



<b>Ref: FOI 19-20 05</b>	<b>Date issued: 21 June 2019</b>
<b>Subject: Construction site visits by the GLAA</b>	
<p><b>Question(s) asked and answer(s):</b></p> <p>The details of all site visits or inspections conducted by the GLAA in London and the South East in relation to reports of modern slavery and/or labour exploitation in the construction industry in the 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years, and so far in the 2019/20 financial year. For each site visit or inspection conducted, I would like to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The date of the site visit or inspected;</li><li>2. The street address or location in London or the South East that was visited;</li><li>3. If it was a joint visit, which partner organisations or agencies attended;</li><li>4. A brief summary of the original report that led to the site visit being conducted, and if known, the date that report was received;</li><li>5. If the report related to a named construction company, the name of the company;</li><li>6. The outcome of the visit, or where applicable of the wider investigation/inspection the visit was part of and if it was closed, the date it was closed.</li></ol> <p>By 'in the construction industry' I mean any report primarily related to the activities of construction companies, companies primarily concerned with construction or supply of goods and/or services to the construction industry, and subsidiaries.</p> <p><b>GLAA response</b></p> <p>The GLAA only acquired the necessary legislative powers to investigate labour market offences, including modern slavery from May 2017. Therefore, we have only considered your request for information from this point forward.</p> <p><a href="#">Table 1</a>. provides a summary breakdown of site visits in relation to your request. We have searched our records and included cases which have been categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• construction building</li><li>• construction specialised</li><li>• construction installation</li></ul>	

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). We have therefore identified locations at a borough or district level. Similarly, we have only provided the name of organisations where joint agency work was undertaken in the investigations for cases that are closed by the GLAA.