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Dear Lucy Smith

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 August, in which you ask for information on entry refusals. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to disclose the following information.

Your information request and the Border Force response are set out below.

1. On what grounds are persons suspected to be sex workers refused entry to the UK?

Refusal of entry into the UK is set out in the Immigration Rules part 9 (par 320 – 324). Any person seeking entry for a purpose that does not comply with these rules will be refused.

Any person seeking to work in the UK would first need to obtain the required Entry Clearance for that purpose. Entry clearances will only be issued for legitimate employment that meets the requirements set out in the Immigration Rules.

2. How many people have been refused entry to the UK over the last 5 (August 2012 - August 2017) years due to their being suspected sex workers? Further, if possible, please specify, the age or age range, gender (including if they are trans), nationality and point of entry of where these persons were refused.

The information is not held. We are unable to provide this data as we do not have this categorisation in our refusals category.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

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 the address below, quoting reference 45171. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were 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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Border Force – Information Rights Team