



Reference: FOI2507

Request:

My requests relate to the procedure of interviewing potential child victims of modern slavery/human trafficking.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide the following information within the specified time frames:

1. The number of individuals under the age of 18 who are potential victims of modern slavery/human trafficking and have been interviewed by a Joint Investigation Team comprised of both children's social care/children's social services department and the local police force from April 2018 till present?

Zero (0)

2. Please detail if the children's services department and the local police force in your area are co-located? The term co-location to mean not only physically located together, but also the sharing of case management systems and processes.

We are co-located, and the police have access to the LA case management system as read only.

3. Please provide a copy of any policy, guidance, training and/or instruction document on the use of joint interviewing for social workers and police officers in your Local Authority area.

Please see links to relevant procedures:

https://www.proceduresonline.com/north_tyneside/cs/p_sec_47_enq.html?zoom_highlight=achieving+best+evidence

https://www.cps.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/publications/best_evidence_in_criminal_proceedings.pdf

Please note that we continue to update all procedures on a regular basis