

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between January and March 2019, a survey consisting of eight questions on the subject of exploitation was carried out with 180 people who are rough sleeping, homeless, or accessing homeless services across Greater Manchester. The survey was designed by STOP THE TRAFFIK in consultation with Street Support and The Passage and was conducted by multi agency partners including charities, local authority, health and Greater Manchester Police.

The survey sought to establish what homeless people in Greater Manchester experience or witness regarding being targeted for exploitation: being offered food, accommodation, drugs or alcohol in return for work instead of proper wages, or having wages withheld that had been promised to them.

The survey also gave an opportunity for homeless people to share additional information or describe experiences relating to exploitation and abuse; the key quotes and information from each area are included in the report. No personal or identifying data about the respondents was collected and, for the purpose of this report, any sensitive information shared regarding businesses, names of potential exploiters or locations have been redacted.

OF THE 180 HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER:



29%

had experienced being offered food, accommodation, drugs or alcohol in return for work



32%

had witnessed or heard of it happening to someone else



21%

had concerns over how safe or genuine these offers were



22%

had warned someone, or been warned, not to take a job offer from particular people or groups



17%

had known someone to go missing after taking up an offer of work



24%

had not been paid wages that were promised to them after doing work