

Greater Manchester Modern Day Slavery Week of Action

Partner agencies across Greater Manchester are coordinating a week-long programme of events and campaigns in the lead up to Anti-Slavery Day on 18 October 2024.

Anti-Slavery Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of the fact over 49.6 million people in the world today, and an estimated 136,000 people in the UK, are trapped in conditions of modern slavery. It was created by the [Anti-Slavery Day Act](#).

From 14 October, a number of activities are taking place across Greater Manchester to raise public awareness around Modern Day slavery and promote best practice for people working in Greater Manchester to identify and report Modern Day Slavery.

Resources

Colleagues are invited to share some of the attached resources across their networks to raise awareness about Modern Day Slavery across all health and social Care, VCFS sectors:

- GM Designated safeguarding Team and associated Safeguarding Boards and Partnerships have developed x3 7 minute briefings (attached)
- Services Directory: Support for Modern Slavery Survivors in Greater Manchester (attached)
- Care sector specific resources (attached)
- [Programme challenger practitioner resources](#)
- [The Clewer Initiative resources](#)

Events

Understanding Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking online webinar

Tuesday 15 October, 11:30am – 1:30pm.

For: health social care colleagues, and voluntary, community and faith sectors

Oldham Safeguarding Adults Board (OSAB) are hosting a safeguarding webinar for multi-agency practitioners to watch a pre-recorded training session and ask questions. Practitioners from agencies across Greater Manchester are welcome to join.

To book a place, send your name, role, and email address to:

OldhamSafeguardingAdultsBoard@oldham.gov.uk. For more information please visit the [OSAB website](#).

Identifying and supporting potential victims of modern slavery and human trafficking

Wednesday 16 October, 1:00pm – 5:00pm - Friends Meeting House, Manchester

For: health social care colleagues, and voluntary, community and faith sectors

This multiagency stakeholder meeting hosted by Programme Challenger and the Greater Manchester Anti-Trafficking and Slavery Forum, aims to enhance our collective response to modern slavery in Greater Manchester. It will be an interactive training session focusing on how we protect and identify survivors, support their recovery, and bolster police prosecutions to reduce further harm.

Booking is required, please [reserve your place here](#).

Anti-Slavery Day Public Forum

Friday 18 October, 4:30pm-5:00pm – HOME, Manchester

This public event aims to increase public awareness about the regional landscape of Modern Slavery and Greater Manchester's response. It will also be a chance for networking.

The event will be opened with a public address from Deputy Mayor Kate Green. There will also be a panel discussion with local leaders, including a business leader, charity leader, local or combined authority leader, and hopefully an expert by experience.

The event will also feature a photography exhibition of survivors of modern slavery, focusing on spaces in Greater Manchester where they have found freedom, safety, or comfort.

No need to register – just turn up.

Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking half day Seminars

NHS England South West are hosting two half day online webinars (Microsoft Teams) open to all NHS staff. There's no need to pre-book and all events will be recorded and posted on the [South East FutureNHS page](#).

Tuesday 15 October

- 9:30am - [Helen Bamber Foundation: Mental Health and Trauma informed care for victims and survivors of MSHT](#)
- 10:20am - Break
- 10.30am - [Responding to MSHT related health and care needs in the community](#): Surrey Inclusion Health Specialist Lisa Gavin & Inclusion Health Specialist Midwife Mary Clare Chapman
- 11:20am - Break
- 11:30am - [Met Police MSHT Unit - Organ Trafficking, Iain Ross](#):
 - Signs, Indicators and Control Methods of Modern Slavery
 - Case study on Operation MANOA – first prosecution in English legal history for Human Trafficking Organ Removal
- 12.20 - [The Independent Child](#): Barnardo's, Rebecca Cunningham, Service Manager

Thursday 17 October

- 1:00pm - [Snowdrop Project](#): Preventing and Managing Vicarious Trauma including:
 - Insights into vicarious trauma and trauma exposure responses
 - How trauma exposure responses impact us in work and life.
 - Exploration of ways we can take care of ourselves in order to prevent and deal with trauma exposure responses
- 1:50pm - Break
- 2:00pm - [Transitional safeguarding and MSHT](#): Sarah Cerioli, Named Professional Safeguarding Adults, and Louise Patmore, Systems Change Lead, Trauma Informed Practice Lead:
- 2:50pm - Break
- 3:00pm - [Exploitation and women's health services](#): Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime Unit (MSOICU) - Kate Davis and Victoria Wilson
- 3:45pm - [Responding to MSHT in urgent and emergency care](#): Bonita Sparkes, Named Nurse Safeguarding Adults

Campaigns

Freedom Bus

Saturday 19 October, 11am – 2pm - St Peter's Square, Market Street, Central Manchester



The Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership (PLASP) has been working with Greater Manchester to raise public awareness, by loaning of their Freedom Bus. The bus will be touring the city of Manchester and Bolton Town Centre on Saturday 19 October in different locations to maximise the messages around Modern Day Slavery.

Launch of Crimestoppers campaign

Greater Manchester Police and Crimestoppers will shortly be launching a campaign. Look out for more details.