



IASC advisory panel: Terms of reference

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Purpose

The purpose of the advisory panel is to provide guidance, challenge and support to the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. The advisory panel should be advisory, imaginative and knowledgeable.

This is an advisory panel rather than an advisory board. The advisory panel does not have statutory powers to tell the Commissioner what to do and the Commissioner may choose to follow a different course of action to that proposed by the panel, in carrying out her role. There is no formal voting on issues and the advisory panel is not remunerated, although reasonable travel expenses may be covered.

The advisory panel is comprised of a diverse set of experts from the modern slavery sector and beyond. The value of the advisory panel is to invite serious engagement. The Commissioner will value, consider and listen to the different perspectives.

Membership includes leaders from academia, law and the criminal justice system, faith-based groups, non-governmental organisations and UK Parliament. There is representation from England and Wales and the Devolved Administrations.

Meetings

The advisory panel will meet quarterly. Occasional meetings with members on a one-to-one basis or as small groups to address specific issues may also take place. Advice may occasionally be sought on papers.