Cyber crime is one of the largest growing crimes in modern society and is increasing at an alarming rate with few barriers in its path. A key challenge in preventing criminals is understanding who these individuals are not just in terms of their offending patterns but also their characteristics, as identified in consultation with senior stakeholders.

Information on traditional criminals (i.e. burglars, muggers) is comparatively rich when compared to cyber criminals. Many information sources exist containing billions of records on traditional criminals offending patterns, socio-demographics and characteristics, whilst data on cyber criminals is near non-existent. Much of the information that is in the public domain is collected and interpreted by the cyber security industry, with often hidden data sets and methodologies.

This workshop seeks to bring together experts in the field, including government agencies (i.e. Home Office, SOCCA, NCA), legal practitioners, and academics from multi-disciplinary areas (such as computer scientists, criminologists and statisticians) to explore the current situation and to widen the knowledge of cyber criminals and develop innovative approaches to obtain information on cyber criminals. A report will be written on the information obtained from the workshop. This report will provide evidence of key stakeholder consultation in the development of a research proposal (to be funded by key stakeholders and other key funders such as RCUK) to address the research outcomes required by the key stakeholders.

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