



<b>Ref: FOI 2018 - 28</b>	<b>Date issued: 13 September 2018</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Car washes	
<p><b>Question(s) asked:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Please can you tell me the number of car washes across Britain that have been identified as hosting victims of forced labour, modern slavery or human trafficking for every calendar year from 2015 - 2018?</li><li>2. Please can you also tell me the number of arrests and charges during this time of those suspected to have enslaved or exploited people at car washes?</li></ol> <p>Please provide the information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or PDF, whichever is easiest for you. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I'd be very grateful if you could let me know.</p> <p><b>Our response</b></p> <p>The GLAA only had powers to investigate wider offences in the labour market including car washes [England and Wales only] from May 2017. We are not able to provide information on ongoing cases beyond what we have said appropriately in press releases.</p> <p>You can find information regarding what we know from hand car washes and the number of allegations received in the GLAA's response to the Environmental Audit Committee's Hand Car Wash inquiry on their <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>For information on the number of investigations on car washes in the UK you will need to speak to <a href="#">individual police forces</a>.</p> <p>In relation to the second question the following links provide the press releases in relation to those cases where the GLAA has publicly commented on ongoing investigations into car washes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/26062018-operation-targets-possible-exploitation-at-manchester-car-wash/">http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/26062018-operation-targets-possible-exploitation-at-manchester-car-wash/</a></li><li>• <a href="http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/19042018-modern-slavery-arrests-at-hand-car-wash/">http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/19042018-modern-slavery-arrests-at-hand-car-wash/</a></li><li>• <a href="http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/150118-uk-anti-slavery-">http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/150118-uk-anti-slavery-</a></li></ul>	

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- <http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/120118-glaa-joins-met-on-joint-car-wash-raid/>
- <http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/press-release-archive/061217-two-arrested-on-suspicion-of-modern-slavery-offences-following-darlington-raid/>
- <http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/press-release-archive/191017-suspected-trafficker-arrested-at-lancashire-car-wash/>

Under s16 of the FOIA (duty to provide advice and assistance) you may wish to contact us in the future as our investigations of hand car washes continue to progress.