

# West Midlands Anti Slavery Network

A network of agencies tackling modern slavery in the West Midlands and beyond

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## News from around the Network



### West Midlands Police

In late February, West Midlands Police was subject to an inspection by HMIC. The inspection was part of a national review of 10 forces, and sought to baseline national delivery in the field of Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking. We await formal feedback from the inspection, but were pleased to hear that the Inspection Team were impressed with the level of partnership work taking place within the region. As Force Lead, I am looking forward to their recommendations and fully accept that there is more we need to do in both raising awareness, improving victim identification and in pursuing those responsible for exploiting victims.

Finally, in early April Sergeant Khizra Dhindsa will take up a role as the WMP Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking Co-ordinator. Her appointment will add real value in driving forward the agenda and is testament to our commitment to making the West Midlands a hostile location for those involved in one of the most abhorrent forms of criminality.

**Detective Superintendent Nick Walton (Force Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking Lead) WMP**

## NSPCC

The NSPCC's Child Trafficking Advice Centre (CTAC) provides free guidance and training to professionals concerned that a child or young person has been or is about to be trafficked into or out of the UK. We:

- give advice by telephone and email to professionals
- coordinate multi-agency responses, focused on protecting the child
- deliver training and awareness-raising presentations in the UK and across the world
- attend child protection meetings and produce child trafficking reports for courts
- are a first responder for child referrals into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) – a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking and ensuring they receive appropriate care

If you work with children or young people who may have been trafficked into the UK, contact our specialist service for information and advice. Call us on 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) for more information.



Public Health  
England

Funding was secured from Public Health England to work with the West Midlands Anti Slavery Network to look at health and wider issues related to Albanian Nationals one of the highest nationalities on the National Referral Mechanism. Applying a public health approach to this work will support a focus on prevention; identification and support of victims and the prospect of addressing root causes; risk factors and vulnerabilities to facilitate earlier intervention and appropriate support. The action research involves partners from health; the voluntary sector and academia. A steering group has met to share different perspectives across the system and a literature review is underway.

**Karen Saunders**

**Health and Wellbeing Programme Lead/Public Health Specialist**



## **Jericho Foundation Announces Big Lottery Fund Grant for Modern Slavery Project “Labour for Change”**

The Jericho Foundation is delighted to announce it has received £314,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, and a further £128,000 of matched funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, to support its “Labour for Change” Project to benefit the victims of modern slavery.

The “Labour for Change” Project improves the economic, social and personal outcomes of the survivors of modern slavery and those at risk of this kind of exploitation. The project provides supported employment, apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities in Jericho’s eight social enterprise businesses. The Jericho Client Support Team delivers information, advice, guidance, personal development, language skills training and other services throughout the employment period or apprenticeship. Hope for Justice is one of the partners Jericho will be working closely with on this project and they will be sharing expertise while providing referrals and legal advocacy support.

Richard Beard, Chief Executive of Jericho, said: “Our “Labour for Change” Project will truly transform the lives of victims of modern slavery. Our holistic programme ensures these survivors achieve a regular income, personal development and a feeling of safety and security. Furthermore, they feel able to end their dependency on benefits, secure sustainable employment and become an inclusive and integrated part of their local community. We are incredibly grateful for the funding provided by the Big Lottery Fund and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation”.

The Jericho Foundation is a Birmingham-based registered charity which breaks down barriers in society and supports disadvantaged people to become fulfilled, skilled and employed. Jericho is the only organisation in the UK with the expertise and resources to deliver a complete programme of work experience, training and tailored support to the victims of modern slavery.

<http://jericho.org.uk>

**Black Country Women’s Aid** – Sandwell Women’s Aid has had a name change and will now be known as Black Country Women’s Aid. This is to reflect the fact that their work encompasses a much wider area. They look forward to developing their services to make sure victims of abuse get the right support at the right time.

## West Midlands Anti Slavery Network Meeting Dates

WMASN meeting dates for 2017, for further information including venue please contact [donna.pryor@westmidlandsantislavery.org](mailto:donna.pryor@westmidlandsantislavery.org)

20th April 2017  
1st June 2017  
13th July 2017  
24th August 2017  
5th October 2017  
16th November 2017



Modern Slavery training available through The Haven, Wolverhampton, aimed at professionals whose work may bring them into contact with potentially trafficked people. Dates available in May, June and July please contact [training@havenrefuge.org.uk](mailto:training@havenrefuge.org.uk) for more details.

## Useful Links

Modern Slavery Helpline – 08000 121 700

NRM - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-trafficking-victims-referral-and-assessment-forms>

Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB) –  
[fib@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fib@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

Modern Slavery Act Duty to Notify -  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/duty-to-notify-the-home-office-of-potential-victims-of-modern-slavery>



Salvation Army Adult Victim of  
Modern Slavery Care and  
Coordination Services

General Enquiries:

0300 303 0547 / 0548

Mon to Fri - 09:00 to 17:00

24 hour new referral and out of  
hours line:

0300 303 8151

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