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*Dear Bill*

Thank you for your letter of 23 July about the petition from Ignite/Big Ideas on anti-slavery and trafficking.

Success in tackling human trafficking requires a cross-cutting approach across the boundaries of the four Governments in the UK and we have been working with the other administrations to ensure a co-ordinated response. I am a member of the Inter-Ministerial Departmental Group on Human Trafficking and will be attending a meeting with the Prime Minister in October where the UK Government will be outlining its recently announced proposals for a Modern Slavery Bill and the appointment of a Commissioner.

In Wales we have led the way, not least by appointing the first Anti-Human Trafficking Co-ordinator. The aim of this role is to make Wales a hostile place for human trafficking to exist and to co-ordinate the best possible support for victims.

The Welsh Government is the only Government within the UK to employ an Anti-Human Trafficking Co-ordinator. The Welsh Government funded post has been in existence since April 2011 and Stephen Chapman is the current Co-ordinator having taken up his post in November 2012.

The Co-ordinator sits within our Community Safety Division and so is very well placed to integrate with the wider Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse agenda, including the proposals in the planned legislation to combat violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence. As part of this role he will also take the lead on the key issues of so called honour based violence including female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

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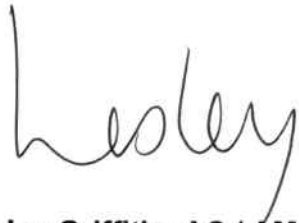
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We recognise effective co-ordinated action and partnership working is vital to ensure we achieve the aim of Wales becoming hostile to human trafficking and victims who have been trafficked receive the best possible support. Since being appointed the Co-ordinator has established a Wales Anti-Human Trafficking Leadership Group. The Leadership Group has adopted a Delivery Plan which provides clear strategic objectives for the public service in Wales to achieve. These include working collaboratively to raise awareness; to introduce training for key professionals and to develop a robust evidence base of statistical data and information to enable more informed decisions to be made and to direct future activity to tackle human trafficking in Wales.

The Leadership Group is chaired by the Head of the Welsh Government's Community Safety Division and brings together leaders from our partners in Wales including the Association of Chief Police Officers Cymru, the Serious Organised Crime Agency, Wales Regional Intelligence Unit, Gangmasters Licensing Authority, Home Office (including Immigration & Enforcement), Crown Prosecution Service, Youth Justice Board, Department of Work and Pensions, Welsh Local Heath Boards, Welsh Local Authorities, Welsh Local Government Association, Wales Anti-Human Trafficking NGO Forum, Bawso and the Wales Children's Commissioner.

In November 2013 I will be publishing the Anti Human Trafficking Co-ordinator's first Annual Report which will reflect his work and achievements since taking up the post.

I am confident we have a structure in place to deliver our aims and I will keep Assembly Members updated on our progress accordingly.



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