

1. Budgets/funding or any other resources directly allocated by the Force towards anti-trafficking activities and/or activities to combat `modern slavery' in 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years (i.e. dedicated projects, anti-trafficking operations, members of staff, information campaigns etc.) and what these activities are.

Answer:

Force Support.

There is no specific budget for anti-trafficking activities. It is a policing activity that cuts across a host of specialisms and departments. Local policing, Force CID, Intelligence, Corporate Communications and PPU are all involved in combatting trafficking, and the budgets for these departments cannot be disaggregated to find what is spend on anti trafficking activities.

Information that you may find useful:

- 1 x Detective Superintendent as part time Force Lead.
- 2 x DCI's as part time support to Force Lead.
- 1 x dedicated Modern Slavery Co-ordinator (Sergeant).

The latter has only been in place since early 2017.

Of note, WMP is also supported by the WMROCU dedicated Co-ordinator and Analyst. WMP has also committed a part time Analyst and Intelligence Officer (x2) within the Force Intelligence function.

Investigation.

WMP currently has no dedicated investigative resource to deal with Slavery/Trafficking at this time. This is subject to review. Currently, investigations sit within either Public Protection or Force Investigations, with the ability to escalate into the ROCU when required.

The Force is currently dealing with approximately 10-15 operations and is working to deliver an Intelligence Collection Plan aligned to the Force Liberate Delivery Plan. This has and will incorporate campaigns (internal and community focussed) to raise awareness whilst also undertaking multi-agency interventions at locations believed to have the potential to house trafficked victims.

The Force Lead is Chair of the West Midlands Strategic Slavery/Trafficking Partnership, and is working with the 7 L.A's to shape localised delivery against the agenda.

The Force has agreed Guidance for officers, and is working with partners to agree a West Midlands Guidance document for all relevant agencies. The latter is in a consultation phase.

2. If available, a copy of the organisational strategy or any other document which sets out what actions are to be taken by the Force to combat trafficking in human beings and/or `modern slavery' as mandated by the UK Government Human trafficking Strategy (2011), Modern Slavery Act (2015) and Modern slavery strategy (2014).

Please see the Liberate Document.