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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012507/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Your definition of what is classified as a gang*
2. *How many active gangs are known to the Greater Manchester Police?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

1. GMP use the term "Organised Criminal Group" (OCG). Organised crime is serious crime planned, coordinated and conducted by people the intent and capability to commit serious crime working together on a continuing basis, which includes elements of; planning / control / coordination / structure / group decision-making. Their motivation is often, but not always, financial gain.
2. As of 29/04/2024 we had 193 active OCGs. Please note that this figure varies daily.

The UK government has a broader definition of what qualifies as a gang. Their definition is available [here](#). Additionally, the Children's Commissioner has a separate definition of what a gang is and how broad the term "gang" can be. This can be found [here](#).