

Freedom of Information Act Request

Ref: FOI 2018 - 23	Date issued: 21/08/18			
Subject: Arrests for modern slavery offences				
Question(s) asked				
1. How many people were arrested for modern slavery offences as a result of referrals from the Modern Slavery Helpline run by charity Unseen in 2017?				
Four				
Please note that three of the four arrests are duplicated in the answer to question 3. The same three subjects were arrested for two separate offences, one Modern Slavery & one non-Modern Slavery).				
2. How many people were arrested for modern slavery offences as a result of referrals from the Modern Slavery Helpline run by charity Unseen in the first six months of 2018?				
One				
3. How many people were arrested for other referrals from the Modern Slavery Helpline r	r offences (not modern slavery) as a result of oun by charity Unseen in 2017?			
Three				

Please note that these three arrests are duplicated in the answer to question 1. The same three subjects were arrested for two separate offences, one Modern Slavery & one non-Modern Slavery).

4. How many people were arrested for other offences (not modern slavery) as a result of referrals from the Modern Slavery Helpline run by charity Unseen the first six months of 2018?

Zero

Duty to provide advice and assistance

Under s16 of the FOIA (*duty to provide advice and assistance*) and to give you a complete and holistic picture of our work, further information is provided.

Table 1 in the attached spreadsheet provides data for the period 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018. It lists offences that the GLAA can investigate using its powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) as set out in section 3(3) the Immigration Act 2016. Please note our new PACE powers are also used against existing offences, including offences

under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004. Details of individuals sentenced, referred to in Table 1, can be found in the related GLAA press releases (which are listed below the table).

Joint partner led operations

The GLAA works in close partnership with a number of enforcement agencies which involves GLAA staff in partner led joint operations. In addition to the figures provided in Table 1, the GLAA were involved in a further 54 arrests as a result of this partnership working using their powers appropriately.

Labour Market Enforcement Undertakings and Orders

The Immigration Act 2016 introduced Labour Market Enforcement Undertakings and Orders (LMEU & LMEO) for use by the GLAA. This can be used as an alternative or additional sanction to support labour market compliance. Two LMEUs were issued during the reporting period that you requested, with a further two LMEUs issued since. There are a further four LMEUs under consideration, one of which is waiting to be served. During the specified period, there was also one Labour Market Enforcement Order (LMEO) issued.

**For the period 1 May 2017 - 30 April 2018						
Table. 1 List of additional offences that the GLAA can investigate using its powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE)	Arrested	Pending charging	Charged	Pending trial or court	Convicted	
as set out in section 3(3) the Immigration Act 2016:	(GLAA led)	advice		appearance		
(a)an offence under the Employment Agencies Act 1973 other than one under section 9(4)(b) of that Act;	0	0	0	0	0	
(b)an offence under the National Minimum Wage Act 1998;	0	0	0	0	0	
*(C) an offence under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004;	11	0	0	0	5	
(d)an offence under section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;	14	4	0	0	1	
(e)an offence under section 2 or 4 of that Act	0	0	0	0	1	
(f)an offence under section 30(1) or (2) of that Act which is committed in relation to	0	0	0	0	0	
(g)an offence under section 27;	0	0	0	0	0	
(h)any other offence prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;	0	0	0	0	0	
(i)an offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an offence mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (h);	0	0	0	0	0	
(j)an offence under Part 2 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 in relation to an offence so mentioned;	0	0	0	0	0	
(k)an offence of inciting a person to commit an offence so mentioned;	0	0	0	0	0	
(I)an offence of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of an offence so mentioned.	0	0	0	0	0	
Individual arrested for both (d)an offence under section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and (e)an offence under section 2 or 4 of						
that Act	10	1	0	0	0	
Total	35	5	0	0	7	

* In our Duty to Assist, our new PACE powers are also used against existing offences including offence C - an offence under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004; this also included the use of GLAA powers.

**Annual Report and Accounts

The GLAA's Annual Report and Accounts reporting period is 1 April – 31 March, so these figures will not correspond.

Press releases relating to the above convictions are provided below

http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/press-release-archive/160617-landlord-who-preyed-on-the-weak-gets-eight-years/

http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/press-release-archive/120517-somerset-businesswoman-prosecuted-after-ignoring-warnings/

http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/news/