

ACTIONS FROM THE DPP'S MEETING OF 4 DECEMBER 2013 ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

1. To ask the Inter Ministerial Group to improve awareness of human trafficking and slavery amongst front line professionals (including police, immigration, local authorities).
2. To ask the Inter Ministerial Group to examine the level of support for trafficking and slavery victims, especially children. This should include consideration of children having legal guardians to support them. It is recognised that better support for victims is integral to more successful prosecutions.
3. To encourage police forces, the CPS and local third sector organisations to build stronger local links to combat human trafficking and to support victims.
4. The police and the CPS to work with law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in other jurisdictions to safeguard victims/ victim's families (such as risk of intimidation and threats prior to court proceedings).
5. The police to use intelligence led pro-active investigations to develop a wider picture of offending and with more consistent standards applied across individual police forces.
6. The police and the CPS to pro-actively consider the earlier use of Europol and Eurojust and use of joint investigation teams to combat trafficking and slavery.
7. The police and CPS to explore the use of specialists to improve investigations and prosecutions.
8. The CPS to provide general advice to third sector organisations supporting victims of trafficking and slavery on their responsibilities in respect of the disclosure of files in criminal proceedings.
9. The police and CPS to make more effective use of asset recovery/ confiscation in respect of the proceeds gained by criminals from trafficking and slavery.
10. The Ministry of Justice and CPS to work together to clarify the statistics and/or data collected and available on the offences used to combat human trafficking and slavery.
11. The CPS to identify the other offences used to prosecute in addition to specific human trafficking offences and to review their use.

The actions will be delivered through a combination of the CPS and police and third sector working together, and through the plans overseen by the Home Office.