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Our ref: FOI/26/016342/K

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016342/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information

Please provide, for each of the last five calendar years, the number of recorded crimes that meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. The offence involved two or more perpetrators (whether suspected, charged, or convicted), and***
- 2. The offence relates to the organised sexual abuse of children, defined for the purposes of this request as any child sexual abuse involving coordination, planning, or joint activity between multiple offenders.***

If your force does not use a specific classification for “organised” child sexual abuse, please provide the number of recorded child sexual abuse offences in which two or more perpetrators were recorded, flagged, or otherwise identified.

If any part of the request is unclear or would exceed the cost limit, please process the remainder and advise how the request may be refined

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

1. The data provided for this request is based on a search of all recorded crimes with a Child Protection and CSA Flag recorded between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2025 inclusive where there is more than 1 Perpetrator for a single crime.
2. The figures are based on the Crime Recorded date and not the date when the incident occurred.
3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
4. Please note there will be victims of multiple crimes within these figures.

Year	Total
2021	1,043
2022	1,148
2023	1,550
2024	1,929
2025	1,938
Total	7,608

In addition, GMP neither confirms nor denies that it holds any other information relevant to this request, and that this response serves as a Refusal Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) – Information supplied by or concerning certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.