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Terms of Reference and membership.

Background

The National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network (NATMSN) was launched in January 2016 at the Home Office by West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Mark Burns-Williamson with the support of the then Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Kevin Hyland. The network is a vital platform which brings together Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC's) from across England and Wales, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC), The National Police Chief Council (NPCC) lead Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer and the Home Office Modern Slavery Unit to discuss and improve how they work together to combat human trafficking and modern slavery in all its forms. The network is also chaired by PCC Mark Burns-Williamson.

Terms of Reference

The network is established to provide a strategic meeting framework nationally to raise awareness of tackling human trafficking and modern slavery in all its forms.

The network does not have a statutory role, nor does it have any oversight or governance of any policy, practice or procedure. Individual members are accountable only to their own organisations and are in no way committed to any joint initiatives for or on behalf of the network.

Aims and Objectives

The primary aims and objectives of the network are set out as follows:

- To encourage a victim focused approach and good practice in victim care.
- To facilitate the sharing of experiences and expertise between national organisations.
- To influence and connect with wider stakeholders at national and cross border level.
- To encourage the development and identification of best practice, trends and patterns.
- To remain abreast of current developments and initiatives relating to human trafficking and modern slavery issues.
- To support the development of proactive strategies for the prevention of human trafficking and modern slavery.
- To identify any gaps in current provision of services and anticipate future demand.

- To monitor training requirements in addition to that already being delivered nationally.
- To develop intelligence/information sharing protocols between agencies.
- To identify areas where trafficking is prevalent to understand the key factors and share information so it can be disrupted and establishment prevented in other areas.
- Support the United Kingdom National plan in relation to Modern Slavery.

Membership

The NATMSN meetings are held five times per year. All PCC's in England and Wales are invited to attend the NATMSN meetings and all PCC's are engaged with its work and the anti-slavery agenda. The NPCC, IASC and Home Office Modern Slavery Unit are invited to every meeting to provide the latest updates in their work to drive forward the national response to modern slavery and discuss matters that arise with the PCC's. In addition to these updates, guest speakers are invited to deliver presentations about best practice, innovation, prevention and intervention.

Membership is also extended to the National Crime Agency (NCA), Gangmasters' and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and the Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Programme (MSOICP).

Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Programme (MSOICP)

Since April 2017, the NATMSN and associated national PCC activity to tackle modern slavery has worked closely with the MSOICP. The NATMSN has been engaged in direct support of the programmes' deliverables with a focus in 2020/21 on deliverable: (F) Provide ongoing support to PCCs to embed good practice and support to local partnerships.

The additional activity delivered through the NATMSN has included:

- Development and publication of a PCC modern slavery toolkit
- Delivery of nine regional workshops to support the rollout of the PCC toolkit and nine subsequent workshops to support PCC's in their modern slavery response locally.
- The provision of five rounds of the small grants scheme to enable PCC's to progress targeted prevention activity with vulnerable sectors of the community / vulnerable business sectors in response to their local threat profile.

PCC engagement:

Round 5	76%
Round 4	86%
Round 3	79%
Round 2	69.7%
Round 1	76.7%

- Delivery of two national best practice partnership events which focussed on:
 - Initial victim care and prevention of re-trafficking
 - Exploitation of children.

In 2020/21, the NATMSN continues to operate and PCC Mark Burns-Williamson offers his continued support for MSOICP and is a member of the programmes Strategic Assurance Board.