



Dame Sara Thornton DBE QPM  
Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner

10 February 2020

Dear Sara

Thank you for your letter dated 10 January seeking my assurance that the College's existing curriculum and training material on modern slavery will be updated in light of the forthcoming changes to the MSPTU's remit.


The College is committed to building on the current guidance as well as ensuring training materials are accessible to officers and investigators at every entry point. The positive police funding allocations will certainly provide an impact into significant areas of protecting the public such as Modern Slavery training. Our team is working with the MSPTU to prepare for the situation at the end of the current funding arrangements.

I welcome the MSPTU's commitment to assisting the College with the creation of updated training material. I support your commitment to improve the pre-charge referrals to the CPS and agree that specific modern slavery training has assisted officers to improve their knowledge and ability to gather the right evidence in order to make a strong case.

You have my assurance that the College will continue their good working relationship with the MSPTU, including ensuring the 'e-learning' package is of a high standard. We are striving to ensure that the approach to Modern Slavery reflects the approach to vulnerability more generally.

I am happy for you to publish my response as you requested and will continue to note the hard work and improvements made in tackling this challenging and appalling crime and protecting the most vulnerable people within our society.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'M'.

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