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Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on the HMIC report on modern day slavery and human trafficking, said:

"This report is a damning indictment of this Tory government's unwillingness to properly resource our police and border forces.

"Modern day slavery is complex and requires in-depth and sophisticated investigation. But with the pressure of devastating cuts to police numbers and budgets it comes as no surprise that investigations are prematurely closed and victims are not identified.

"The Tories have simply set our police forces up to fail, whilst the victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery are left to suffer."