



## Parliamentary Question – Forced labour in social care establishments

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**Asked by:**

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### Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people working in social care establishments have been found to be subjected to forced labour by her Department since 2010.

### Response:

In 2016, a total of 2,004 potential victims of labour exploitation and domestic servitude were referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). Industry-specific information is not recorded. The NRM statistics for 2012-2016 can be viewed on the National Crime Agency website:

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/national-referral-mechanism-statistics>

The Government is committed to tackling worker exploitation and that is why through the Immigration Act 2016, we reformed the **Gangmasters** Licensing Authority into the **Gangmasters** and Labour Abuse Authority in April, giving it stronger powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to investigate serious cases of worker exploitation across the entire economy.