

## Cross party group visit to Sweden, 22 & 23 August 2019

### Thursday 22 August

#### Meeting 1

1000-1030

Ministry for Health & Social Affairs

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety

Jeremy Balfour MSP

Detective Chief Inspector Rory Hamilton

[Redacted], Engender

[Redacted], Secretariat of the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

[Redacted], Scottish Government

[Redacted], Scottish Government

[Redacted], UK Feminista

Introductory Meeting with Pers-Anders Sunesson, Ambassador at Large for Combatting Trafficking in Persons

Pers-Anders Sunesson gave an introduction to prostitution in Sweden and their experience of implementing the Nordic Model.

No actions arising

#### Meeting 2

1030-1115

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Meeting with Detective Super Intendent Kajsa Wahlberg, Swedish Police Authority and the Swedish Rapporteur on Trafficking

Detective Super Intendent Wahlberg gave a presentation detailing Swedish Police Authority's approach to tackling prostitution.

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### Meeting 3

1130-1215

Ministry for Health & Social Affairs

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Meeting with Detective Inspector Simon Häggström (Trafficking Unit, Swedish Police Authority)

Detective Inspector Simon Häggström gave an overview of their experiences working in the prostitution unit in the Swedish Police Authority. A presentation was then delivered, giving an overview of the role of the police in implementing sex buyer, procuring and trafficking legislation.

No actions arising

### Meeting 4

1400-1445

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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Meeting with [Redacted] & [Redacted] - Talita

Talita is a non-profit organisation offering both acute and long term support to women who have been exploited primarily through human trafficking for commercial sexual purposes.

A presentation was delivered sharing the programme that Talita deliver to support women recover from the exploitation they have experienced.

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### Friday 23 August

#### Meeting 5

1000-1045

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety

Jeremy Balfour MSP

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[Redacted], Secretariat of the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

[Redacted], Scottish Government

[Redacted], Scottish Government

[Redacted], UK Feminista

Meeting with Marie Lind Thomsen & Eve Wintzell, Swedish Prosecution Authority

A presentation was delivered sharing information on the roles and responsibilities of the Swedish Prosecution Authority, as well as the establishment of the National Organised Crime Unit.

Actions: Minister asked for stats on prostitution in the Netherlands and Germany, as well as an update on convictions from human trafficking legislation in Scotland

#### Meeting 6

1100-1145

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety

Jeremy Balfour MSP

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[Redacted], Secretariat of the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

[Redacted], Scottish Government

[Redacted], Scottish Government

[Redacted], UK Feminista

Meeting with [Redacted] and [Redacted], Mika Reception Centre

Mika Reception Centre is a support service, primarily for Swedish born women, involved in prostitution.

A presentation was delivered on the services they provide and what they have learned from supporting these women.

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### Meeting 7

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

13:30 – 14:30

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety

Jeremy Balfour MSP

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[Redacted], Secretariat of the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

[Redacted], Scottish Government

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Meeting with Anna Skarhed - Former Chancellor of Justice, evaluated the Sex Purchase Act in 2010 on behalf of the Swedish Government.

Anna Skarhed gave an overview of their evaluation of the legislation.

No actions arising

**[End of meetings]**