

Date: 8th January 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/013910/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please let me know if any meetings were held by the force, relating to grooming gangs in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

If so, please share any minutes or documents that were produced from said meetings.

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.

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

There is no central place which collates all meeting details that have been held over the years regarding grooming gangs. To locate and confirm any such meeting details and minutes of those meetings would require contacting all districts and police officers/staff individually to determine if they hold anything relevant to this request. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit as each year individually would require a manual review.

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