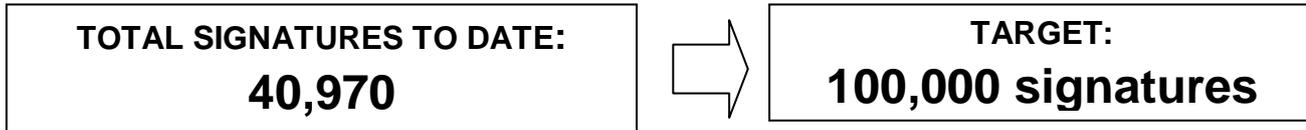


PTC PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATES JANUARY 2017

Campaign to ban “sex for sale” adverts:



Many thanks to SI Chelmsford, The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society, SI Anglesey and SI Poole for working so hard to collect signatures which we have received since November 2016 – we really can't do this without everyone's help, which we value greatly. **Check out the Bar Chart** for coverage in your post code.



8th March

What are you doing for International Women's Day?

Why not run an anti-trafficking event (see some event ideas [here](#)) to mark International Women's Day around 8th March – Use our free sample resource pack to raise awareness, give out our pin badges for a donation, and collect petition signatures.

Just send your name and postal address to us at purple.teardrop@ntlworld.com for your sample resource pack, containing 4 posters, 2 handouts, a pin badge, a Love Me/Love Me Not bookmark, our “Help me” sticker, a petition form, and an order form in case you need more resources.



Use our free sample resource pack

National Anti-trafficking developments up-date

Purple Teardrop attended the Human Trafficking Forum meeting on 9th Jan, and particularly noted that:

- [Unseen UK](#) provided an update on the Modern Slavery Helpline (0800 0121 700). Since October 2016:
 - 470 calls to the helpline
 - Those calls have involved 349 cases and 425 potential victims
 - 15% of calls originated from victims themselves (more than anticipated)
 - 70 referrals to law enforcement in 20 police forces areas.
 - 14 safeguarding referrals made to local authorities.
 - 12 referrals to NGOs/NRM.
 - Most cases have involved forced labour, in particular nail bars, car washes
 - 17% of calls re domestic servitude (often from victims themselves).

Successes: working with police forces; helped people out of exploitation directly; working with Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority; received support from Devolved Administrations; working with [Crimestoppers](#) and [Stop The Traffik](#) to complement other services

Challenges: there remain parts of the country without adequate victim support services

- [\(Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner\)](#): The Commissioner has published a letter to Minister Sarah Newton MP, Minister responsible for Modern Slavery, calling for change and reform of the UK's National Referral Mechanism. The letter includes recommendations for improvement in identification, referral and support for victims of modern slavery. You can access the letter [here](#). He will then meet with stakeholders to discuss solutions to existing problems. This research will be fed back to the Minister.
- [The Commissioner's report on homelessness and trafficking](#), conducted in partnership with The Passage, will be published at the end of January
- [The UK Programme Action Committee newsletter](#) contains excellent information on UKPA work. Additionally they have accepted a seat on the National Network Coordinators Forum. The aim of this group is to have consistent training for multi-agency partners across the UK, building on the experience in Wales.
- UKPAC has responded to the Works & Pensions Select Committee inquiry into “Victims of modern slavery”., and their submission has been published. To read it, click [here](#). We think this is an excellent response, and suggest that all who are working on anti-trafficking projects particularly should read and circulate it.
- The report by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration into the Border Force response to modern slavery will be published in early February.

Soroptimists working to end human trafficking and modern slavery

Congratulations [Barnstaple Soroptimists](#)

Well done Barnstaple Soroptimists for your brilliant work with the Home Office – it's great to see your work and Purple Teardrop Campaign recognised in the Home Office's Serious and Organised Crime Partnership [Bulletin](#).

[SI Nantwich & District](#)



We love this photo from SI Nantwich and District, who marked Anti-Slavery Day (October 18th) by holding a Purple Teardrop Event outside St Mary's Parish Hall in Nantwich Town Centre. They raised awareness and supported safehouses for trafficked victims by raising funds from purple teardrops for Salvation Army Campaign. [See their website](#) for more lovely photos of this innovative event.

Why a Purple Teardrop? "The teardrop represents the suffering of those women and children who are trafficked, exploited and abused throughout the world, including in our local communities. More information at <http://www.purpleteardrop.org.uk>

Victim Support Programme – Partnership Opportunity

Is your club or region interested in looking more closely at this? If so, please let us know so that we can share information..

Salvation Army Voluntary Driver

The Salvation Army needs more volunteer drivers – can you help?

Volunteer drivers are essential for transporting victims safely to Salvation Army contracted safe-houses around the country. For more information on this important network, take a look at our [guide](#) and to sign-up complete and send off this [application form](#).

And finally:

- [PURPLE TEARDROP NEWSLETTER WINTER 2017](#) Several times a year we publish a Newsletter which is sent out to a large circulation list of people. The Winter Newsletter can be downloaded from our website [here](#) and keep an eye out for the Summer Newsletter in July/August.
- [Information on resources](#) which we have developed to help others to raise awareness are available on our website www.purpleteardrop.org.uk under the "What you can Do" Tab, but for easy of reference here are some of our aids to raising awareness:
- Our petition to ban Sex for Sale Advertising can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or you and your social media friends can sign online at "[Ban 'Sex for Sale' Advertising](#)"
- Information on our Relationship Bookmarks can be found by clicking <http://www.purpleteardrop.org.uk/what-you-can-do/love-melove-me-not-bookmarks-and-cards/>
- Posters into Toilets Guidelines can be downloaded [here](#)
- Our order form for all posters and leaflets can be downloaded [here](#)



**LET'S DO IT – some women just can't say no – they
need us to speak out**