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Dear M Esslemont

Re: Freedom of Information request – 56361

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2019, in which you ask for:

The number of potential and recognised modern slavery victims (including victims of trafficking), who were voluntarily returned between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2018 who were at any point held under Immigration Powers in detention (As with the previous request, please disaggregate this figure according to year (2016, 2017 and 2018)).

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are now in a position to provide a full reply to your request and I am able to disclose the information set out in Annex A enclosed. Please note that the data used was extracted on 17 July 2019 to align with your original request in FOI 54439. As data is taken from a live operational database then current figures may not match with your original request.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference 56361. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Annex A





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Please can you provide the number of potential and recognised modern slavery victims (including victims of trafficking), who were voluntarily returned between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2018 who were at any point held under Immigration Powers in detention (As with the previous request, please disaggregate this figure according to year (2016, 2017 and 2018)).

Our records indicate that...

Table 1 - Number of Voluntary Returns between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2018 of individuals whose latest NRM case outcome prior to return was a positive Reasonable Grounds (RG) or positive Conclusive Grounds (CG) decision, and who were detained in an Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) at any point before return

Year of Voluntary Return	Positive Reasonable Grounds	Positive Conclusive Grounds
2016	4	1
2017	2	2
2018	23	2

Notes

- 1 These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.**
- 2 Data extracted on 17/07/2019
- 3 Data shows the number of Voluntary Returns. Individuals may have multiple returns during this period, therefore the figures presented may not reflect the number of people returned.
- 4 Voluntary Returns have been included only where the most recent trafficking outcome on or before the return date was a positive Reasonable Grounds (RG) or positive Conclusive Grounds (CG)
- 5 The trafficking data used has not been restricted by date, as such, the latest NRM outcome may have been given a significant period of time before the return date.
- 6 The period of detention is at any point before the return date, therefore may be a significant period of time before either being referred into the NRM and/or the return date.
- 7 Please note that these figures do not show the number of Potential Victims of Trafficking or confirmed Victims of Trafficking that have been held in immigration detention, as the figures may include cases where the event(s) which instigated the NRM referral occurred after release.
- 8 Data includes individuals detained in Immigration Removal Centres (IRCs) only.