



Response Date: 01/05/2025

2025/429 - Cuckooing

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This is in relation to 'cuckooing' which the government describes as a highly exploitative practice where criminals seize control of a vulnerable person's home without consent to conduct illegal criminal activities.

I would like to request the following information:

How many reports of cuckooing have you had within the financial year of (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 (d) 2022-23 (e) 2023-24 (f) 2024-25

How many of these reports of cuckooing included people with disabilities in the financial year of (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 (d) 2022-23 (e) 2023-24 (f) 2024-25

What is the gender breakdown of the victims of cuckooing across the financial year of (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 (d) 2022-23 (e) 2023-24 (f) 2024-25

If you are able to provide the average age of victims in each financial year, I would be interested in that too.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Most cuckooing jobs are self-generated and don't result in an investigation. These aren't recorded as a specific occurrence/crime type on our system and are managed locally. The way in which they are managed has also changed over the years and so we wouldn't be able to provide accurate reporting on this. In addition, we would be unable to give numbers for disability or gender. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/04/2025

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