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Friday 25 October 2019

Dear M Esslemont,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 55782

Thank you for your email of 4 October, in which you ask as a follow-up to FOI 54295; asking how many of each category of voluntary and enforced returns during this time period (2016, 2017 and 2018) refer to cases that haven't received a Reasonable Grounds stage decision.

Your request, which can be found in full in the enclosed annex, has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We are now able to provide a full reply to your request.

The data you have requested is set out in the enclosed annex. Please note that these statistics have been taken from a live database, therefore are subject to change as the information on the system is updated and have 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 **55782**. 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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Annex

From: M Esslemont <request-572222-03b9883f@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 04 October 2019 11:19

To: IE PQs, FOIs and Correspondence <ImmigrationEnforcementFOIPQ@homeoffice.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request 53958

Dear IE PQs, FOIs and Correspondence,

Thank you for treating my clarification as a new request (case ref 54295), and for providing this data. Please clarify how many of each category of voluntary and enforced returns during this time period (2016, 2017, 2018) refer to cases that haven't received a Reasonable Grounds stage decision.

Yours sincerely,
M Esslemont

54295 asked – I wish to clarify the data presented, and add my own clarification in case this is lacking in my initial request.

For reference, I am asking for the number of voluntary and forced removals of individuals who have at any time been considered a potential victim of trafficking (i.e. reached the reasonable grounds stage with the NRM). Does the figure refer to individuals who were engaging with the NRM at the time of removal, or does it also refer to any individual who at some stage has received a positive reasonable grounds decision?

Our records indicate that ...

Table 1 – Number of Voluntary and Enforced Returns between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2018 of individuals who at any point had a referral under the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), and the number of returns that relate to individuals who are still awaiting an initial Reasonable Grounds (RG) decision as of 30/06/2019.

Year of Return	Enforced Return				Voluntary Return				
	Deportation, FRS, Extradition, Third Country	Enforcement	Enforced Return Total	Of which relate to individuals awaiting an initial RG decision	Assisted Return	Controlled Return	Verified Return	Voluntary Return Total	Of which relates to individuals awaiting an initial RG decision
2016	73	79	152	0	9	29	27	65	0
2017	54	105	159	0	23	54	32	109	0
2018	59	81	140	0	64	31	47	142	0

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 02/07/2019
3. Data shows the number of returned individuals with an 'NRM Referral' at any point up to 31/12/2018
4. Enforced Return includes; Deportation, Criminal Facilitated Returns Scheme returns (FRS), Third-Country and Enforced returns
5. Voluntary Returns includes; Assisted Returns, Controlled Returns and Other Verified Returns. It also includes Assisted/Controlled returns made from detention
6. Data shows the number of returns of individuals with an 'NRM Referral' at any point up to 31/12/2018
7. The 'NRM Referral' may be before, or after the individual's return and may be outside of the date range requested. Please also note that the referral may be a significant period of time before or after the return date(s)

8. 'Referrals under the NRM' is defined as any trafficking case raised, regardless of case type/stage or outcome. As such, the data presented does not convey any person's NRM status. Or any outcome(s) of the individual's trafficking case(s).
9. Figures show the numbers of returns in the timeframe requested. An individual may have returned multiple times within this period, if so, each return has been included
10. The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is the process by which people who may have been victims of modern slavery are identified, referred, assessed and supported in the United Kingdom. ("Modern slavery" is a term that covers slavery, servitude and force or compulsory labour and human trafficking). The initial referral goes through a two stage process: a reasonable grounds stage (where it is considered that the person is a potential victim of trafficking/slavery) and then, for those with positive reasonable grounds outcome, a conclusive grounds stage (where a definitive decision is made as to whether the person is considered to be a victim of trafficking/slavery).
11. For further information on return types, see the user guide on immigration statistics via GOV.uk website.