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Honeycomb

Trilateral Research, a leading research and technology development company, together with the eminent University of Manchester will be building Greater Manchester's capacity to combat slavery, human trafficking and exploitation. Honeycomb which will take place over three years, will:

Develop relationships with organisations across private, public and civil society sectors

Support organisations to effectively capture novel information related to modern slavery, human trafficking and exploitation

Establish data sharing agreements with organisations to enable the collation of non-identifiable information that is collected

Collate and analyse data to enable a more informed picture of modern slavery across Greater Manchester in order to share across governance structures and partners

Keep the modern slavery partnership and associated networks informed of emerging trends and themes, and be able to respond in a timely way to requests for information packages made through the partnership

Develop effective targeted prevention and awareness campaigns, and feed into wider anti-slavery strategy, based on the analysis of partner data, as well as effectively evaluating the impact of these campaigns

The project is funded by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority [GMCA] and is part of the city-region's responsibility to take a robust approach to slavery and human trafficking.

“Modern slavery and human trafficking is happening now across Greater Manchester. To prevent and tackle this scourge, we need to be able to understand how it happens. We know that not every victim or survivor will want to report their experience to the police, but there might be organisations, businesses and service providers who have important pieces of information that can help protect those people who are trapped. This information can be safely shared, without breaking a survivor's confidentiality, to help us to understand the methods exploiters use to trap victims. This is why we are investing in this partnership with Trilateral Research and the University of Manchester, so that we can better understand the problem, enabling us to work together to prevent Modern Slavery from happening, safeguard victims and bring more perpetrators to justice.”

Bev Hughes, Greater Manchester's Deputy Mayor for Policing,
Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire

The partnership is an expansion of each partner's long history of work in the anti-human trafficking and modern slavery sector.

“Honeycomb will help GMCA take action on the vast amounts of data that is spread across different stakeholders, integrate disparate data sources and make the best possible use of the data while respecting best legal and ethical-practice. The project will use Trilateral's data analysis application – STRIAD® - their expertise in data protection, privacy, ethics and explainable AI, along with the University of Manchester's rich research methods, ethical processes and expertise to gain a true insight into human trafficking and modern slavery.”

Kush Wadhwa, CEO, Trilateral Research

Honeycomb will run a series of campaigns and help the city-region intelligently and creatively protect people from the crimes of human trafficking and modern slavery as well as interrupting traffickers' activities.

If you need help for yourself or someone else, or you want to report something, help is available from the Modern Slavery Helpline: 08000 121 700. This is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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