

*Kevin Hyland was appointed to the role in November 2014 and acted as 'designate' Commissioner until the UK's Modern Slavery Act received Royal Assent in March 2015, when he became Commissioner.*

*The Commissioner was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for "services to Combating Human Trafficking" in the 2015 New Year Honours. Prior to this, he helped to establish the Santa Marta Group, a body comprising international law enforcement agencies, civil society, non-governmental organisations and the Catholic Church. The Group was launched by Pope Francis at the Vatican in April 2014.*

*The Commissioner was formerly head of the London Metropolitan Police Service's Human Trafficking Unit. As a police officer of 30 years Kevin specialised in investigation of serious organised crime, including homicide, gun crime, anti-corruption and human trafficking and slavery. When working as a senior investigating officer, he was responsible for the convictions of a large number of international organised crime groups which included conducting multi-national joint investigations, and bi-lateral prosecutions of various criminal offences including money laundering, corruption, sexual exploitation and human trafficking.*