



## Working Together

**Scotland is a country that is hostile to human trafficking and exploitation. This biannual newsletter ensures that convictions and victims' experiences are publicised in Scotland, the UK and beyond.**

## HSBC and Migrant Help

Migrant Help's partnership with HSBC has proved very useful in July. Four Slovakian construction workers had answered an advert online promising them jobs and accommodation in the UK. They travelled to the UK hoping for a better future. However, upon starting the job, most of their wages were docked to pay for a poor bunkhouse provided by the trafficker. They were only paid enough for the occasional packet of cigarettes and were not able to explain to their families why they could not send money home. This caused a lot of distress for them, and they were very confused since their language skills were limited, and did not know where to find help to get out of this situation.

Finally, one of the men called Police Scotland and reported what had been happening to them. They were referred to Migrant Help for support. After they were rescued by Police Scotland, it was discovered that the trafficker had gained access to the limited bank accounts that the men had been able to open, so they were concerned that using these accounts to build new lives would cause them to be robbed again. Migrant Help approached HSBC to seek assistance with opening new bank accounts. As a result, the men have been able to open safe and secure new bank accounts without needing the usual proofs of address and identity that would be impossible for victims of trafficking to provide. The whole process was very simple thanks to the support of HSBC workers and Migrant Help caseworkers. The trafficking survivors commented on this initiative being extremely valuable to them.

William says "The bank account is good" "it is good to be able to put money in, and if I get paid I can use it for work"

Bob says "I can use the bank to pay for internet so I can look for work on my phone"

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*" Banks play a critical role in supporting the eradication of Human Trafficking and helping those that have been affected by it. Whilst we still have work to do I am proud of HSBC's collaborative efforts with Migrant Help and we will continue to strive to deliver a positive change for those involved" –*

*Alison McGregor, CEO HSBC Bank, Scotland*

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The Scottish Government is providing **£3 million** over three years for trafficking victims through support services **TARA** and **Migrant Help**



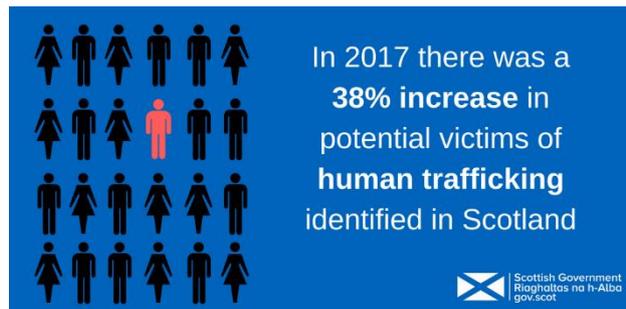
## Multiagency Working: Police, Health and Safety Executive, Department of Work and Pensions and Home Office Immigration Enforcement: West of Scotland

On Tuesday 15th May 2018 PC Martin Love from the Community Policing Team based at Paisley led a multiagency approach as part of the Government and National Crime Agency strategy in relation to Operation Aidant – Human Trafficking / Labour exploitation. This focused on two carwashes (one within Paisley and one within Renfrew). Sixteen Police Officers from Paisley and Renfrew Police Stations, accompanied by colleagues from the

Health and Safety Executive, Department of Work and Pensions and Home Office Immigration Enforcement attended the locations. Thirteen workers from Romania and Slovakia were engaged and spoken with utilising bespoke questionnaires. No criminality and more importantly, no Potential Victims of Human Tracking were identified. The Health and Safety Executive raised concerns regarding electrical safety and both premises were closed for a short period. The owners and managers of both premises quickly rectified the issues to the required standard. This collaborative approach has enhanced the working environment and safety for all those concerned.

## One Year On: Human Trafficking & Exploitation Prevention & Risk Orders (TEPOs & TEROs)

The Police Scotland Serious Crime Prevention Order (SCPO) Unit is responsible for the application and monitoring of many of the new Preventative Orders at the disposal of law enforcement in Scotland including TEPOs and TEROs. They work closely with the National Human Trafficking Unit and COPFS to ensure that all available opportunities are utilised and provide practical advice on suitable clauses, and monitoring strategies.



Since the commencement of the legislation on 30 June 2017 the unit has considered 52 nominals, which includes 9 individuals awaiting judicial outcomes at forthcoming trials. This includes nominals linked to Operation Heathyard (labour exploitation) and Operation Synapsis (sexual exploitation).

To date two TEPOs have been imposed and at present two TERO applications are being pursued by Police Scotland pending the outcome of a lengthy criminal investigation.



### Multiagency Working—Aberdeen

On 26 June 2018, Police Scotland's Human Trafficking Champion in A Division took part in a multi-agency conference in Aberdeen, aimed at improving the identification and support for victims in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire area. The event was organised by a solicitor within the Civil Legal Assistance Office in Aberdeen and involved inputs from Police Scotland, COSLA, JustRight Scotland, TARA and Migrant Help. The event provided a platform for discussing various issues in relation to Action Area 1 of the Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy, resulting in an increased awareness of key issues amongst partners and an opportunity to enhance local practices to ensure that victims of Human Trafficking are appropriately protected.

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Last year **236** survivors of human trafficking were given support through **TARA** and **Migrant Help**

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### Who are we?

We are The Anchor, NHS GG&C Psychological Trauma Service (GPTS). We are a tertiary level mental health service which offers multi-disciplinary psychologically informed interventions to clients who present with Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) following experiences of complex trauma. Complex trauma experiences can be both a marker and cause of social inequality and therefore we target populations presenting with vulnerability such as victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

### What do we do?

We provide a psychological, trauma –informed service to all adult victims of human trafficking and exploitation in Scotland. This is provided in partnership with first responders, TARA (Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance) and Migrant Help.

- ❖ We offer early, psychological assessment, to identify the psychological needs and mental health difficulties of all adult victims of trafficking.
- ❖ We offer psychological education for clients to better understand their trauma symptoms and reduce fear
- ❖ We provide psychological information to inform care planning, risk management, and multi-agency involvement.
- ❖ We provide psychological reports to inform NRM and asylum decisions and advise on special measures within the rest and recovery period.
- ❖ We offer information, consultation and training on a needs basis to make sure the systems victims are involved with are trauma informed and recovery focused.
- ❖ We review the mental health needs of all new and currently active TARA and Migrant Help cases through fortnightly case review meetings.

We provide psychological therapy and evidence based treatments to meet the mental health needs of victims during the reflection and recovery period and to increase the likelihood of good legal outcomes. This includes access to individual and group psychological therapy, occupational therapy and art psychotherapy.

### What our service users say

- 'It has helped me see a way through the trauma'
- 'I feel stronger and feel as though I have hope from coming here'
- 'I used to believe I would be dead by age 30, now I can see a future and I am ready to leave my past behind and it feels good'
- 'I can make my own decisions now; I don't have to ask anyone for permission to do anything'
- 'The group and the one to ones taught me such a lot'
- 'I was not judged, everything that I was experiencing and have experienced in the past was addressed in a great way. I was given help and tools to cope and deal with my mental health issues'