

Date: 15th July 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/015055/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Oh I skipped over the part which said you established that in July 2019. Never mind, is it possible to do the multi-victim/multi-offender tables? I see that it has been sort of covered here

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/greater-manchester/disclosure-2024/november/foi-24.013588.y-total-oso-other-sexual-offences-and-rape-cases-by-ethnicity-and-outcomes-1-8-for-years-2016-2023.pdf>

***** CLARIFICATION *****

I am after the former part of my request, which is the the multi-victim/multi-offender part.

**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

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 way for us to search for multi-victim/multi-offender or group based offences within our recording system. A multi-victim/multi-offender flag has been introduced in June 2025 so the level of information may be readily available in the future. However, to provide the information requested at this time would require a manual review of all rape and sexual offences from July 2019 (when GMP's new recording system came into force) to determine whether the crime meets the 'group-based' definition and what the police defined ethnicity is recorded as. From an initial search over 64,000 crimes would need to be manually reviewed. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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 and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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.

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