

PLASP Meeting, October 24, 2019

Blackpool Freedom Day Debrief

This Freedom Day had been a particular success with many visitors to the Freedom Bus, the Anti-Slavery Flag on the Town Hall, Blackpool Tower lit in red on the Friday, a Soroptimist's march and many cadets giving out leaflets. For fuller details see this webpage for October 12

Summary of Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC)'s Strategic Plan for 2019-21

On Anti-Slavery Day, October 18th, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Dame Sara Thornton, published the [Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2021](#), outlining priorities for the coming years for the UK in combating modern slavery.

The report highlights four key focus areas:

- Improving victim care and support
- Supporting law enforcement and prosecutions
- Focusing on prevention
- Getting value from research and innovation

The release of the new strategy closely follows the release of the Government's [2019 UK Annual Modern Slavery Report](#), released earlier this month.

For Lancashire we should add a simple strapline to the thousands of procurement orders made by Lancashire Constabulary and encourage suppliers– small as well as large – to sign up to ethical practice with MDS in mind. Policing of the 2015 Modern Slavery Act legislation on supply chains doesn't take place which raises the question of the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Constabulary. There needs to be simple preventative measures to endorse the current legislation.

The Hope for Justice [Slave Free Alliance](#) is wanting to get into smaller businesses and offers good quality resources as part of its paid for service.

In understanding the warning signs and knowing how labour agencies work, *Follow the money* – who is paying whom for what - is a useful concept. [Stronger Together](#) is part of the [Anti-Slavery Partnership](#) Toolkit and offers useful [resources](#) for businesses.

Training Update

Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and Salads to go have delivered their own in-house training.

Training is being coordinated via Community Safety Partnerships and volunteers are needed.

Anti-Slavery Debrief

There was good media coverage of Lancashire Police's actions on Anti-Slavery Day ,October 18.

Salads to Go devised and used a fun game for people to play on the day and help them understand and remember the 4 types of exploitation, 8 signs and 4 ways to report. You can see the game [here](#) and the instructions [here](#)

The Friendship Foundation had an impressive programme of events. [See their poster.](#)

In Plain Sight- Caritas Salford inspired conference in London

For details see this webpage for October 12

Hope for the Future

Based on their experience of supporting people who were leaving the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), [Ashiana](#), [Hestia](#) and the [British Red Cross](#) partnered to develop a pilot of longer-term support for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation, and supported 70 people between February 2018 and May 2019.

The main findings centred around:

- Personalised and needs-led support
- Reducing the risk for women survivors
- Mental health needs and access to treatment
- Insecure immigration status
- Timely access to secure and settled housing

See the [full report](#) and the [summary](#)

World Class Policing Awards 2019

The outstanding and innovative work of the Lancashire Police Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Team has led to them becoming finalists for the [World Class Policing Awards](#). Their hard work has helped free a number of victims of human trafficking. Congratulations.

Any Other Business

There will be sub-groups to agree a homelessness initiative for the winter and to develop a Toolkit for businesses