

## **ATTACHMENT 2 : GWYNEDD COUNCIL MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, Gwynedd Council recognises it has a responsibility as an employer to be aware of the potential for instances of modern slavery and to report such instances or concerns to the relevant bodies.

Instances of modern slavery in Wales, it seems, are increasing as a result of better awareness, with 123 referrals being made in 2016.

Modern slavery can take the following forms :-

- Forced prostitution
- Child trafficking
- Criminal exploitation
- Domestic servitude
- Forced labour
- Organ harvesting
- Sexual exploitation

Where appropriate, the Council will, as part of its tendering / contracting process, seek assurances from suppliers and potential suppliers that they have no knowledge of any of the above forms of modern slavery within their organisations or supply chains. The Council will expect that those suppliers take responsibility to seek similar assurances from their own supply chains.

In addition, the Council will ensure that staff involved in procurement and/or recruitment undertake relevant training via Welsh Government's e-learning module

The public and staff, equally, have a responsibility to be aware of potential instances of modern slavery or of a business using forced labour. If you have any such concerns, please contact any of the following bodies :-

**North Wales Police** : **Telephone 101**  
**(or 999 in an Emergency)**

**Modern Slavery Helpline** : **Telephone 0800 0121700**

**Crimestoppers** : **Telephone 0800 555 111**

**Arwel Wyn Owen** : **Telephone 01286 682896 (external)**

**Senior Housing and Welfare Manager** [arwelwynowen@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:arwelwynowen@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

**Corporate contact for Modern Slavery matters** Ext. 34896 (internal)

During the period March 2017 up to March 2018, 3 instances related to potential modern slavery / human trafficking were received in Gwynedd. These were referred to the Strategic Safeguarding Panel who directed them to the relevant bodies for further investigation.