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Dear Andrew

**Scrutiny Review of the sex trade in Cheltenham**

Thank you very much for the Scrutiny Task Group report and the opportunity to comment on it. Please pass on my thanks and commendation for looking into this difficult subject to the Task Group Members and support staff.

Overall, I found the report helpful in pulling together what is currently known by the various responsible bodies.

I would encourage you to revisit the subject in due course. It might be instructive to look into the informed public's perspective of the sex trade in Cheltenham. I am thinking more of voluntary and other organisations who provide support to people in the trade or at risk of exploitation, not the general public. A Council Scrutiny Group has a different relationship with the public than a police enquiry.

In the meantime, I will discuss this report with the Chief Constable and ask her to consider how best to address this important issue.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Surl  
Police and Crime Commissioner**