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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014491/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

We are working towards an estimate of group-based contact child sexual exploitation. To do this we are counting the number of people who have been sentenced for such crimes that would fall into this category.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, would you be able to provide us with the number of cases in your area that have involved more than two people convicted of child sexual exploitation offences that have involved contact rather than just indecent images of children over the last 20 years? If possible can you provide these broken down by year?

Could you also provide names of significant operations in your area that have sought to bring people to justice for these types of crimes (equivalents of Stovewood, Bullfinch or Sanctuary in England) and any numbers for convictions secured from these investigations – again in the last 20 years?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP do not hold conviction and sentencing data. For this information you will need to direct your request to His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service (HMCTS).

In relation to operations please note we don't have any record of CSE operations prior to January 2022. For information about CSE operations please see the below link to the GMP website.

