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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014951/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Yesterday the Home Office published the National Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, which included a section of data provided by your police force.

Can you please provide, as similar in the report

The first table you provided were multi-victim/multi-offender child sexual exploitation suspects I would like:

1: Police defined ethnicity (please provide all categories) of those proceeded against (charged, cautioned etc.) for multi-victim/multi-offender child sexual exploitation from 2000 to 2025

Please break this period down into 5 lots (the same on all)

*2000-2005
2006-2010
2011-2015
2016-2020
2021-2025*

2: Police defined ethnicity of suspects for multi-victim/multi-offender child sexual exploitation from 2000 to 2025

*3: Police defined ethnicity of those proceeded against for multi-victim/multi-offender *sexual offences* from 2000 to 2025*

For this, I am looking at all multi-offender sexual offence cases, not just those related to children.

*4: Police defined ethnicity of suspects for multi-victim/multi-offender *sexual offences* from 2000 to 2025*

The second table presents group-based child sexual exploitation suspects.

I would like from this:

1: Police defined ethnicity of those proceeded against (charged, cautioned etc.) for group-based child sexual exploitation from 2000 to 2025

2: Police defined ethnicity of suspects for group-based child sexual exploitation from 2000 to 2025

*3: Police defined ethnicity of those proceeded against for group-based *sexual offences* from 2000 to 2025*

*4: Police defined ethnicity of suspects for group-based *sexual offences* from 2000 to 2025*

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.

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 1 and 2 would involve a manual search of the nominal records of the 269 suspects. Furthermore, to provide the information requested in questions 3 and four would require a further manual review of all rape and other sexual offence crimes that were recorded since July 2019 to see if the "group based" definition is met and what the self-defined ethnicity is.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 64,295 crimes that would have to be reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 5,380 hours to ascertain the data required.

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