

## Hammersmith and Fulham

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Mr. Owen Sheppard

Our reference: 1817635

Dear Mr. Sheppard

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 August 2020.

### Your request

*I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act requesting information on modern slavery referrals made by the council to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) from 2014 to 2019 and including 2020 so far.*

*I would like this information broken down year by year, and the ages and nationalities of each person provided and their location (using the first part of a postcode) where possible. If this is not possible please at least provide ages to distinguish between child and adult victims.*

*Please can you give as much detail about each case for the youngest five victims including work and living conditions, whether trafficking was involved, the circumstances of discovery and location. Please also do the same for the oldest five victims. If there are circumstantial pictures relating to these cases that you can let us have that would also be good.*

*If cases of modern slavery were detected by the council but were not referred to the NRM, please also give these figures year by year with some explanation as to why their cases were not referred to NRM. Again please provide fuller case details for the five oldest and youngest of these cases..*

### Our response

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Hammersmith and Fulham.

I have enclosed copies of the information that is held.

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We have the table below of NRM referrals however we do not have this information pre-2017, nor by nationality/location. This data is in the public domain.

	2017	2018	2019	2020 (Q1 Jan-March)
<b>Adult</b>	1	0	4	1
<b>Child</b>	3	16	21	5

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Information not held as the NRM database was not centrally recorded.

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N/A

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request for information, please contact the h&f InTouch team within 40 working days of receiving this response. They will consider the matters raised and decide whether they are referred to the Council's Information Manager for an internal review.

You can write to the h&f InTouch team at Room 229, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU, or email: [handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk). If you are registered for self-service, via the Council's My Account portal, you can also do this online: [Click here to complete the form](#)

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Yours sincerely

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