Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017755/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Are there support systems in place for young offenders who are sought to have been groomed into their illegal activities?

2. Are there specially trained officers deployed to liaise with the young offenders whilst they are in custody?

3. For the last full 12 months and broken down per month for analysis, please provide the total number of Theft of Motor Vehicles crimes committed by those aged 18 & under.

4. For the same time period & breakdown as Q3, how many calls for service have West Yorkshire Police attended in relation to someone aged 18 & under committing crime

5. What current practises are in place to prevent Child Criminal Exploitation?

6. For the same time period & breakdown as Q3, please provide the total number of Modern Slavery Offences relating to drug offences where the victim was aged 18 & under.

7. How many young offenders have been convicted on first offence year by year between 2020 and 2025?

8. How many young offenders have been found to reoffend year by year between the 2020 and 2025?

I also note your clarification, received on 02/10/2026, confirming that your request related to GMP, not West Yorkshire Police.

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. To provide the data requested in question 4 would involve listening to the recordings of each 999 and 101 call to establish if the call related to someone aged under 18 committing crime.

A search of our call records shows that GMP received 1,426,023 calls to 999 that would have to be manually reviewed. 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. 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.

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. 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.