Dorset ASP meeting – 20th September](#)

[Avon & Somerset ASP meeting – 4th October](#)

