

REQUEST	14158 - TRAFFICKING / MODERN SLAVERY	RESPONSE
1) Between October 2015 and August 2022, how many adult victims and potential victims of modern slavery received support under the Care Act 2014?		<p>Of those who were referred to Safeguarding for Modern Slavery, 3 received Adult Social Care Assessment; 2 had support plans; 1 was in receipt of a commissioned Package of Care.</p> <p>Note 1 – The above figure represents those that had a safeguarding referral for Modern Slavery, this does not account for any adults in receipt of support that have not been referred to safeguarding. Wigan do not have a ‘modern slavery’ category for ‘reason for contact’ so to identify individuals who may fit the criteria would require manual check of case notes for all that received an assessment in the period (over 31,000). This would take the request for information over the allocated timeframe under Section 12 (1).</p> <p><i>Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 200 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations</i></p> <p><i>The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (Si 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the “appropriate limit”), These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their website from this link :</i></p> <p>http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi/20043244/en.pdf</p> <p><i>The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For Local Government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under Section 12 of the FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.</i></p> <p>Calculation: Time required to check case note = (excess of) 1 minute. Number of files to check = 31,000. 31,000/60 = Over 500 hours.</p>
2) Between October 2015 and August 2022, how many referrals did the local authority receive under its adult safeguarding processes relating to concerns of adult modern slavery?		<p>Note 2 – Wigan changed its Adult Social Care Case Management system in February 2016, migrating only open cases onto the new system. This means there is a chance that the given figure may not include any referrals recorded between October 2015 and February 2016.</p>
3) Between October 2015 and August 2022, how many modern slavery safeguarding enquires did the local authority investigate?		<p>Note 3 – Although Note 2 applies, the 2015-16 SAC return does not record any data for modern slavery investigations, so the given figure is accurate.</p>
4) Who is the current Adults Principal Social Worker for the local authority? please confirm their full name(s), direct email address and telephone number		<p>Wigan Council policy is not to disclose contact information for staff below Assistant Director level.</p>
5) Who is the current Monitoring Officer for the local authority? please confirm their full name, direct email address and telephone number		<p>Brendan Whitworth Assistant Director – Legal (Monitoring Officer) b.whitworth@wigan.gov.uk 01942 827463</p>

