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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015781/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request access to the following information from Greater Manchester Police concerning grooming offences recorded between August and 31 October 2025:

- 1. The total number of grooming-related investigations initiated in this period.*
- 2. The number of these cases in which the suspects or convicted individuals had known affiliations with radical or jihadist groups.*
- 3. Any anonymised internal memos or summaries (if available) noting trends or safeguarding concerns related to grooming and radicalisation.*
- 4. The number of cases referred to the Crown Prosecution Service and their current status, if known.*

This request is made in support of independent academic research examining the relationship between radicalisation and grooming crimes in urban areas.

The Manchester region has been pivotal to recent discourse surrounding institutional safeguarding failures, and this data will contribute to an evidence-based analysis of law enforcement and community protection mechanisms.

If any element of this request cannot be fulfilled, I kindly request that partial disclosure be made where possible, and that any exemptions applied are clearly explained as required by Section 17 of the Act.

I would appreciate a response at your soonest convenience, in line with statutory deadlines.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request.

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 2 would involve a manual search of all Child Sexual Exploitation investigations and the suspect or offender records associated with them, to establish if any are relevant to this request.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.