Update 18 July 2018

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the initial survey. As at 11am on 18 July 2018, we had 1,168 responses. We have had a significant response from those involved currently, previously or intermittently in prostitution and/or sex work/allied sexual services in multiple settings, of different genders and circumstances. We have also had responses from individuals who pay for sex, agencies which facilitate and host sexual services, NGOs, academics, police and others. The respondent profile is as follows:

- 43% from individuals sex working/involved in prostitution (current or former)
- 29% expressing 'No Affiliation'
- 9% from NGOs/charities
- 9% identifying as 'Other'
- 5% from the Higher Education sector
- 3% from Police
- 1% from the Health sector
- 1% from the Criminal Justice sector

We have now downloaded the responses for analysis.

We are conscious that the online survey method will reach some groups rather than others. We will be working with relevant intermediaries to enable the voices of those who would not have access to, or awareness of, this survey.

We will need some time now to collate the data and do justice to each contribution. By and during Autumn 2018, we will identify and get in touch with a representative range of respondents who indicated that they would be happy to contribute further. Unfortunately, given the high numbers of respondents and the limited time we have to do this work, we cannot speak to all of you. However, be assured that we aim to reflect the full breadth of opinion and experience that you have shared with us.

At the same time as analysing the survey responses, we are also reviewing the academic and other literature on this area. Given our focus is on nature (and prevalence), we are paying particular attention to recent literature which includes the voices and experiences of those directly involved in prostitution and/or sex work. We are including the international literature, though recognising that England and Wales are the geographical remit of this work.