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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015216/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: In what year did you first officially gather evidence on grooming gangs in Rochdale and Oldham? And who was the responsible officer that received this information.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: What are you actively doing to identify every person that was involved in the covering up rape and grooming gangs for sexual exploitation. Will you be publicly naming and prosecuting each individual that was complicit in allowing these gangs operate for decades within the same areas.

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: I would like to know the correct number of Asian men that have been charged with sexual assault in the greater Manchester area since 2000

REQUEST 4:

What would you like to know?: What are you actively doing to combat illegal immigrants committing crimes on our streets? Young children are scared to go out their houses growing

up in fear because all they hear on the news is another sexual assault or another boat load of illegal fighting age males immigrants entering our country illegally.

REQUEST 5:

What would you like to know?: Are you planning on making a public statement to reassure the British public that you are doing everything in your power to protect them day and night?

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 held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

There have been numerous CSE investigations conducted across Oldham and Rochdale, some have resulted in criminal prosecutions such as Operation Span that started in 2010 and more recently Operation Lytton and others result in prevention and education. Victims don't always want to go to Court so work focuses on supporting them and disrupting offenders through multi agency information sharing, enforcement, and proactive activity.

Because both the criminal and sexual exploitation of children continually evolves and can take many forms across all backgrounds and cultures it is not possible to pinpoint an exact year that evidence was first gathered on offenders operating in a defined gang or who oversaw that case without carrying out a substantial interrogation of a vast number of records spanning a lengthy time frame. All records would need to be checked to narrow down and pinpoint the point at which this was highlighted to GMP in response to question 1. This work would be far too time consuming and therefore would exceed the 18hrs permitted to provide a response.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of question 1, as outlined above. However, the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Question 3.

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 grand total is the volume of crimes with an Outcome of Charge/ Charge Alternative Offence where the Offender is an Asian Male for the period 19th July 2019 to 31st July 2025.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.
- The data is based on the date the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.
- Police Defined Ethnicity has been used.
- Data prior to July 2019 is not available.

From July 2019 to 31st July 2025 there have been 515 Sexual Offence (including Rape) crimes where an Asian (based on Police Defined Ethnicity) Male has been either Charged or Charged with an alternative offence (57).