

Mother says she can't cope in her mouse infested house

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Shukisha Ali wants her housing association to move her out of her mouse infested home

A mother-of-two says she is at her wits' end after six years of rodent infestations at her city centre flat.

Shukisha Ali lives at Burgess House, near Sanvey Gate, with her 10-year-old son, and daughter, eight.

The open-plan flat has a number of issues, said the 29-year-old single mum, such as poor ventilation which affects her son's asthma.

But they pale in significance when compared to the steady flow of mice she said run freely through her home - and have done since 2010.

In one month, Shukisha claims to have trapped 15 mice in various places around her flat.



She said she had asked her landlord to solve the problem, to no avail.

Now, Shukisha is at the end of her tether, and is petitioning Metropolitan, the housing association responsible for the building, for a new home.

"I remember the first day it happened," said Shukisha. "It was six years ago and late at night, and I saw a mouse run across the floor - I was terrified.

"It was about 1am, but I packed up a bag and went to stay at my parents' house.

"Since then, it's just been something I've had to live with constantly."



Shukisha said she uses sticky traps to snare the unwelcome visitors, and then, with the help of her son, disposes of them outside.

"I put the traps under the kitchen cupboards and the cupboard with the boiler in," she said. "That's where a hole is.

"But the maintenance guy says he can't get to it to close it up, so it's just letting them in.

"I know as soon as we've caught something because you can hear a really high pitch squeaking."

She said she believed the infestation was putting her and her family's health at risk.

"I know it sounds disgusting, but I've found droppings in frying pans and near the grill - it's so unhygienic," she said.



Shukisha said she had reported the issue to the housing association.

However, the problem with the pests continues.

"I've lost count of the number of times I've told the housing people about it," she said. "They always fob me off with promises that they'll sort it out, but it's never resolved."

"At first they said it was my responsibility to get rid of them until I showed them that the mice were coming from the communal area."

"They sent people up to 'check the problem out' - but nothing ever got done."





A Metropolitan spokesperson said: "We regret that residents are experiencing problems with mice at Burgess House – despite our efforts to date to resolve the issue for them.

"We have conducted an assessment of the building and, as a result, our pest control contractor is carrying out a treatment programme and pest proofing is being put in place to prevent mice entering the block.

"Going forward, we will monitor the situation closely and take appropriate action."