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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014954/D

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

1. *Ethnicity of suspects charged in cases of multi-offender child sexual offences*

What I'm requesting: Ethnicity data on suspects charged with a sexual offence or offences against a victim or victim aged under 18 at the time of the offence, where the case involved two or more offenders or suspected offenders, broken down as follows:

- *Number of Asian suspects charged*
- *Number of Black suspects charged*
- *Number of White suspects charged*
- *Number of Other Ethnicity suspects charged*
- *Number of suspects charged where ethnicity is Unknown*

Please indicate whether suspects' ethnicity is recorded based on self-defined ethnicity, ethnic appearance data or other criteria.

Timeframe: Suspects charged in the last three calendar years (January 2022 to January 2025). If that is not possible, please provide information on suspects charged in the last three financial years (March 2022 to March 2025). If that is not possible, please provide the most recent 12 months' of data that you can retrieve.

2. *Ethnicity of suspects in ongoing cases of multi-offender child sexual offences*

What I'm requesting: Ethnicity data on suspects in all cases involving two or more offenders or suspected offenders of sexual offences against a victim or victims aged under 18 at the time of the offence that were ongoing as of 17 June 2025, broken down as follows:

- *Number of Asian suspects*
- *Number of Black suspects*
- *Number of White suspects*
- *Number of Other Ethnicity suspects*
- *Number of suspects where ethnicity is Unknown*

Please indicate whether suspects' ethnicity is recorded based on self-defined ethnicity, ethnic appearance data or other criteria.

3. *Ethnicity of charged suspects in cases flagged as group based child sexual exploitation*

What I'm requesting: Ethnicity data on suspects charged in cases flagged as "group based child sexual exploitation", or the closest equivalent term used by your police force, broken down as follows:

- *Number of Asian suspects charged*
- *Number of Black suspects charged*
- *Number of White suspects charged*
- *Number of Other Ethnicity suspects charged*
- *Number of suspects charged where ethnicity is Unknown*

Please indicate whether suspects' ethnicity is recorded based on self-defined ethnicity, ethnic appearance data or other criteria.

Timeframe: Suspects charged in the last three calendar years (January 2022 to January 2025). If that is not possible, please provide information on suspects charged in the last three financial years (March 2022 to March 2025). If that is not possible, please provide the most recent 12 months' of data that you can retrieve.

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.

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.

Part 1 contains crimes with a latest person outcome date between 2022 and 2024 (inclusive), where the offender has latest person outcome 1A 'charged', there is 2 or more offenders on the crime record, the crime tree level 2 is 'sexual offences', and there is a victim under 18 years of age at the time of the crime, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

Part 2 contains crimes with status 'open' or 're-opened', there is 2 or more offenders on the crime record, the crime tree level 2 is 'sexual offences', and there is a victim under 18 years of

age at the time of the crime, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

Part 1 contains crimes with a latest person outcome date between 2022 and 2024 (inclusive), where the offender has latest person outcome 1A 'charged', there is 2 or more offenders on the crime record, the crime tree level 2 is 'sexual offences', and the child sexual exploitation flag is ticked, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

We have used 'self-declared ethnicity' for categorising offender ethnicity data.

We are aware of an issue affecting some crimes created on our old crime recording system with some crime flags. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process to our new system. The following flags are affected:

- Child sexual exploitation flag

Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

We are aware of an issue affecting suspect outcomes for some crimes with more than one suspect attached. This issue means that the outcome shown for some suspects attached to those crimes may be incorrect.

The suspects in this data may appear on more than one crime in this data set so may be counted more than once in this response.

Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

Due to low numbers being returned for some categories, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing exact figures as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individuals concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Part 1 –

Asian: X

Black: X

White: 32
Other: X
Unknown: 23

Part 2 –

Asian: 109
Black: 25
White: 272
Other: 26
Unknown: 430

Part 3 –

Asian: 5
Black: X
White: 10
Other: X
Unknown: 11