

Request:

Where possible, please could you provide me with the following figures for the year April 2021 - March 2022 (if you do not collect or cannot provide data for one of the categories below, please provide data for the categories that you do or can provide data for):

How many people has the force identified as victims of 'cuckooing' i.e. the practice of taking over the home of an individual in order to establish a base for the purpose of criminal activity? Of those people identified as victims of cuckooing how many were:

- (a) male
- (b) female
- (c) under the age of 18
- (d) over the age of 65
- (e) vulnerable adults
- (f) dependent on drugs or alcohol
- (g) disabled or learning disabled
- (h) unemployed

Of those people identified as victims of cuckooing how many have been

- (a) arrested, and
- (b) charged with criminal offences related to the activities taking place in their property.

Of those people identified as victims of cuckooing who were subsequently arrested and charged with criminal offences related to the activities taking place in their property, which offences were they charged with?

How many people has the force identified as perpetrators of 'cuckooing'?

Of those identified as perpetrators of 'cuckooing' how many were:

- (a) male
- (b) female
- (c) vulnerable adults
- (d) aged 16 - 17
- (e) aged 15 or under

Of those identified as perpetrators of 'cuckooing' how many have been:

- (a) arrested, and
- (b) charged with criminal offences related to the cuckooing activity?

Of those people identified as perpetrators of cuckooing who were subsequently arrested and charged with criminal offences related to the cuckooing activity?:
which offences were they charged with?

how many people were charged under section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 or section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?

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Response:

The information you are requesting is not held by Northamptonshire Police in any reasonably retrievable form. The only means of establishing information of the nature you are requesting would be by way of manual examination of each record. This is because 'cuckooing' is not a term specifically recorded within any searchable field. For example, it may be recorded as having taken over someone's property.

It is my assessment that the cost of providing you with the information requested would exceed the 'appropriate level' as set out in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Even if we looked at just drug offence records, my assessment is that it would cost 2000 (approximate number of records per year) x 3 minutes each (minimum) = over 100 hours at £25 per hour to respond to your request, which exceeds the 'appropriate limit' (currently £450 for 'prescribed costs').

In view of the above, and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please take this letter as a Refusal Notice.

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the costs shown above and is then within the 'appropriate limit' shown above. (I cannot think of a means to refine the request in order to provide the information you are seeking) but if you would like some further information about how to proceed with your request then please contact freedomofinformation@nothants.pnn.police.uk