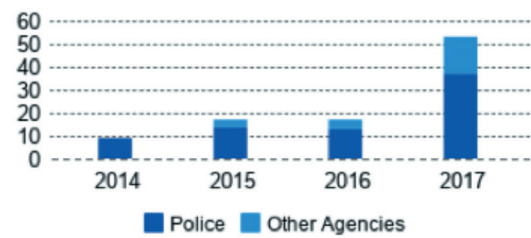


Facts About  
**Modern Slavery  
 in Derbyshire  
 2017**

Estimated **123 to 160** possible victims in Derbyshire (2016)

**INCREASE IN VICTIMS  
 IDENTIFIED SINCE 2014**



**Just over  
 1 OF VICTIMS  
 - ARE  
 3 CHILDREN**

**National Referral Mechanism (NRM)**

**Sexual  
 Exploitation**

Brothels  
 Private residences  
 Street sex workers  
 Night/Strip clubs



**Three women,  
 eight girls and  
 one boy**



**Forced  
 Labour**

Construction  
 Hospitality  
 Agriculture  
 Food packaging  
 Car wash



**Seventeen men  
 and one boy,  
 two women  
 and one girl**

**Domestic  
 Servitude**

Private residences



**One woman  
 and one man**

**VICTIMS OF MODERN  
 SLAVERY**

**Eleven Children Trafficked  
 8 UK Nationals**

**Forced Criminality**

Organised theft  
 Pickpocketing  
 Drug dealing  
 Cannabis farms

**WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?**

Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia  
 Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom and Vietnam

**Who to Contact**

**DERBYSHIRE POLICE**

Call on the **101** non-emergency number & mention Operation Wilberforce. If the person is in immediate danger call **999**.

Bishop of Derby's Office  
 British Red Cross  
 Dept. Work & Pensions  
 Derby City Council  
 Derbyshire Constabulary  
 Derbyshire County Council  
 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue

Department for Work & Pensions  
 Gang Masters Licensing Abuse Authority  
 Her Majesty's Revenue & Custom  
 Southern Derbyshire CCG  
 UK Visa & Immigration  
 Derby University

# Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the Derby & Derbyshire Modern Slavery Partnership (DDMSP) newsletter. Since our last edition we should note a number of significant developments: locally, nationally and internationally.

Partnership is key to the fight against modern slavery – at every level of the community. A rich rainbow of gifts, skills, resources and commitment can create the range of intelligence, outreach and response that we need to push back against this horrendous 'crime against humanity', as Pope Francis has defined it.

And the task remains urgent. The exploitation of vulnerable people continues to grow, and the methods of exploitation are becoming increasingly sophisticated through organised crime gangs at home and abroad.

At the international level, the establishment of the Global Sustainability Network, as a partnership between the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church and Muslim leaders, is providing an important forum for developing tools to combat slavery, legislative frameworks for governments, and better coordination of the endeavours of business, the media, faith groups, charities and community groups. Our work in Derby and Derbyshire is informing this endeavour, and helping to give ideas and encouragement to others.



Nationally, there is significant work being undertaken to improve systems of care for victims and survivors – including reform of the National Referral Mechanism; proposed legislative changes to strengthen the Modern Slavery Act 2015; a review of the Act this summer to assess the first three years of its operation; and the continuing expansion of the amazing contributions orchestrated by the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Kevin Hyland, who is a supporter of our work across this county.

Developing the anti-slavery work pioneered in Derby and Derbyshire, the Church of England has launched the Clewer Initiative, to enable Anglican, Roman Catholic and other faith groups to play a proactive part in establishing and growing appropriate partnerships with statutory agencies and charities across the country. The launch last October was endorsed by the Prime Minister,

the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Minister responsible for slavery, and a host of significant organisations including representatives from our Partnership.

More locally, this newsletter will highlight continuing innovation and effective responses in awareness raising, especially through schools; our new police unit Operation Wilberforce; in building partnerships to best care for victims; and in strengthening the workings of our core partnership group of committed professionals and volunteers.

We have much to celebrate: but much to do together to tackle modern slavery.

THE RT. REVD. DR ALASTAIR REDFERN, BISHOP OF DERBY

# TACKLING MODERN SLAVERY TOGETHER

## With the Community

### Schools and Young People

In January 2017 there was the first ever Children's Modern Slavery Summit at Derby Cathedral hosted by the Bishop of Derby with the DDMSP/ Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, the Arkwright Society and Derby University. Over 100 children attended from across the county to learn about modern slavery and the fight against exploitation. The schools produced a 15ft banner to tackle modern slavery together in Derbyshire. The event was covered by the BBC and other media outlets.



### St Martin's 6th form in the Community

"During our community day in Derby city we had the pleasure of meeting Michelle from Derbyshire county council. Michelle spoke to us about the information on display in the Cathedral that aims to tackle and bring awareness to the issue that is 'Modern slavery'. Michelle gave us each a thought card to write a message on and place it on the tree. We learned about the growing trend of modern slavery and need to tackle this problem together. We thank Michelle for sharing the information and making us and the citizens of Derby more aware of this issue."



In a new national report 'Modern Slavery: a council guide', the Local Government Association and the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner have recognised our local authorities, and their work with partners, as a strong example of best practice for combatting slavery!

### Parallel Worlds, Hidden Lives:

A public forum on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, organised by the University of Derby and Churches Together in Buxton.

The forum provided an opportunity for the public and students from the University to find out about what's going on in and around the Buxton area and how communities can work together to help put an end to modern slavery. Key speakers included Chief Inspector Paul Tatlow who provided an overview of the work of Derbyshire Constabulary, Operation Wilberforce and the number of people and businesses the Police have engaged with. Michelle Collins (Derbyshire County Council, Community Safety Manager) who discussed the National Referral Model and the role it provides for victims of modern slavery. Michelle also discussed the work of the Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery Partnership and the activities the partnership has delivered over the last couple of years. The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, the Bishop of Derby, discussed his role in the development of the Modern Slavery Act within the House of Lords, the Clewer Initiative – what it is, what it does and how partners and communities can get involved.



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### Property & Construction Sector Conference

The DDMSP targeted a new sector to raise awareness of how surveyors, developers, landlords and estate agents could provide crucial information about incidents of modern slavery. Poor living conditions including multiple occupancy, unusually high or low utility bills, bedding in outhouses or padlocks on internal doors can be indicators of exploitation. In addition to the training session for delegates, a new indicator wallet card was launched specially for property professionals both residential and commercial.

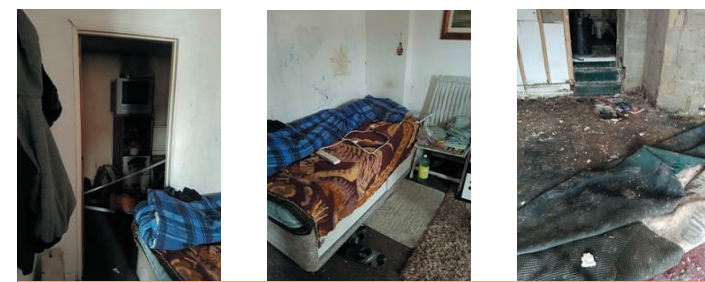
### Freedom Week

Nationally there is a designated Freedom Sunday in October for victims of modern slavery. But is one day enough? In 2016, Derby Diocese launched Freedom Week to remember victims but also the people who work to combat slavery and rescue them. Two candles lit a Chain of Light across the county hosted from Buxton to Derby including Derbyshire County Hall, Derby Cathedral and the Multi-Faith Centre at Derby University. There was a lot of enthusiasm to repeat Freedom Week in 2017 with a range of new participant hosts including Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

## With the Police

Operation Wilberforce was set up over a year ago and was dedicated to identifying victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Since its establishment they have engaged with 185 people and visited 75 businesses.

Operation Wilberforce was launched last March as part of the force's response to tackling modern day slavery and human trafficking (MDSHT) in the county. The team seeks to identify and support potential victims, educate people as to how they can spot the signs of slavery and trafficking and support investigations into this type of crime.



Since its launch, Operation Wilberforce has gathered 725 pieces of intelligence about Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking (MDSHT) in Derbyshire and visited 75 businesses, some of which were suspected of exploitation. Many of these visits were as a result of information passed to the team from members of the public or partner agencies.

The team has also:

- Identified five organised crime groups involved in exploitation locally, regionally or nationally
- Improved the identification of victims (doubled NRM and MS/1 submissions from the year before.)
- Established a partnership networking group to achieve maximum disruption to improve workers' rights and conditions.
- Got 211 people following on their Twitter (rising every week)

Detective Sergeant Gareth Smethem leads Operation Wilberforce. He said: "We're pleased with the successes we have seen in our first year but modern slavery and human trafficking are taking place every day and we are not complacent. People can help by learning how to spot the signs of modern slavery and contacting us if they have any suspicions. If we can identify victims, we can put them through the National Referral Mechanism to get the support and help they need. In our first year, we have not only identified victims but we have also worked with employers who, although they were not committing any offences, needed to improve the conditions their employees were living and working in."

Deputy Chief Constable Chris Haward who is the regional lead said: "We take modern slavery and human trafficking very seriously and work with partners to find victims and bring those responsible for these terrible crimes to justice. We know that there are victims in the county who have yet to be found and we expect that our work to tackle this type of crime will only increase."

## National work

### The Clewer Initiative

In 2016 the Bishop of Derby established the Clewer Initiative which is a new project to encourage other dioceses to replicate the modern slavery work of Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery Partners. It was launched officially in October 2017 at Lambeth Palace with the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Prime Minister.



### THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Caroline Barnard the communications officer has an update: "Over the past eighteen months The Clewer Initiative has made substantial progress in engaging dioceses with the issue of modern slavery and encouraging them to join in with their aim of ending modern slavery in the UK. 28 dioceses are now raising awareness, running events, partnering with local police and councils, or networking strategically to learn more about how they can make a difference in their communities. June 2018 sees the launch of an intelligence gathering phone app for the public about spotting the signs at car washes."

