



## VITA Network

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Dear colleague,

I am writing to inform you about our exciting new VITA Network – a platform to **connect, equip** and **mobilise** individuals and organisations invested in placing health and public health at the heart of the response to modern slavery and human trafficking (MSHT).

MSHT is a health issue.

There is an increasing amount of research documenting the significant impact of MSHT on the physical and mental health of victims and survivors, but we also know this is not limited to an individual.

MSHT is also a public health issue, stemming from vulnerability, inequality and poverty, whilst self-perpetuating and contributing to detrimental social determinants of health. We believe it is necessary to address MSHT from a public health and health perspective in order to tackle this crime in a person-centred and effective way.

VITA Network aims to do this by **connecting, equipping** and **mobilising** individuals and organisations invested in MSHT prevention, intervention and survivor-care from a holistic health perspective.

Here's what we hope to do:

<h3>Connect</h3> <p>Connecting individuals and organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Networking</li><li>Website/social media</li><li>Newsletter</li><li>Meetings</li><li>Conferences</li><li>Peer-support</li><li>Sharing good practice and research</li></ul>	<h3>Equip</h3> <p>A platform where individuals are equipped through sharing information, skills and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training</li><li>Educational resources</li><li>International, national and local updates</li><li>Translating academia to practice</li><li>Advice and consultation</li><li>Protocols and service guidance</li><li>Signposting</li><li>Self-care</li></ul>	<h3>Mobilise</h3> <p>Mobilise individuals and whole workforces in their responses to MSHT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shared experiences</li><li>Individual and system change</li><li>Campaigns and policy</li><li>Advocacy</li><li>Job/research/funding opportunities</li><li>Media</li><li>Celebrating progress</li></ul>
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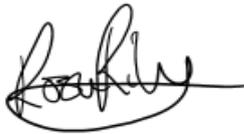
This network is not just for healthcare or public health professionals. We encourage and welcome a diversity and a breadth of voices in the sector both nationally and internationally. Our Network seeks to work across different services and specialisations; within academia, police, social services, government departments, clinical practice, public health and the media; and in conjunction with survivor networks.

We are still at early stages of growth but would love to keep you and your organisation updated about our plans. And we would love to hear from you!

- Contact us via email to share your ideas and expertise, contribute to VITA Network committee, help develop the national health and modern slavery voice and take action for change - [connect@vita-network.com](mailto:connect@vita-network.com)
- Check out our new website and sign up to our newsletter to grow your knowledge and connections - <https://vita-network.com/>
- Follow us on Twitter - @VITA\_Network.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Kind Regards



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