

Freedom of Information Request 67495

Modern slavery referrals from small boat crossings

***I request that you provide me with data on the total number of referrals made either through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) or the Duty to Notify (MS1) process for those that have arrived in the UK via small boats crossings between 01 January 2021 and 10 December 2021.**

The following information should also be provided for each of the referral within this category:

- **Nationality of the potential victim identified;**
- **Whether the potential victim was an adult or a child;**
- **Gender of potential victims identified;**
- **The First Responder agency making the referral**

**FOI request made to the Home Office on 14th December 2021, final response and requested information received on 2nd September 2022*

Key takeaways

- In 2021, 28,526 migrants are known to have crossed the English Channel in small boats. Of these, 1,099 were referred to the NRM = 4% of the total
- Of the 1,099 referred, 956 (87%) were adults and 143 (13%) were children
- The most common nationality of those referred was Vietnamese (n361 = 33%), Sudanese (n144 = 13%), Eritrean (n133 = 12%), Iranian (112 = 10%) and Albanian (n108 = 10%)
- Of the 1,099 referred into the NRM, 990 were male and 109 were female
- UK Visas & Immigration made 54% of these NRM referrals, followed by UK Immigration Enforcement (22%) and Local Authority staff (9%). The remaining referrals were made by NGOs who are designated First Responders, the police and UK Border Force.

Table 1: The number of referrals made to the National Referral Mechanism for individuals who arrived via a small boat between 01/01/2021 - 10/12/2021, by month of referral

NRM referral month	
2021	<i>n</i>
Feb	4
Mar	18
Apr	38
May	71
Jun	168
Jul	214
Aug	133
Sep	114
Oct	119
Nov	171
Dec*	49
(Total)	1099

Table 2: The number of referrals made to the National Referral Mechanism for individuals who arrived via a small boat between 01/01/2021 - 10/12/2021, by month of referral and age marker at time of referral

NRM referral month		
2021	Over 18 at Referral Date	Under 18 at Referral Date
Feb	4	-
Mar	15	3
Apr	26	12
May	58	13
Jun	153	15
Jul	198	16
Aug	113	20
Sep	97	17
Oct	101	18
Nov	153	18
Dec*	38	11
(Total)	956	143

Table 3: The number of referrals made to the National Referral Mechanism for individuals who arrived via a small boat between 01/01/2021 - 10/12/2021, by month of referral and nationality

	2021											Total
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec*	
Afghanistan	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	2	4	5	4	20
Albania	-	-	-	1	9	8	3	4	3	67	13	108
Algeria	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
Central African Republic	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Chad	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Egypt	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	3	5	4	1	21
Eritrea	-	1	3	4	6	24	23	27	19	19	7	133
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	4	12	3	6	7	3	-	35
Gambia	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1	6	5	6	6	12	16	12	22	25	1	112
Iraq	-	1	-	-	5	6	14	11	9	9	3	58
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Kuwait Bidoun	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Libya	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mali	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Niger	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3
Pakistan	-	-	1	-	5	2	3	-	-	-	-	11

Palestinian Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Somalia	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	10	6	3	-	26
South Sudan	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	1	1	1	1	11
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	1	9
Sudan	3	4	7	17	27	18	10	11	23	17	7	144
Syria Arab Republic	-	-	-	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	-	19
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3
Vietnam	-	5	22	34	90	118	40	23	14	10	5	361
Yemen	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Unspecified Nationality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
(Total)	4	18	38	71	168	214	133	114	119	171	49	1099

Table 4: The number of referrals made to the National Referral Mechanism for individuals who arrived via a small boat between 01/01/2021 - 10/12/2021, by month of referral and gender

	2021										
	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec*</i>
Female (n109)	1	3	8	10	11	8	20	12	19	14	3
Male (n990)	3	15	30	61	157	206	113	102	100	157	46
(Total)	4	18	38	71	168	214	133	114	119	171	49

Table 5: The number of referrals made to the National Referral Mechanism for individuals who arrived via a small boat between 01/01/2021 - 10/12/2021, by month of referral and First Responder organisation

	2021											
	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec*</i>	<i>Total</i>
Local Authority	-	3	6	4	14	13	13	15	17	10	9	104
NGO	1	-	1	4	9	7	14	15	14	15	2	82
Police	-	3	3	5	4	7	5	9	12	8	6	62
UKBF	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
UKIE	1	-	3	8	56	81	33	3	4	48	14	251
UKVI	2	12	25	48	85	106	68	72	72	90	18	598
(Total)	4	18	38	71	168	214	133	114	119	171	49	

** up to 10 Dec*

Notes

1. These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.
2. As requested, all data has been capped at 10/12/2021.
3. Tables show those individuals who were referred to the National Referral Mechanism at any point on or after date of arriving via small boats.
4. Where an individual has had an NRM referral on more than one occasion after arriving on a Small Boat each of the referrals has been included. These tables therefore show the number of referrals to the NRM rather than the number of individuals referrals
5. No NRM referrals were received in January 2021 for potential victims who arrived via a small boat.