Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0741 Date: 25 April 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Total number of people identified by Police Scotland as victims of modern slavery/human trafficking working in the fishing industry for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Could you please divide the data by the nationality of those identified.

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I can confirm that the number of persons who have entered the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) in relation to exploitation in the fishing industry are as follows:

2019 5 x Filipino 2020 1 x Sri Lankan, 2 x Ghanaian 2021 2 x Indonesian, 2 x Indian

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply <u>online</u>, by email to <u>enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</u> or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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