

ANTI-SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP

REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

MODERN SLAVRY HELPLINE REPORT 2018

The Modern Slavery Helpline has released data from calls received in 2018. The report details new trends, victim profiles, case studies, and call volume and victims identified per area.

In total there were **149 cases** raised as a result of calls from the South West, with **548 potential victims** indicated.

- # **78** cases related to **labour exploitation**.
- # **20** cases of **sexual exploitation**.
- # **15** cases of **criminal exploitation**.
- # **10** cases of **domestic servitude**.
- # **26** cases were marked various or unknown.

For the first time the helpline has also provided statistics on recorded perpetrator identifiers. It showed that the most often recorded recruitment tactic was a job offer, followed by false promises and coercion. There were 20 recorded cases of victims becoming trapped into exploitation after abduction.

The full report can be accessed [here](#).

NRM REFORM

From May, NRM decisions will now be made by a Single Competent Authority within the Home Office. This signals a move from EU and non-EU nationals having cases handled separately by the NCA and UKIE respectively.

All NRM referral forms must now be sent to:

nationalreferralmechanism@homeoffice.gov.uk

A high court case has ruled that it is unlawful for victims of trafficking to have support withdrawn after the statutory 45 days respite. Consequently, all potential victims currently in safe house and outreach support are not obliged to leave, which may result in placements becoming unavailable for newly identified victims.

This development follows another court case in 2018 that resulted in potential victims who are also claiming asylum being reimbursed for a cut in subsistence allowance earlier in the year.

Industry	# of cases	# of PVs
Car Wash	318	1665
Construction	123	924
Beauty/Spa	116	415
Hospitality	80	547
Unknown/Blank	35	106
Agriculture/Farm	28	349
Services (other/blank)	23	99
Manufacturing	21	360
Care Sector	17	68
Retail/Big Issue	17	33
Various	15	39
Transportation	14	82
Entertainment	11	22
Janitorial/cleaning	9	31
Domestic Work/Au Pair/Nanny	8	11
Repairs/Maintenance	8	13
Other	7	13
Recycling/Waste Management	6	23
Religion	4	7
Maritime Industry/Boat/Shipping	1	1
Tech	1	1
TOTAL		4809

MS Helpline
Location of labour exploitation in England, 2018

HOMELESS COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The Modern Slavery Helpline will in June begin a campaign to raise awareness of the links between modern slavery and rough sleeping/homelessness. The Helpline asserts that homeless populations are more vulnerable to exploitation, especially MSHT victims who have become street homeless.

The campaign hopes to reach audiences in the street homeless, local authorities, and homeless NGOs. Partners are encouraged to support the campaign.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE CAMPAIGN

Central government has launched a Counter Modern Slavery behaviour change campaign targeting job centres, health settings, and banking. Preparatory research indicated that these sectors are those best suited to identifying Modern Slavery.

The full launch will target organisations based in Leeds, Birmingham, and Peterborough; however the materials are applicable to all areas.

For more information contact coordinator@aspartnership.org.uk.

WILTSHIRE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Swindon Wiltshire ASP hosted a breakfast event in March to introduce business representatives in the area to the work that the partnership does, and to raise awareness of MSHT in the UK. Guest speaker Shayne Tyler, of Manor Fresh Ltd, provided insight into his firsthand experience of MSHT in the agricultural sector.

Speaking at the event, SWASP chair Jem Carter said 'I see our business community as being absolutely essential in tackling Modern Slavery. It is after all based on business models and the people who know most about business are the people in that community'.

Businesses have reacted positively to the event, with offers of support and further collaboration with SWASP coming from well-known high street names.

DORSET ASP

In September 2018 Dorset investigated its first known incident of children trafficking from a language school. The Dorset ASP, in conjunction with the Local Authority Private Fostering Team, are doing some joint safeguarding and modern slavery/human trafficking training for the local network of language schools in 14th June. This will include signs for the schools to look out for that should heighten awareness, and the Dorset ASP are also producing safeguarding leaflets for the children in a variety of languages.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Following training delivered by Unseen, Gloucestershire County Council have developed an elearning tool to upskill all council staff. They will be making this resource freely available to all partner agencies through the ASP.

They have also created an infographic to raise awareness of Modern Slavery occurrence in the county. As with the elearning, they will be making this resource available to be adapted for all force areas in the region.

ANTI-SLAVERY COMMISSIONER

Sara Thornton is now in post as the new anti-slavery commissioner. The role of the commissioner is to encourage good practice in the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of MSHT, as well as the identification of victims.

Despite coming from a previous position as chief constable for the Metropolitan Police, Sara has said that prevention and the provision of adequate support for victims 'remains at the heart of our response'.

More information is available [here](#)

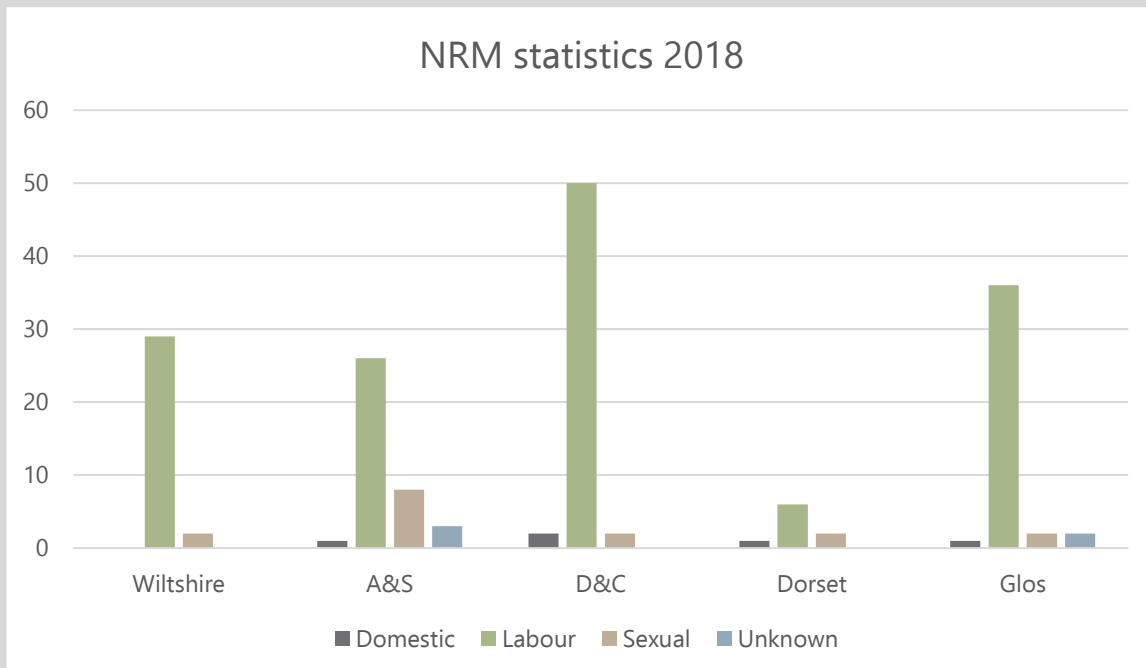
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Devon ASP – 12pm, 23rd May, Exeter

Regional ASP – 1.30pm, 30th May, Bridgwater

Avon & Somerset ASP – 1pm, 28th June, Bath

Dorset ASP – 11am, 8th July, Poole



The 2018 NRM statistics are available online, detailing the number of potential victims identified per force area. They also offer a breakdown of exploitation type and victim profiles. The full report can be found [here](#).