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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI549436499

Thank you for your request for information relating to children who were identified as potential victims of modern slavery.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your local authority. This Freedom of Information request is made to access to data in relation to children referred by your local authority to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for children who were identified as potential victims of modern slavery. Therefore, I would like you to provide me with:

- 1. Gender: How many of children referred to the NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023 were identified as males and females?**
- 2. Nationality: What were the nationality of children referred to the NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023?**
- 3. Location: What was the location of the exploitation in the UK for children referred to NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023? Please state how many of exploitations referred in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023 happened in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.**

4. Exploitation type: For children referred to the NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023, how many of them were recorded as potential victims of:

- Criminal exploitation**
- Domestic exploitation**
- Labour exploitation**
- Sexual exploitation**
- Organ harvesting**
- Domestic and criminal exploitation**
- Labour and criminal exploitation**
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5. County lines: For children referred to the NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023, how many of them were recorded as potential victims of county lines?

6. Reasonable ground decision: For children referred to the NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023:

6.a. how many of them received a positive reasonable ground decision?

6.b. how many of them received negative reasonable ground decision?

7. Conclusive ground decision: For children referred to the NRM by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and in the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023,

7.a. how many of them received a positive conclusive ground decision?

7.b. how many of them received negative conclusive ground decision?

For Questions 1 to 7b, we hold the information which you have asked for however, we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The information is not held in an existing reportable format; it is contained within individual case records. It would require an officer to manually trawl and review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant data. This work has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act and therefore your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the

Act.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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