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Dear Ms Esslemont,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 57310

Thank you for your email of 16 January, in which you wrote:

‘Thank you for clarifying that this request for further disaggregation (case ref 55811) will now be dealt with as a separate request (case ref 56588). I now wish to expand my second request, to be considered in the same way including the disaggregation condition, also including 2019. For this reason, please consider this as confirmation that I am happy to wait for the statutory working days from today (16/01/2020) and will not follow-up with case ref 56588 on the basis that a new request incorporating 2019 data will be initiated from today's date.’

We can confirm that, as requested, your previous FOI (56588) has been cancelled. Details of your revised request (57310), which has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), can be found at Annex A.

The data you have requested is set out in Annex B. Please note the data has been provided up to 30 September 2019, which is in line with published statistics. The data has been taken from a live database and is therefore subject to change as the information on the system is updated and has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

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.gov.uk, quoting reference **57310**. 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 will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely,

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Please outline the number of potential/confirmed human trafficking and modern slavery victims held in detention whose last NRM outcome was;

- Withdrawal, positive decision or negative decision at Reasonable Grounds stage
- Withdrawal, positive decision or negative decision at Conclusive Grounds stage

Please present these figures separately, according to the NRM 'stage' (e.g. Referral, Reasonable Grounds stage and Conclusive Grounds stage) in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The time period for this data should be 1 January 2017- 31 December 2017 and 1 January 2018- 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

To clarify, I am asking for the number of people held in detention, under Immigration Powers, in 2017, 2018 and 2019, who have - during any time period - interacted with the National Referral Mechanism and received a 'latest decision' through this mechanism at either the Reasonable Grounds (RG) or Conclusive Grounds (CG). As per the original email, I require withdrawals as an outcome also (in addition to positive and negative decisions).

Please note that whilst the time criteria for the detention period is 2017-2019, the data requested on the latest NRM outcome should apply to any period.

This data should be disaggregated by:

- Year of detention
- NRM most recent decision stage and outcome.

Our records indicate that...

Table 1 - Number of individuals held in detention in 2017, 2018 or 2019, who either received a positive decision, negative decision or whose application was withdrawn, as their latest NRM case outcome as of 30-Sep-2019.

Year of Detention	Decision Stage	Latest outcome		
		Positive	Negative	Withdrawn
2017	Reasonable Grounds	410	479	7
	Conclusive Grounds	225	174	49
2018	Reasonable Grounds	914	478	2
	Conclusive Grounds	106	118	41
2019	Reasonable Grounds	1256	263	7
	Conclusive Grounds	42	103	36

Notes:

1. **These figures have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.**
2. Data extracted on 22-Jan-2020.
3. Data used for 'latest NRM outcome' has been limited to 30/09/2019 only, and as such ranges from 2009-2019.
4. Data shows individuals who were in detention between 01-Jan-2017 and 31-Dec-2017 or 01-Jan-2018 and 31-Dec-2018 or 01-Jan-2019 and 30-Sep-2019, where their latest NRM case outcome as of 30-Sep-2019 was a positive or negative decision or withdrawn.
5. The figures show individuals who were in detention at any time during the requested period. Therefore, detention may start and/or end outside of the period.
6. Where an individual has multiple detention periods within a year, then only one instance has been counted.
7. Where a period of detention crosses between multiple years, the figures for the individual will appear in each period. As such, figures cannot be totalled across years.
8. Please note that these figures do not show the number of Potential or confirmed Victims of Trafficking that have been detained, as these figures could include individuals where the event(s) which instigated the NRM referral occurred subsequent to their release from detention.
9. Please note, the figures include a significant number of individuals where the NRM referral was made a considerable amount of time after leaving detention.
10. Please note, the figures include a significant number of individuals where the latest NRM outcome was made a considerable amount of time before entering detention.