

Freedom of Information Act Request

Ref: FOI 19-20 01 Date issued: 02 May 2019

Subject: Incidents involving Vietnamese and Romanian workers

Question(s) asked and answer(s):

- 1.I would like to request information surrounding the number of incidents involving Vietnamese workers over the past 10 years. Where possible I would also like to know whether these were adults or children.
- 2.I would like to request information surrounding the number of incidents involving Romanian individuals over the past 10 years. Where possible I would also like to know whether these were adults or children.

GLAA response

Since 1st March 2009 we have recorded 77 incidents where 'Vietnam' or 'Vietnamese' is recorded in the report text and 2,936 incidents where 'Romania' or 'Romanian' is recorded in the report text. The majority of these incidents would involve adults. However, to determine conclusively whether they concerned an adult or minor would require an extensive search of our records.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA means public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days determining whether the department holds the information. We would need to undertake a significant amount of work in excess of 3.5 working days to obtain the relevant records and identify, extract and collate the requested data on individual cases. Consequently, we are not obliged to comply with your request in its entirety.

Under our duty to assist it may be helpful for you to know that UK data regarding human trafficking or modern slavery is held by the National Crime Agency (NCA) via the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). This is the framework used for identifying victims of human trafficking or modern slavery in the UK. NRM is also the mechanism which collects data about victims which includes identifying victims by ethnicity and nationality. NRM statistics from 2012 onwards are published and freely available on the NCA website within their <u>publications section</u>.

Please note the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply to the NCA so they are unable to respond to Freedom of Information requests.