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Hi Hazel, Good to see Mr Harrison has won 5,000 pounds for our work, any chance of my 1,000 fee that you were chasing up for this work being sorted out any time soon?

Best as always

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An investigative journalist whose exposé of the trail of sex slaves from eastern Europe to the streets of London led to a nationwide police offensive won the Paul Foot award last night. The award, set up last year by the Guardian and Private Eye in memory of the late campaigning journalist Paul Foot, went to the Sunday Telegraph journalist David Harrison.

His series of articles on the sex trade was acclaimed by the UN and forced action from the Home Office and the police.

Awarding him the £5,000 prize, the judges said Harrison's pieces were "real, raw, frontline stuff in the greatest tradition of radical newspaper journalism".

Harrison said he was "thrilled and humbled" to receive the award, given last year to John Sweeney of the Daily Mail for his investigations into "shaken baby syndrome".

"The sex trafficking series was a difficult and dangerous undercover investigation and there were times, when I sat in sleazy Eastern European bars and nightclubs, talking 'business' with armed thugs, that I wondered if I would get out alive. Fortunately, I did," Harrison said.

"But just as important as the investigation to expose the almost unimaginable horrors of the sex trafficking trade was the campaign that followed, a campaign that has helped bring about changes and

initiatives

that will save thousands of young women from a life of sexual slavery.

"Like most journalists, I sometimes wonder if what I do makes any real difference. It's nice to think that occasionally it does."

Following Foot's death in 2004, the award was set up to reward the kind of investigative journalism that newspapers and broadcasters are finding increasingly difficult to fund in a competitive media world amid the ever shifting demands of the web and 24-hour news.

Ian Hislop, the editor of Private Eye, said: "Paul believed that journalists could do more than make a living - they could make a difference. This award is an attempt to perpetuate that idealism."

The editor of the Guardian, Alan Rusbridger, said: "We thought this would be the best way of remembering his life and supporting the kind of work he did.

"We thought it would especially appeal to freelancers because investigative journalism is expensive and time consuming and it's quite difficult for freelancers to make an economic case for doing it."

The runners up included: Tony Collins for his relentless investigation of the £12.4bn NHS IT programme, in Computer Weekly; Stephen Grey for his series of articles on the CIA's secret rendition policy, for the Guardian, the New Statesman and the Sunday Times; the Insight Team, at the Sunday Times, for their investigations into the financial affairs of Tessa Jowell and David Mills; Henry Porter for his campaign against the erosion of civil liberties, in the Observer; and Jeni Harvey, of the Middleton Guardian, for her exposure of the cover up and injustice at the heart of the Rochdale satanic child abuse affair.