



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2026/108 – Cuckooing

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

How many cases of cuckooing have your force dealt with broken down by the following financial years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

I note that there is no specific Home Office code for “cuckooing”. However, this data is recorded by some forces including the [largest force in the UK](#). It is also worth noting that in the past forces have searched in Modern Slavery Enquiries for links to potential cuckooing and have been able to find the information within cost.

If 2015-2025 takes me over the cost limit, please send as many as possible with priority being the most recent years of data.

Please note, the only way we can answer this is by searching for the “cuckooed” flag on addresses.

However, there are some significant caveats that we need to include with the data:

- Recording of cuckoo flags began in 2018, so no data exists prior to this.
- The table shows the number of addresses newly flagged as cuckooed in each year.
- Although cuckoo flags may remain on an address until expiry or manually removal, each address is counted only in the year the flag was first applied.
- Figures therefore represent new identified cases per year, not the total number of addresses currently flagged.

Calendar year	Count of Address Flag Remarks
2018	88
2019	218
2020	130
2021	63
2022	43
2023	36
2024	27
2025	10

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