

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 19th July 2022

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Community and Environment

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Halton’s Modern Slavery Toolkit

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform the Board that colleagues are developing a new toolkit for practioners to deal with issues of modern slavery and human trafficking in Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

- i) The Board note the work being undertaken to develop this toolkit and that the main responsibilities for victim support sits within Safeguarding.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Halton is working collectively across Pan-Cheshire on an All Age Exploitation Strategy, however it was felt that a more localised toolkit was needed to sit underneath the strategy, to ensure front line colleagues knew what support was available and how they could escalate issues and to whom.

3.2 The toolkit will also help colleagues meet their statutory duties under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

3.3 There is a small working group that is developing this toolkit and they are now ready to take this to the Safeguarding Adults Board for final signoff. They have asked that it also be brought to the Safer Halton PPB so that Elected Members are given an opportunity to comment.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct policy implications from this draft toolkit.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is the potential for an increased number of victims to be identified and thus need more support from Council services, however this is difficult to quantify.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

It should be noted that County Lines sit within the Modern Slavery Act 2015, so the development of this toolkit will help colleagues know when they should be submitting National Referral Mechanism and Duty to Notify forms.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None Identified at this stage,

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None Identified at this stage.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None Identified at this stage.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None Identified at this stage.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None Identified at this stage.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None Identified at this stage.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None Identified