

# OPERATION GREEN JACKET

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Annual update

2023

Operation Green Jacket is an investigation into non-recent child sexual exploitation in Manchester. It was launched in 2019, ahead of the publication of 'An assurance review of Operation Augusta', to investigate cases from the early 2000s.

The investigation is led by GMP's CSE Major Investigation Team (formerly the Force CSE Unit) - a resource comprising 106 specially trained police officers and members of police staff, dedicated to investigating the most serious and complex cases. Manchester City Council staff play a key role in collating and reviewing records to identify potential victims.

Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Chief Inspector Zaheer Ali updates on the last 12 months, saying: "Our investigations are progressing steadily – with a focus on caring for survivors, whilst relentlessly pursuing offenders.

**Operation Green Jacket has, so far, resulted in the arrests of 36 suspects. Enquiries are ongoing with a view to seeking prosecutions.**

"The pace at which we progress is determined by our work with survivors and key partner agencies to build files and cases which will secure the right charges, convictions, and sentences. We understand quick results are reassuring but the team's investigative success in other operations, namely Lytton, reassures us that this approach is the right one to take."

**May 2019**  
Operation Green Jacket launched

**Jan 2020**  
Independent review published

**Sep 2019**  
First arrest made

**May 2023**  
Most recent arrest made



TAU executing warrant, March 23

**Green Jacket is a multi-agency operation which draws on effective partnership working to also ensure that, in the here and now, vulnerable young people are safeguarded, and offenders are identified and disrupted at the earliest opportunity.**

On behalf of the partnership, Detective Superintendent David Meeney said: "At every level, we are working with key partner agencies, particularly Manchester City Council, to make sure that young people are safe in communities which are free from risk of exploitation or harm of any other kind. Whilst CSE MIT investigates non-recent incidents, the partnership is focussing on prevention and has developed a structure to ensure routine enquiries are conducted with known individuals and premises which care for young people."

**If you or someone you know has been raped or sexually assaulted, we encourage you to report it to the police or a supporting agency. GMP can be contacted via [gmp.police.uk](https://gmp.police.uk) or 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.** Anonymous reports can be made via the independent charity - Crimestoppers.

**Specialist support is available from: The National Association for People Abused in Childhood, St Mary's SARC, GM Rape Crisis and We Are Survivors.**

