

**Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group on Human Trafficking**  
**17 September 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Home Office	Mark Harper MP	<i>CHAIR</i>
Home Office	Jeremy Browne MP	
Home Office	Christopher Blairs	
Home Office	Official	
UKHTC	Official	
AGO	Official (for Oliver Heald MP)	
DCLG	Official (for Baroness Hanham MP)	
DfE	Edward Timpson MP	
FCO	Official (for Hugo Swire MP)	
MOJ	Helen Grant MP	
DFID	Official (for Lynne Featherstone MP)	
DH	Anna Soubry MP	
DWP	Official (for Mark Hoban MP)	
HMRC	Lin Homer	
Welsh Government	Official (for Carl Sargeant AM)	
Northern Ireland Executive	David Ford MLA	
Scottish Government	Kenny MacAskill MSP – via video link	
Scotland Office	Official (for David Mundell MP)	

**Apologies:**

AGO	Oliver Heald MP
FCO	Hugo Swire MP
DFID	Lynne Featherstone MP
DWP	Mark Hoban MP
DCLG	Baroness Hanham
Welsh Government	Carl Sargeant AM
Scotland Office	David Mundell MP
Wales Office	Stephen Crabb MP

<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>1.1 Mark Harper MP welcomed the new IDMG Ministers.</p>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>2. Introduction to Human Trafficking</b></p> <p>2.2 Home Office provided an introduction on human trafficking for new IDMG Ministers.</p> <p>2.1 The presentation included a synopsis of: the global perspective; International, EU and UK legislation; IDMG governance arrangements; the UK Government's Human Trafficking Strategy (including the four key principles); key data and trends; the National Referral Mechanism (NRM); adult victim support arrangements; child victims; prosecutions and convictions; and the relevant policy and operational interests of each Department or office involved in the IDMG.</p> <p>2.2 Mark Harper MP also noted the importance of the IDMG fulfilling its role as the equivalent national rapporteur mechanism, as required by the EU Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims.</p>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Presentation by the Solicitor General on prosecutions and convictions at the next IDMG meeting in Feb 2013</b></p>
<p><b>3. IDMG first annual report</b></p> <p>3.1 The IDMG considered the draft report. All members were in agreement about the overall approach.</p> <p>3.2 However there were a few comments regarding the structure and particular sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the report would be reduced where necessary to ensure that it was concise</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Home Office Officials to take on board the comments made on the IDMG report and reflect in final version</b></p>

<p>and to the point. It was noted however that since this was the first annual report by the IDMG, it would need to be comprehensive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the inclusion of disaggregated victim data was useful, particularly in terms of the variations in data for the different countries of the UK.</li> <li>• Several members felt that further analysis of convictions for traffickers, including convictions for non-primary offences, should be included in the report.</li> <li>• FCO also suggested that it would be useful to include source country case studies, to recognise UK action and collaborative working in specific areas.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. AOB</b></p> <p>4.1 Mark Harper MP reminded the Group that the Home Office was currently coordinating arrangements for IDMG Anti-Slavery Day activities. All members were encouraged, if they had not done so already, to agree to undertake an activity to mark Anti-Slavery Day and raise awareness on human trafficking.</p> <p>4.2 Mark Harper indicated that the next meeting of the IDMG should be held in February 2013. Officials will work with private offices to find a suitable date.</p>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Home Office Officials to establish a suitable date for the next meeting</b></p>