

## NON-LEA OVERVIEW OF LIVE MODERN SLAVERY OPERATIONS IN UK POLICING

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# Overview of Live Modern Slavery Operations in UK Policing – February

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## Data & Confidence:

This update provides a monthly overview of live police operations being undertaken by police/ ROCUs across the UK, including PSNI and Police Scotland. This only includes those operations that the Modern Slavery Insight Team have been made aware of.

The report is based on data (correct as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019) submitted on live operations, covering the period between 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

## Police Operational Information Summary:

- There are currently at least **1509** live Modern Slavery police operations being undertaken across the UK.
- There are active operations across all policing regions.
- The **1509** operations involve over **2200** potential victims.
- **385** of the **1509** operations involve potential victims under the age of 18 (or aged under 18 at the time of the crime). Most operations identified as modern slavery by forces involve adults.
- There remains a strong correlation between suspect and potential victim nationalities.

**Sexual Exploitation** **674 (45%)** operations tackle sexual exploitation (as the primary exploitation). **709** operations identify sexual exploitation at a primary level or otherwise.

**Labour Exploitation:** Labour exploitation features in **382 (25%)** operations (as the primary exploitation) involving a range of sectors; the most frequently occurring are manual labour, car washes, food industry, construction, factories, health and beauty and waste/recycling. **418** operations identify labour exploitation at a primary level or otherwise.

**Criminal Exploitation:** **331 (22%)** operations primarily tackle criminal exploitation (county lines/cannabis cultivation/fraud/theft). **390** operations identify 'crime' as an exploitation type, at a primary level or otherwise.

**Domestic Servitude:** **67 (4%)** operations primarily tackle domestic servitude. **83** operations identify exploitation through domestic servitude at a primary level or otherwise.

**Forced/Sham Marriage:** **6** operations involve tackling forced or sham marriages. **12** operations identify forced or sham marriage as a type of exploitation at a primary level or otherwise.

## Suspect Profile Police Operations

The most frequently identified suspect nationalities are:

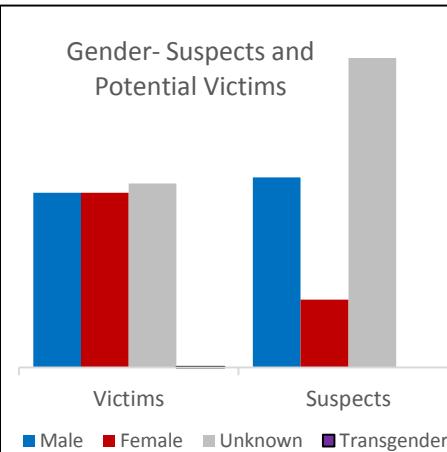
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Polish  
Lithuanian  
Slovakian  
Irish

## Potential Victim Profile Police Operations

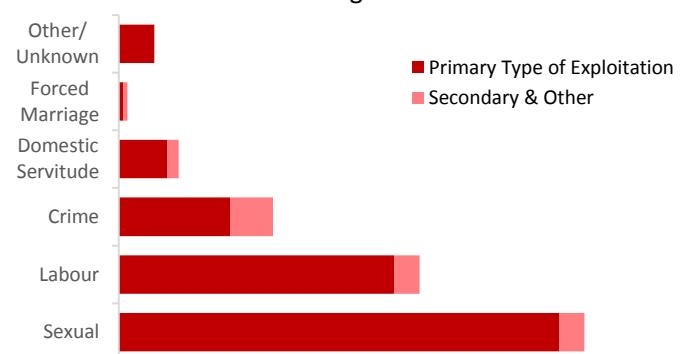
The most frequently identified victim nationalities are:

British  
Romanian  
Chinese  
Vietnamese  
Albanian  
Polish  
Lithuanian  
Slovakian  
Pakistani

Gender- Suspects and Potential Victims



Type of Exploitation by Number of Investigations



# Modern Slavery within BF, IE, GLAA & MSPTU

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## Border Force – January 2019

(No update this month)

### Projects and Operational Activity:

Border Force have made great strides in identification during the financial year 2017/18. Their identification rates have significantly increased compared to last year. The figures for the 2018/19 year so far show a continued rise.

### Stakeholder Awareness Activity:

Border Force continue in efforts to raise awareness of modern slavery indicators with stakeholders who can help. Indicator training and a process map has now been rolled out to a large number of airlines in the UK. The next phase is to roll this out to other carriers such as ferry or rail companies and this is currently in progress.

### Update on Operations:

An ongoing operations is continuing to target unregulated minibus traffic from Eastern Europe through ports, which is a known route for people at high risk of exploitation and their traffickers.

## UK IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

- IE currently have **8** live operations across the South East, London, West Yorkshire and Scotland.
- **4** operations involve trafficking; **2** involve labour exploitation, **3** involve domestic servitude, and **1** involves sexual exploitation.
- **2** operation involves **children**.
- **Suspect nationalities include:** Vietnamese, British and Pakistani.
- **Victim nationalities include:** Vietnamese, Indian, Filipino and Afghan.
- In **2** operation victims and suspects are of the same nationality.
- Within the live operations there are at least **13 potential victims**
- **6** NRMs were completed across **5** operations.
- Methods of transport for victims include: lorry and train.
- **3** operations involve both male and female suspects.
- Type of work includes within nail bars and barber shops

**Modern Slavery Helpline:**  
**08000 121 700**

## Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority

Overview of Modern Slavery Operations December 2018

(No update this month)

The GLAA is currently leading **45 live operations** involving a combination of modern slavery offences. 17 of these operations involve human trafficking.

The GLAA is currently leading numerous live operations involving a combination of modern slavery offences. Industries in which these operations are taking place include:

- Food Processing
- Domestic Work
- Construction
- Factories
- Car Washes
- Restaurants
- Warehouses

### Updates on Operations (sourced from GLAA website):

Following a recent modern slavery operation in Oldham; a man and women have been arrested and are currently in custody. In total 7 people were removed from the address and have now been moved to safety. Both the potential victims and suspects were Romanian nationals. GLAA were supported by officers from the Greater Manchester Police and staff from the Department for Work and Pensions. The operation was conducted after GLAA received several reports of exploitation occurring at the address.

A woman who had persistent financial dealings with a criminal gangmaster has been denied a GLAA licence. The individual had previously been stripped of GLAA licences in 2014 when connections with a known unlicensed gangmaster, who was subsequently imprisoned for 18 months, were uncovered during an operation.