

## Question:

The Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, implementing the Nordic Model approach to prostitution, received royal assent on 13 January 2015.

- Has the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety received funding to put in place measures to prevent and reduce the risk of human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Northern Ireland, and to provide protection and support for victims?
- If so how much funding has the Department received and what programmes have been established using this funding.

## Response:

In response to your questions I can advise that the Department of Health (NI) have no record of funding received specifically in respect of the introduction of the Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

The Home Office has engaged with the Department of Health over the course of the last 12 months in relation to the implementation of a Regional Pilot for the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). A small amount of funding, under £5000, has recently been received for the period 01/01/2026 to 31/03/2026.

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