

Date: 7th September 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/017396/C

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017396/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing on behalf of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Manchester regarding the offence of grooming. We are seeking statistics of polish victims of grooming and grooming gangs, whether they are minor or adults, and we would like to enquire if the Greater Manchester Police is in possession of such statistics and whether you could share those statistics with the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Manchester, if such statistics are available. We would mostly be interested in numbers of polish victims of grooming crimes in the region of Northwest England and Wales, however the whole England would also be of interest. The purpose of trying to collect this information is to inform polish citizens and their families living in the UK or planning to come to the UK about such offence and how to prevent it or avoid it.

Additionally, are you aware of any other charity or public organisation that could be of assistance to the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Manchester in this matter?

Clarification from the AP

In relation to the FOI request logged under reference FOI/26/017396/C, I am providing you with requested clarifying information:

Time period The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland requires the data for - Since the entry of Poland to the EU - 1st of May 2004

Please confirm are you looking for data in relation to children, adults or both? - The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland searches for data in relation to both, children and adults, however if data is only available regarding children, then this information will also be highly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your timely and professional response.

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 not held by GMP.

Please note the searches have been conducted and covers the period from as early as 1st August 2019, not back to 2004 as requested, this is due to the change in systems at that time. It also only relates to child grooming as grooming as an offence only relates to under 16's.

The HO Codes used during the searches are '088/01 Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. - offender 18 or over and victim under 16' and '088/02 Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc (Offender aged over 18 & victim aged under 16)'.

The searches conducted returned **no results** where the victims nationality is recorded as 'Poland'.

Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information pertinent to this request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to evidence harm or consider the public interest.