

# Executive Summary

Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline Annual Assessment 2019

## 2019 Helpline Totals



4,739  
potential  
victims



7,073  
Helpline  
calls



2,163  
webforms  
and app  
subs



1,812  
Modern  
slavery  
cases

### Sexual exploitation

**219**

sexual  
exploitation  
cases

**421**

potential  
victims

**93%**

female  
potential  
victims

**86**

cases involving  
adult services  
websites

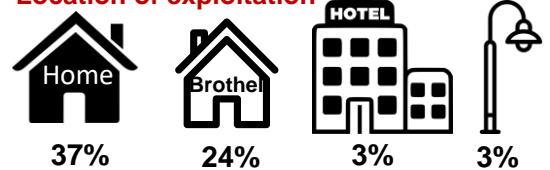
#### Key Facts

20% of cases reported involved minors  
More than 39 different nationalities of potential victims  
28% of all females indicated in sexual exploitation  
China is the top nationality indicated for potential exploiters  
37% of sexual exploitation cases reported exploitation occurring in a private house  
In total, 623 contacts received relating to sexual exploitation

#### Top ten nationalities of PVs

Nationality	# of PVs	% of PVs
Romania	55	22%
China	41	16%
England	38	15%
Albania	25	10%
Thailand	18	7%
Poland	9	4%
Hungary	7	3%
Ukraine	6	2%
Brazil	6	2%
Vietnam	4	2%

#### Location of exploitation



### Labour exploitation

**886**

labour  
exploitation  
cases

**1,112**

labour  
abuse  
cases

**49%**

of all MS  
cases

**3,294**

potential  
victims

#### Key Facts

Top nationality of potential victims is Romanian  
964 potential exploiters indicated  
Romanian is also top nationality for potential exploiters indicated  
Top locations of exploitation on cases include: business (577), private house (60), nail bar (44)  
Labour exploitation is most prevalent form of exploitation across all four UK countries  
59% of potential victims are male and 16% female



365 car wash cases with 1,679 potential victims



131 beauty/spa cases with 452 potential victims



106 construction cases with 419 potential victims



24 agriculture cases with 80 potential victims



18 retail cases with 65 potential victims



13 manufacturing cases with 45 potential victims

#### Comparison 2017-2019

High level numbers	2017	2018	2019	Non-MS types	2017	2018	2019
Potential victims	4886	7121	4739 ↓	Labour abuse	202	831	1112 ↑
Helpline calls	3710	6012	7073 ↑	Domestic abuse	39	84	163 ↑
Webforms	710	1323	2042 ↑	Forced marriage	4	14	8 ↓
App Submissions	-	70	121 ↑	Runaway/homeless	40	58	96 ↑
Nationalities	94	94	85 ↓	Child abuse/neglect	22	40	58 ↑
Referrals	1441	2281	2338 ↑				
MS Cases	1271	1849	1812 ↓				

### Compare

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## Criminal exploitation

**179** criminal exploitation cases  
**299** potential victims  
**16%** minor potential victims  
**30%** minors in drugs cases



**83** cases involving drugs with **93** potential victims



**13** cases involving begging with **22** potential victims



**65** cases involving forced shoplifting with **161** potential victims

In **33** cases (18%) involving criminal exploitation the statutory defence was discussed.

## Domestic servitude

**104** domestic servitude cases  
**144** potential victims  
**29** different PV nationalities  
**6%** of PVs indicated as minors



**29** different victim nationalities indicated



Top two PV nationalities are Nigerian and Indian



**88%** of potential victims are female

Limited correlation between potential victim and potential exploiter nationalities.

## Potential victims

**4,739** potential victims  
**85** different nationalities

Country	# of PVs
Romania	635
Vietnam	199
Albania	138
China	134
England	93
Poland	71
Bulgaria	51
India	42
Thailand	38
Nigeria	28

### Gender

**2,290** males  
**1,393** females  
**2** trans/non gender  
**1,054** unknown

### Age status

**2,930** adults **318** minors **?** 1,491 unknown

## Potential exploiters

**1,835** potential exploiters  
**54** different nationalities



### Top ten nationalities

Country	# of PEs
Romania	99
England	61
China	54
Albania	46
Vietnam	45
Pakistan	30
India	29
Poland	16
Slovakia	13
Saudi Arabia	13
Nigeria	12

**55%** of PVs indicate their employer as their exploiter  
**37%** of PVs report financial control  
 In **238** instances a false job offer was reported as a recruitment tactic  
**13** PEs reported in one case of sexual exploitation

## UK cases

Region	Category	Cases	PVs
England	Labour	783	2925
	Sex	178	368
	Criminal	153	267
	Domestic	89	94
Scotland	Labour	29	71
	Sex	9	41
	Criminal	8	13
	Domestic	0	0

### Total # of contacts

England	5502
Scotland	196
Wales	190
NI	69

Region	Category	Cases	PVs
Wales	Labour	36	142
	Sex	2	2
	Criminal	1	3
	Domestic	3	3
Northern Ireland	Labour	11	57
	Sex	0	0
	Criminal	2	3
	Domestic	0	0

## Others



**167** international cases

**39** different countries

Type	# of cases
Sex	35
Labour	21
Criminal	5
Domestic	12
Unknown	19

## Non-MS

**31%** of non-MS cases indicate labour abuse  
**42%** increase in labour abuse cases

Domestic abuse reported in **163** cases

**24%** of labour abuse cases relate to car washes

Labour abuse indicated in at least **17** different sectors

### Labour Abuse Indicators

Indicator	# of instances
NMW not paid	443
PPE inadequate	191
Harassment	175
Breaks insufficient	144
Holiday insufficient	56

**108%** increase in labour abuse cases in **construction**