

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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Human Trafficking

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Human Trafficking - Briefing Note

Groups established

The following groups are now established and Kim Ann Williamson from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) attends all the forums to ensure consistent approach on behalf of the Leadership Board for the training and awareness work. CPS lead this initiative for Wales.

- Leadership Group
- South Wales Group
- Gwent Group
- Western Bay Group
- Cardiff Group
- North East Wales Anti Human Trafficking Project

Work to date – Raising Awareness and Training

- Western Bay Anti Human Trafficking Group opened by leader of the Council and media coverage undertaken with South Wales Evening Post and Real Radio
- Leaflet, Poster and taxi sticker campaign has begun and the drafting of the posters is on-going.
- Pilot SIO/ CPS course completed and roll out expected early 2014. After local delivery the intention is to offer this training nationally and to include Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Introduction/ Practitioner multi agency training for across Wales agreed – dates to be confirmed for 2014
- Research opportunities / dissertations in Universities to be progressed .
- Operation Eagle continues to be promoted and discussed
- Anti Slavery Day 18 October 2013 - North Wales Conference .
- Training commenced for School Liaison Officers across Wales
- Swansea University – Kim Ann Williamson working with Swansea University to roll out Introduction (3 modules) and Post Graduate Course in Human Trafficking in 2014
- Meet Licencing / Hotels Forums/ National Express/ Cardiff Airport staff/ Local bus companies to offer training and raise awareness .

- Cardiff Group have rolled out master classes for Cardiff staff on a multi agency basis over recent months and enhanced training to be rolled out from November 2013.

Work to date – other strands :

- Joint Investigation Development Board established to share intelligence locally , nationally and internationally. Next meeting scheduled for November 2013 . Group chaired by Kim Ann Williamson from CPS
- Cardiff Pathways and MARAC procedures has been piloted in Cardiff with plans for Area Wide roll out in 2014. One MARAC meeting has taken place.
- Data sharing of referrals that are not forwarded to NRM to be collated and shared to establish global picture of number of victims seeking help across Wales.

Next Steps

- Continue to training defence lawyers and consider Judicial training in 2014
- Human Trafficking Conference to be scheduled for early 2014 – dates to be agreed
- Course material to be accredited
- Work with teaching and youth work staff to increase awareness of human trafficking