



Ref: FOI 2018 - 32	Date issued: 8 November 2018
Subject: Arrests for modern day slavery offences	
Question(s) asked:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in England in 20152. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in the East of England (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk) area in 20153. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in England in 20164. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in the East of England (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk) area in 20165. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in England in 20176. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in the East of England (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk) area in 20177. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in England so far in 20188. The number of individuals arrested for modern day slavery offences in the East of England (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk) so far in 20189. The total number of individual workers safeguarded as a result of GLAA operations since the Modern Day Slavery Act came into force in March 2015.	
Our response	
<p>1 – 4. Nil response. The GLAA only acquired the necessary legislative powers to investigate labour market offences, including modern slavery from May 2017.</p> <p>5 – 8. For the period 1 May 2017 - 30 April 2018 GLAA led operations resulted in the arrests of 24 persons for modern slavery offences. From 1 May to present there were a further 15 arrests for modern slavery offences with 3 of those arrests matching the East of England area of your request.</p> <p>9. Under the FOI Act, certain information is exempt from release. One exemption (under s21 of the Act) applies to information that is accessible to the applicant by other means. Your request for information falls into this category. Details re: the total number of individual workers safeguarded as a result of GLAA operations since the Modern Day Slavery Act came into force in March 2015 can be found in our annual reports and accounts available on our website.</p> <p>Under Section 16 of the Act duty to assist - 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</p>	

published and freely available on the NCA website within their publications section (link below).

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

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.

In addition, the [2017 UK annual report on modern slavery](#) provides an overview of modern slavery in the UK and explains how the UK has responded to this threat over the last 12 months. This report also includes statistics and case studies of human trafficking and modern slavery which you may also find useful.