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Dear Oliver Sirrell,

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
<p>Please disclose the number of cases of modern slavery reported to TVP in the last five years.</p> <p>Please also disclose the number of prosecutions made for modern slavery in Thames Valley in the last five years.</p> <p>If possible, please include the same figures for cases reported and prosecutions originating from Bracknell.</p> <p>If possible, please include the same figures for cases reported and prosecutions originating from Wokingham.</p>	<p>This request is being refused under <b>Section 12(1)</b> of the FOIA.</p> <p>Section 12 of the FOIA allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.</p> <p>This information requested relating to prosecution data is not held in an easily retrievable format and would require a manual search through crime reports of this nature. Each report would need to be looked through to initially establish an outcome and would then need cross checking with the Police National Computer (PNC) to ascertain whether an individual had been prosecuted. To provide this information would exceed the appropriate 18 hour time</p>



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	<p>and £450 cost limit.</p> <p><b>Section 16:- Further advice &amp; assistance</b></p> <p>Thames Valley Police cannot further advise how this information might be retrieved within the constraints however you may wish to request data on charges / summons rather than prosecutions.</p> <p>We have continued to provide information where possible. The provision of this data does not affect our legal right to rely on Section 12 for the rest of your request.</p> <p>In the last five (5) years, up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, there have been 990 reported cases of Modern Slavery across the Thames Valley force area.</p>
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### **Complaint Rights**

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If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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