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Our ref: GSA 1527/23
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Monday, 17 April 2023

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1527/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/03/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

We would like information on recorded incidents of child sexual exploitation broken down per month from January 2016 – December 2022. For the purposes of this Freedom of Information request, child sexual exploitation offences are defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as amended by Section 68 of the Serious Crime Act 2015. This includes:

- *Section 47 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Paying for sexual services of a child;*
- *Section 48 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Causing or inciting [sexual exploitation of a child];*
- *Section 49 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Controlling a child [in relation to sexual exploitation];*
- *Section 50 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Arranging or facilitating [sexual exploitation of a child].*

We are looking to find out:

- *How many recorded incidents of child sexual exploitation were there per month from January 2016 – December 2022?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to provide all of it as an exemption applies.

The monthly breakdown for each year has not been provided as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual concerned, and as such the exemption in **Section 40(2) – Personal information** applies to that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the particular piece of information.

Caveats

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- The data provided for this request is based on a search of the below Home Office Codes recorded between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2022 inclusive.
 - 071/01 – Arranging or Facilitating the Commission of a Child Sex Offence
 - 071/02 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Female Child (Aged Under 13)
 - 071/03 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Male Child (Aged Under 13)
 - 071/04 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Female Child (Aged Under 16) – No Penetration
 - 071/05 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Male Child (Aged Under 16) – No Penetration
 - 071/06 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Female Child (Aged Under 18)
 - 071/07 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Male Child (Aged Under 18)
 - 071/08 – Cause or Incite the Sexual Exploitation of a Child (Aged 13 – 17)
 - 071/09 – Controlling a Child Subject to Sexual Exploitation (Aged 13 – 17)
 - 071/10 – Arranging or Facilitating the Sexual Exploitation of a Child (Aged 13 – 17)
 - 071/11 – Cause or Incite the Sexual Exploitation of a Child (Aged Under 13)
 - 071/12 – Controlling a Child Subject to Sexual Exploitation (Aged Under 13)
 - 071/13 – Arranging or Facilitating the Sexual Exploitation of a Child (Aged Under 13)
 - 071/14 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Female Child (Aged Under 16)
 - 071/15 – Paying for the Sexual Services of a Male Child (Aged Under 16)
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Response

Year	Volume
2016	27
2017	48
2018	84
2019	83

2020	145
2021	162
2022	95

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