



Response Date: 27/12/2024

2024/1130 - Human trafficking

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Data on Human Trafficking and/or Modern Slavery Reports, Investigations and Prosecutions.

We are writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA 2000") to request information regarding the North Wales Police handling of human trafficking cases over the past 5 years.

Specifically, we are requesting the following information, broken down by calendar year if possible:

1. Please provide the total number of reports or complaints related to human trafficking received by the North Wales Police each year.

a. This data should include all initial reports made either (i) directly by individuals or third-party organisations, (ii) through the National Referral Mechanism and/or (iii) by any other means.

b. When answering this question, please provide copies of any and all documents relating to the recording of victims of trafficking and/or modern slavery referrals.

2. Of the reports received (as per item 1), please specify how many cases resulted in an investigation being formally opened each year.

3. Of the reports received (as per item 1), please provide the number of Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interviews conducted in relation to these reports each year.

4. Please provide the number of cases, from those investigated (as per item 2), that resulted in prosecutions. Within this data, I would appreciate a breakdown as follows:

- a. Number of prosecutions against the same people that were referred to the police force as potential victims of trafficking and/or modern slavery**
- b. Number of prosecutions against the alleged trafficker(s)**

5. Please provide copies of all documents, guidance, and training materials outlining the procedures followed by [the relevant police force] staff when handling potential human trafficking and/or modern slavery referrals, including, but not limited to, the investigation of reported cases of human trafficking and/or modern slavery.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/12/2024