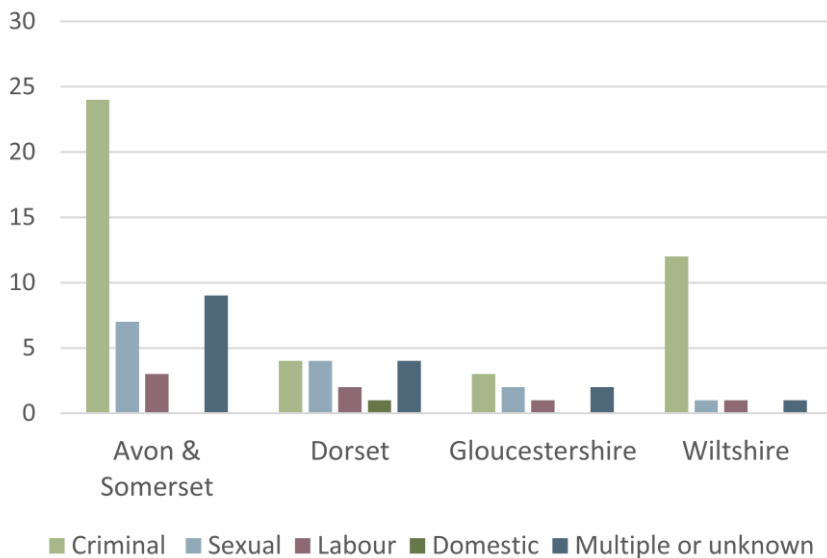


# ANTI-SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP

## REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

### SOUTH WEST THREAT ASSESSMENT Q2 2019

NRM submissions April - June 2019



From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the South West recorded 111 NRM referrals (including Devon & Cornwall).

Criminal exploitation remains the most frequent form of exploitation for which potential victims enter the NRM, with 43 submitted.

Cases involving multiple forms of exploitation have been recorded, indicating a rise in the complexity of cases encountered.

Notably, sexual exploitation has a higher incidence than labour exploitation in the last quarter, which reverses the recent trend. This may be due to criminal exploitation being separated from the labour exploitation figures.

Overall, referrals have increased significantly in comparison to the same quarter 2018 when 38 referrals were made.

(Please note: Devon & Cornwall recorded 35 referrals, however exploitation type is not yet confirmed.)

#### PCC FUND

All five local partnerships have been successful in application for funding from the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme. Successful bids pursued targeted prevention activity within vulnerable sectors of the community or vulnerable business sectors.

Given the recent focus on the links between homeless communities and Modern Slavery, Devon & Torbay ASP has chosen to raise awareness amongst stakeholders in this arena. Four training sessions have been commissioned around the county.

Wiltshire ASP will be holding a multi-agency awareness event, and have arranged for a survivor of Modern Slavery to talk about their story.

The application in Avon & Somerset has secured funding towards the regional ASP annual event. Planning is underway for this event, and further details will be circulate in the next quarter.

Dorset will be addressing the vulnerability of workers in the gig economies, and will be holding a series of events exploring this theme.

#### WILTSHIRE ASP SOFT REPORTING MECHANISM

Following Devon & Cornwall and Avon & Somerset, Wiltshire Police have developed a soft reporting mechanism to facilitate information sharing amongst Swindon & Wiltshire ASP partners.

The online tool will be available to partner agencies to submit non-emergency information that may provide a fuller picture of potentially exploitative situations or businesses.

Devon & Cornwall Police regularly produce feedback to partners on how information submitted through the mechanism has been used, a model that Wiltshire intends to replicate.

#### IASC SARA THORNTON VISIT

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Sara Thornton will be visiting the Anti-Slavery Partnership at the regional meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Sara took up the post in 2019 and we are thrilled that she will be speaking about her plans for the UK's response to Modern Slavery at the meeting in Portishead.

The Commissioner's blog can be found on the IASC website [here](#).

# MODERN SLAVERY IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

It could happen anywhere to anyone.  
Even in Gloucestershire.

There are lots of organisations who work together to protect vulnerable people, but the picture is not complete and they need your help.



If you see someone you think might be a victim please contact the police on 101, the Modern Slavery Helpline on 0800 0121 700, or call anonymously Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASP

Gloucestershire ASP have launched their infographic raising awareness of Modern Slavery in the county alongside a call to action for the public to spot the signs and report concerns. The graphic will feature in public spaces, with an emphasis on transport hubs.

To compliment the launch of the posters, Gloucestershire are also planning an event to mark Anti-Slavery day (18<sup>th</sup> October), which has been made possible by a successful bid to the MSTPP.

## DEVON & CORNWALL

A successful prosecution has resulted in a man being jailed for seven years after he admitted to human trafficking offences.

The perpetrator ran two brothels in Plymouth and Truro, and was first investigated by Devon & Cornwall Police following information passed to them by a member of the public.

Several victims were safeguarded and he was charged with Modern Slavery offences after it became clear that Chinese women were being trafficked into the brothels he ran.

## DEVON & TORBAY ASP

The Devon & Torbay ASP recently convened a task and finish group in June 2019 to consider the multi-agency processes, protocols and resourcing of support for potential victims. The group is drawing on a range of expertise, specialisms and service areas with the intention that this work will result in a wider understanding and formal agreement being ratified by all partners and groups involved in and underpinning anti-slavery work across Devon and Cornwall.

The group will welcome regional partners to make contact and share any relevant protocols, practice documents or information which may assist or support this piece of work.

## ELEARNING

There are two new Elearning resources soon to be available in the South West –

Unseen UK have developed an online facility that mirrors their group training package for frontline staff. The course is CPD accredited. For more information contact [g.davis@unseenuk.org](mailto:g.davis@unseenuk.org).

Gloucestershire ASP have built an online course that whilst specific to the county is applicable to most settings and will be freely available.

## EVENTS

The National Modern Slavery Partnership Conference will enable stakeholders from a wide range of backgrounds to network and to identify opportunities to work together to protect children from exploitation.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Birmingham.**

To register: [modernslavery@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:modernslavery@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

## TRADING STANDARDS

In 2019 the Devon, Torbay & Somerset Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme launched a Modern Slavery pilot to educate frontline staff and member businesses about how to identify and report exploitation.

Following a training day in January Trading Standards are in the process of developing remote training for both Staff and Member Businesses. In May, they released a [Modern Day Slavery Training Video](#), which is publicly available for all to watch. This will be supplemented by short training guides, which will be published for both frontline staff and business members.

## NHS QUICK GUIDE

The Helen Bamber Foundation have produced a guidance document for staff working in health settings which provides an overview of Modern Slavery, how a victim may present, and duties of care that health professionals have to them.

The guidance can be accessed [here](#).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regional ASP – 24<sup>th</sup> September – Portishead

Avon & Somerset ASP – 10<sup>th</sup> October – Bristol

Gloucestershire ASP – 6<sup>th</sup> October - Gloucester

Dorset ASP – 24<sup>th</sup> October - Poole

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