

Covid-19 and Modern Slavery

Actions: Meeting between IASC, GLAA and NGOs (May 2020)

This is a list of **actions** from a meeting held on Tuesday 5 May 2020 between:

- Dame Sara Thornton, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner;
- Michael Rich, CEO of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA);
- Members of their respective teams;
- NGOs, charities and organisations which support and advocate on behalf of victims and survivors of labour exploitation.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the GLAA to share an update on their work to address and prevent labour exploitation during the Coronavirus pandemic. Michael Rich, GLAA CEO, has also [released a video](#) on this.

Issues raised included how to facilitate communication between government, statutory bodies and NGOs and support providers; protections for workers during this time; and labour inspection measures.

This meeting was held off the record.

Actions

- All to think about opportunities for a pilot to improve communication channels between victims, NGOs and the GLAA, including a reported lack of awareness among vulnerable workers about existing reporting channels and post-reporting feedback.
- GLAA to consider the potential of a post-Covid labour exploitation prevention working group.
- GLAA to raise with ministers concerns from the sector regarding barriers to reporting for migrant workers.

Queries

For further information, please contact the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's office at iasc@iasc.independent.gov.uk.