

Freedom of Information Act Request

Ref: FOI 19-20 31 Date issued: 11 November 2019

Subject: Hand car wash offences, arrests and referrals to the NRM

Question(s) asked and answer(s):

Of the 88 investigations in which the GLAA has been involved regarding 'hand car washes' as stated in FOI response FH/CH/01:

- (i) how many arrests were made for immigration related offences?
- (ii) how many referrals to the National Referral Mechanism were made?

I appreciate that not all these 88 investigations may have been led by the GLAA and consequently, some of this data may be held by other agencies. If that is the case, I would welcome responses to (i) and (ii) to the extent you have this information and for as many of the 88 operations as possible.

GLAA response:

- (i) 5 people have been arrested for immigration related offences. Please note these were made by partner agencies, as the GLAA does not have the powers to make arrests for immigration offences
- (ii) 12 potential victims were referred to the National Referral Mechanism by the GLAA and/or partner agencies