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Dear Mr Wallis

Re: UK-wide Modern Slavery and Resource centre – Formal Request for funding

Thank you for the reminder letter dated 21st June 2019 with regards to a contribution towards the Modern Slavery Helpline. I have spoken with the PCC Philip Secombe to confirm the amount of funding available from Warwickshire.

I can confirm that Mr Secombe will make a contribution of £5,000 towards the annual costs of the helpline, this is a one off payment whilst your organisation looks for a more sustainable funding option. Although no formal Terms and Conditions are required for this donation, I would ask that I am kept informed of progress made on the formal funding arrangements going forward and that at the end of the financial year I am updated on the number of calls made to the Helpline from Warwickshire.

Within Warwickshire tackling modern slavery and protecting vulnerable people remains a priority and as such we are linking with colleagues in the West Midlands anti-slavery partnerships. We will however be developing our own awareness campaign material and will ensure the Modern Slavery Helpline number is clearly visible.

To enable me to progress this donation, I would appreciate it if you could confirm in writing your acceptance of this donation, along with bank details including, Bank name, address, sort code and account number.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Kind regards

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Date: 26th April 2019

Dear Police & Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe

RE: 2018 Modern Slavery Helpline Annual Assessment

I am pleased to share with you the 2018 Modern Slavery Helpline Annual Assessment, showing a 46% increase in the number of potential victims indicated through reports to the Helpline, from 4,886 in 2017 to 7,121 in 2018.

In 2018, the Helpline saw a 68% increase in the number of calls, webforms and reports via the Unseen App which was introduced in July 2018 as another simple method of reporting concerns and contacting the Helpline for advice and support. The rising figures in the Helpline's 2018 Annual Assessment are likely to indicate an increase in awareness of modern slavery and the Helpline, rather than an increase in modern slavery itself.

As well as demographic information on potential victims per exploitation type, for the first time the 2018 Annual Assessment also includes data on potential exploiters. There were 2,171 potential exploiters indicated through reports to the Helpline, comprising 70 different nationalities. In 63% of cases where nationality of both the victim and the exploiter were reported, at least one potential exploiter and one potential victim shared the same nationality.

The Annual Assessment also lists reported recruitment tactics and methods of control, as well as relationships between potential victims and exploiters. In addition to providing a full review of data surrounding various types of exploitation, the Annual Assessment also provides an overview of new trends identified.

Along with the Annual Assessment I have also included a four-page Executive Summary containing key data and themes which I am sure you will find both interesting and helpful in better understanding the issue of modern slavery within your force area.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 5th April 2019

Dear Police & Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe




RE: UK-wide Modern Slavery Helpline and Resource Centre – Formal Request for Funding

You will have recently received a communication from PCC Mark Burns-Williamson (APCC lead on Modern Slavery) regarding funding for the UK-wide Modern Slavery Helpline. As a key national service, the Helpline provides all police forces with timely information about situations of modern slavery to aid police investigations, help victims to leave exploitative situations and support wider prevention activities.

Through our approach to partnership and engagement, we genuinely believe we are providing a vital service to all UK law enforcement agencies to assist their understanding of this horrendous crime. For example, the Helpline receives weekly calls from police officers requesting information and guidance on the diverse range of modern slavery situations. Often those officers do not have an understanding of modern slavery and do not know about the National Referral Mechanism (the Government's mechanism for identifying and supporting potential victims of modern slavery). The Helpline team provides regular support and guidance to officers from across the UK and in many instances has provided translation services to bridge communication gaps between potential victims and the police. This is vital to prevent vulnerable individuals from being left in or returned to situations of exploitation.

Not only does the Helpline provide information about individual cases, it is now regularly called upon by police forces and other partners to provide information on contacts to the Helpline to evaluate the impact of local awareness-raising campaigns and activities. Such activity is important, and the Helpline is often the only means of doing this effectively, but it requires ongoing resource and funding to sustain.

I am therefore writing to you directly to formally request that Police Forces support the Modern Slavery Helpline, both strategically and financially to ensure that the impact of the Helpline continues and grows in the coming years. During the last two calendar years, the Helpline has taken over **11,800** calls and online contacts from potential victims, statutory agencies, businesses and members of the public and indicated over **12,000** potential victims of modern slavery. The Helpline has made modern slavery referrals to every single police force in the UK with over **3,200** police referrals having been made since October 2016.

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In **Warwickshire Police** between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018, the Helpline made **22** referrals and received reports of modern slavery situations involving **63** potential victims.

As a self-funded project, Unseen is seeking to put in place a sustainable funding mechanism which will provide future financial stability to the Helpline. However, this is likely to take 18 months to two years to be realised, although we are making good progress in this regard.

We are therefore seeking financial support of £5-10,000 from each PCC towards the funding of the Helpline. The cost of operating the Helpline per annum is in the region of £750,000. To further increase contacts to the Helpline and raise awareness, we launched an App that provides further means by which people can safely report instances of, and seek information regarding indicators of modern slavery. To date approximately ten police forces have downloaded the App onto all police phones in their force. The App provides an aide memoire to the indicators of modern slavery as well as what procedures to take. We are already seeing the benefits of this method of communication including an increase in intelligence coming into the Helpline and this can only further enrich the picture of modern slavery in the UK.

Why we believe PCCs should support the Helpline:

- Police forces are the main beneficiary of Helpline data;
- Information and referrals from the Helpline have resulted directly in police investigations, arrests and safeguarding of individuals;
- We receive many requests from police forces to provide data and information on the types of calls received into the Helpline to support prevention and awareness-raising activities;
- Signposting people to the Helpline rather than 101 services frees up resource within police forces and ensures that callers and situations are reported to identified police single points of contact quickly and appropriately;
- Police forces are benefitting from the advice and guidance offered through the Helpline to officers dealing with potential victims; and
- This funding request is a short-term interim solution to allow the Helpline to establish a sustainable funding stream.

We firmly believe that we must work collaboratively to strengthen our understanding of, and response to modern slavery if we are to ever remove this scourge on our society.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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