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Our ref: FOI/26/016817/Y

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016817/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn08y6785xqo>

I am requesting records under the United Kingdom Freedom of Information Act 2000 and/or applicable Greater Manchester Police disclosure policies for publicly releasable records related to a criminal case involving a former teacher convicted of sexual offences against minors. I am requesting arrest records, custody logs, interview records, and any available body-worn camera footage or incident documentation that is legally releasable.

Suspect: [REDACTED]

Date of incident (earliest offending period): 2021-2023 (as referenced during trial evidence)

Key case outcome date: July 4, 2024 (sentencing)

Officer(s) involved: Greater Manchester Police officers (GMP) / Detective Constables involved in investigation

Location: Manchester / Salford Quays / Trafford Centre, Greater Manchester, United Kingdom

Agency: Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Incident details:

Between approximately 2021 and 2023, a [REDACTED], was investigated and later convicted of multiple sexual offences involving two male students, referred to in court as Boy A and Boy B.

According to court proceedings at Manchester Crown Court, the defendant engaged in grooming behavior beginning through social media messaging while the victims were aged approximately 15. The interactions escalated into in-person meetings and sexual activity. One victim gave birth to a child connected to the defendant, and evidence presented during trial included messaging records, CCTV footage, and witness testimony describing grooming behavior and unlawful sexual contact.

Greater Manchester Police conducted the investigation leading to multiple charges and conviction. On July 4, 2024, the defendant was sentenced to six and a half years in prison following conviction for sexual activity with a child.

Charges:

Four counts of sexual activity with a child Two counts of sexual activity with another child

Case Number: Not specified in article Case Link: Not available If any portion of this request requires clarification or narrowing for processing, please let me know.

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. However, I am not obliged to provide the information requested as exemptions apply.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you- the applicant- with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

This request is refused by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 30(1) – Investigation and Proceedings conducted by Public Authorities

Section 38(1) – Health and Safety

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 30(1) is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Section 38(1) is a prejudice based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in disclosing such information as well as carrying out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption; there is no right to the information under the FOI Act. A public interest test is not relevant to absolute exemptions, therefore no public interest test is required.

Harm as per Section 38

This Act provides the public with a general right of access to recorded information held by public authorities. However, information disclosed under this Act is effectively released into the public domain, or to the 'wider world', and not only to the person making the request.

To disclose the information that you have requested which may not already be in the public domain would undoubtedly have an impact on the health and safety of the victims and their families. Such information being disclosed could resurface these traumatic experiences and cause the victim's family to again revisit this period of their lives.

Protecting the safety of the public is of paramount importance to GMP and information that would compromise such health and safety would not be disclosed within a response to a Freedom of Information request.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the exempt information into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public that the investigations were being conducted correctly.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, the disclosure sets a precedent as to how GMP responds over such questions which may inhibit the ability to prevent and detect crime in the future, as individuals may well be less inclined to co-operate with the police if they were aware that the information they provide, or is held by GMP would likely be disclosed to the world in circumstances sitting outside the criminal justice process.

Section 38 - Factors favouring disclosure

There may be occasions when it is appropriate to disclose information that would have an impact on the health and safety of an individual or the public in general. It could raise awareness in relation to this crime.

There are, however, more general arguments that must be considered such as openness and transparency, which would lead to a more informed public.

Section 38 - Factors favouring non-disclosure

Although some information may or may not already be in the public domain due to the nature of the crimes committed, and that disclosure under FOI is disclosure to the world at large with no specific controls, disclosure carries the potential risk of causing significant mental and physical harm and distress to the victims of the crimes and their loved ones.

Disclosure could also cause unwanted contact from those interested in this case at a time when they seek to progress with their lives without further unwanted attention.

Balancing test

When balancing the public interest Greater Manchester Police has to consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. Arguments need to be weighed against each other.

The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be openness. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure which is concerns for the health and safety, both mental and physical, of the victims.

Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is my belief that in this case, the reason against disclosure outweighs the reason for disclosure and so the decision at this time to maintain the above exemptions and withhold the information from disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

A further exemption which applies to this request is:

Section 21 – Information accessible to the applicant by other means

The bodycam footage is available in the public domain. Please follow the link below.

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