

**Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking:**

**An Inspection of how the Criminal Justice System deals with Human Trafficking**

**and Modern Slavery in Northern Ireland**

**Action Plan in Response to CJI Recommendations**

**July 2020**

**Key Recommendations:** Strategic and Operational / Areas for Improvement (AFI)

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| **O7** | Para 3.203 | Within six months of the publication of this report, the Public Prosecution Service should develop an action plan to further improve how Counsel is utilised in cases involving modern slavery and human trafficking offences, to include appropriate training requirements for counsel appointed to represent the Public Prosecution Service in these cases. | PPS | Y | * Review of Counsel utilisation in cases involving modern slavery / human trafficking. * Identification of Counsel training requirements. * Consideration of training options (subject to Covid-19 restrictions). * Implementation of relevant training. | 31 March 2021 |  |

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| **AFI 6** | Para 3.184 | As part of the new Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy which was under development, the Public Prosecution Service should ensure that there was appropriate training and guidance on the Policy across the Public Prosecution Service, to include applied cultural awareness for specialist prosecutors. | PPS | Y | * Identification of requirements for training of specialist prosecutors / general training requirements for PPS staff. * Liaison with external training providers as appropriate (e.g. in respect of applied cultural awareness). * Develop relevant internal guidance / Staff Instructions for prosecutors and administrative staff. * Consideration of training options (subject to Covid-19 restrictions). * Implementation of relevant training. | 31 March 2021 |  |

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