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Subject: Modern slavery referrals relating to the London Borough of Newham

Question(s) asked and answer(s):

Please could you tell me how many reports of modern slavery related to sites or companies in the London Borough of Newham have been received by the GLAA, via the Modern Slavery Helpline or any other medium, since the start of 2018?

GLAA response:

We are unable to provide you with information in the format you are requesting, as we do not collect and record data at the local district level. However, following email correspondence, we clarified your request and with your agreement undertook a search of our records involving the following postcode areas E6, E7, E13, E14, E15, E16 and E20. Based on the postcode search, we identified 8 cases, and these are shown in the table below. However, please note, these results should be treated with caution as they are dependent on a postcode being input, as it is not a mandatory field.

| Business Year | No of cases open | No. of cases closed | Reasons for closure by GLAA | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Referred to another agency for investigation | Intelligence only | No / insufficient evidence | No offences disclosed |
| 2018-19 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019-20 (to date) | 0 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

The GLAA will not release information that specifically relates to an ongoing compliance or criminal investigation matter. This also includes cases closed by the GLAA but referred to other agencies for investigation, as these cases may still be open. This may normally be under sections 30 (Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities), section 31 (Law enforcement), of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

In addition, where our investigations have closed, and no labour market offences have been identified, then we have withheld specific location details that may reveal the business or business owner, as to do so may prejudice or would be likely to prejudice their commercial interests under section 43 (trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).