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Following receipt and reading of the transcript from the HASC I would like to submit the following additions:

* For the 2003 report I produced two different versions. The one for the partnerships was the copy that you have. The one for the police had a separate appendix which listed the main individual alleged perpetrators (they were named) in Rotherham and Sheffield. I listed their criminal convictions (gleaned from Police National Computer searches) against the crimes they were alleged to be involved in as a result of intelligence from Risky Business project. I remember the main perpetrator in Rotherham distinctly because, at the time of the report, the only conviction he had was a driving offence, yet he was alleged to be involved in drug supply, rape, physical violence and involvement in firearms. (Q179)

* Med Hughes made reference to the UKHTC media campaign and work related to trafficking from Eastern Europe. A number of us concerned professionals had to put pressure on the UKHTC to incorporate the issue of internal trafficking within England of children and young women to different towns and cities. In particular Ann Lucas, the former manager of Sheffield CSE service, did much to raise this issue with them and eventually went on a year's secondment in 2007-08 from the CSE service to UKHTC to raise the profile and response of internal trafficking. Mr Hughes takes pride in the setting up of UKHTC and their response to victims of trafficking from abroad. But people had to put pressure on them to take on board internal trafficking, and it seems that Mr Hughes was not aware of that although it also came within the period of his tenure. (Q302-3)

* Joyce Thacker references the improvements that Matt Jukes made on becoming district commander in Rotherham in 2006. Before that he was head of the Force Intelligence Bureau and was my boss, and had read my reports and spoken to me about them. He was in a unique position having previously managed me, and then gone to run Rotherham. He was also clearly interested in tackling the issue. I am not convinced that many other officers who may have otherwise got that job would have acted as he did. (Q428)

* There was reference to intelligence reports not getting onto the police intelligence system. Jayne Senior and I met with the Rotherham drugs squad at one point. The problems with intelligence were discussed at the meeting. There was a suggestion from the police that Risky Business staff became registered informants. I was incredulous, I had never heard such a suggestion. I asked them what was wrong with partnership information sharing protocols (the Crime and Disorder Act also covers information sharing between partner agencies). I was not sure they knew what I was talking about. Sometime later a member of Risky Business staff told me she had become a registered informant. (Q185, Q243)

* I referred to car crime and burglary as being policing priorities in Sheffield, and suggested that may have also been the case in Rotherham as it was the same force. I see this view has been echoed in an interview with a retired DI from GMP (I do not know her) [http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2755020/Child-sex-gangs-We-busy-trying-catch-car-thieves-That-s-target-driven-police-told-head-abuse-unit.html?ns_campaign](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2755020/Child-sex-gangs-We-busy-trying-catch-car-thieves-That-s-target-driven-police-told-head-abuse-unit.html?ns_campaign). It seems SYP may not have been the only force to take that approach. (Q243)