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Dear Margaret,

CONSULTATION ON A TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION STRATEGY

I would like to let you know that on Wednesday 12 October I will launch a public consultation on the draft trafficking and exploitation strategy.

The Scottish Government has been working closely with stakeholders and with the Strategy Implementation Group (SIG) to develop the draft strategy. The membership of the SIG is attached for information at Annex A. A Stakeholder Forum was also held on 3 June to discuss aspects of the Strategy. A broad range of organisations took part and we have been able to take their feedback on board over the summer.

Given the extensive consultation and engagement that has already taken place with stakeholders, this consultation exercise will be open for a period of 8 weeks. An advance copy is attached to this email and we would be grateful if you did not distribute this letter or draft strategy further until 12 noon on 12 October.

During November the Scottish Government will undertake a number of consultation events around Scotland to discuss and seek feedback on the draft Strategy. The input from these events, along with the written responses, will be taken into consideration when finalising the Strategy in spring 2017.

With Best Wishes
Michael Matheson

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SIG Members

- Scottish Government
- NHS Health Scotland
- Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
- Police Scotland
- COSLA
- Scottish Local Government Partnership
- Migrant Help
- TARA (Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance)
- Home Office (policy Team)
- NI Executive (policy team)
- Welsh Government (policy team)
- Gangmasters Licensing Authority
- Aberlour Child Care Trust
- STUC
- Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner