

Hello,

Welcome to **Week 17 MSCOS**. Please check out this week's news, features and of course, our online pages and moderated [discussion forums](#), where you can post anonymously – we need YOUR perspectives on practice!

Our weekly updates are best viewed on desktop versus mobile, however, we are now **attaching them also in PDF format**.

This week our feature is on the core outcome, [Safety from Any Trafficker or Other Abuser](#)

We would like to thank [Kate Davis, Review and Guidance Specialist](#) for the [Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Unit](#) who explains the Unit's work on **cultural resources for best practice in policing; Operation Mandevilla**, which is a pilot project with **pregnancy advisory clinics** in **West Yorkshire**; and partnership with [Medaille Trust](#) in relation to **Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interviews**.

Also to [Tatiana Gren-Jardan, Head of the Modern Slavery Unit, Centre for Social Justice](#) who chaired a keynote speech and Q&A from [Jess Phillips, Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding](#), who made some positive recommendations for improvements to practice for survivors of Modern Slavery.

Note that: The **MSCOS Community of Practice** will be hosting a forthcoming online expert forum on [Secure and Appropriate Housing](#) – please do share your thoughts, ideas and valuable experience on all forms of housing for survivors of modern slavery / human trafficking in our [discussion forums](#)! [The Passage Modern Slavery Service's annual report](#) is out this week. It shares statistics about the cases identified and supported during 2022/2023, the types of service offered and housing status throughout survivors' journey. [The Passage](#) is committed to continue working with **statutory agencies, the third sector and with people with lived experience of modern slavery** to improve the quality of its multi-agency case conference (**MACC**) model and to enhance housing options for survivors.

[THIS WEEK'S FEATURE](#)



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Modern Slavery and Organised
Immigration Crime

[Kate Davis, Review and Guidance specialist](#) for the [Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Unit](#) provides some information about the Unit and current projects:

“[Devon and Cornwall Police](#) hold the **National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC)** portfolio for **Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime (MSOIC)**. It also hosts the **National MSOIC Unit (MSOICU)**. The **Modern Slavery team** within the **MSOICU Unit** exists to support police forces nationwide with investigating modern slavery crimes by providing training and best practice guidance.

- One of our projects is a cultural resource for Police Forces to enable better engagement with survivors of modern slavery, especially at the start of an investigation. Police officers who are equipped with **tailored cultural resources that acknowledge and appreciate specific cultural needs** are better positioned to gain the necessary trust and confidence of modern slavery survivors and consequently support them holistically and appropriately.

We plan to produce resources for several cultures in turn, starting with the **Romanian** and **Roma** cultures. We have interviewed a number of people with credentials in this area ranging from Romanian Police Officers, a representative from the Romanian Embassy, academics and NGOs. The resources include: **historical background, useful greetings/phrases, taboo subjects, family structure and gender dynamics, religion and interaction with authority**. We have a webinar planned in September to pilot the resource in Devon & Cornwall, and then disseminate to other police forces. After this we would like to deliver it to a wider audience.

- **Operation Mandevilla** is an ongoing pilot project which began in January 2023 in to improve identification and support for vulnerable victims of exploitation in **pregnancy advisory clinics in West Yorkshire**.

The objectives of the pilot are to:

1. Improve the response that clinics receive from **West Yorkshire Police** when reporting exploitation and dynamic safeguarding concerns

2. Upskill clinics in the use of appropriate terminology and identification of risk via promotion of intelligence sharing channels and reporting processes with clinics to safeguard vulnerable women and girls and;
3. Improve the quality and accuracy of intelligence provided to police.



VICTIM VOICE PROJECT: The **National MSOIC Unit** is also liaising with **The Medaille Trust's Victim's Voice Project** to train experienced modern slavery professionals from within **Medaille Trust** on how to conduct digitally recorded **Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interviews** to the same evidential standard as those conducted by law enforcement professionals.

As a unit we are advising Police Forces of the availability of this opportunity for cases which they deem to be appropriate, in which victims want to report trafficking crime but feel unable/ are not willing to engage with the police in the criminal justice process.

Medaille Trust is one of the largest providers of supported safe house beds for victims of modern slavery in the UK under the Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract (MSVCC). It offers safe housing; support for victims and awareness raising in communities as well as partnering with law enforcement authorities.

USEFUL TO KNOW:

- For more information about the **Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Unit** visit: <https://policingslavery.co.uk/>

Also:

- The [Knowledge Hub](#) is a website designed to encourage greater collaboration for criminal justice. It has been created for UK policing and it's public and select private sector partners, for the sharing of information, discussion of ideas and opportunities.
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[Jess Phillips MP, the Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding](#), gave a keynote speech at the Centre for Social Justice on 18th July: '**What Next in the Fight Against Modern Slavery**', with a Q & A session afterwards chaired by [Tatiana Gren-Jardan, Head of the Modern Slavery Unit](#). You can see the speech and Q&A [here](#).

A strong theme of the speech was the need for a **cross-departmental strategic plan in Government**, and modern slavery not being the sole domain of one department, the UK Home Office; also a particular need for **joined-up work with schools and local authorities** in relation to prevention of trafficking, with dedicated roles within each local authority/council for responsibility on modern slavery. The connection was emphasised between obtaining survivors' testimony against traffickers and meeting their need for appropriate support and care via a '**MARAC**'* type approach.

The point was made that child criminal exploitation and adult sexual exploitation should be defined in UK law, and criminal justice for victims of trafficking stepped up across the board, with strengthening of traffickers' **asset seizure** in order to dismantle criminal networks.

The challenges of access to the **UK's National Referral Mechanism** for all survivors were highlighted, with focus on the desperate struggle of **British nationals**, who are trafficked in high numbers domestically (within the borders of one country), yet find it impossible to obtain appropriate support.

A greater push to legislate as Government has promised on modern slavery in relation to **global supply chains** is needed.

Responding to a question on the need for victims of trafficking/modern slavery to be granted **automatic leave to remain for at least a year** when they are conclusively identified to avoid the real risks of re-targeting and further crime, Jess Phillips referred to the need for a **wide ranging, cross-departmental review** of all aspects of the UK's response to modern slavery, including (among other things) **domestic worker visas** and **leave to remain**.

MARAC stands for **Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference. The 4 aims of a MARAC are to safeguard victims of domestic abuse, manage perpetrators' behaviour, safeguard professionals and make links with all other safeguarding processes.*

DID YOU KNOW?

If you've joined our mailing list recently, over the last 15 weeks we have covered a variety of outcomes, highlighting best practice models and frameworks. You can access them all in PDF [here](#).

Please forward MSCOS to any colleagues or network connections that you think may be interested in our work, and they can sign up to receive newsletter invites via our contact form [here](#), or by direct email to mscos@kcl.ac.uk.

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