



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 23/07/2025

2025/663 - Multi-offender child sexual offences

In response to your recent request;

1. Ethnicity of suspects charged in cases of multi-offender child sexual offences

What I'm requesting: Ethnicity data on suspects charged with a sexual offence or offences against a victim or victim aged under 18 at the time of the offence, where the case involved two or more offenders or suspected offenders, broken down as follows:

- Number of Asian suspects charged
- Number of Black suspects charged
- Number of White suspects charged
- Number of Other Ethnicity suspects charged
- Number of suspects charged where ethnicity is Unknown

Please indicate whether suspects' ethnicity is recorded based on self-defined ethnicity, ethnic appearance data or other criteria.

Timeframe: Suspects charged in the last three calendar years (January 2022 to January 2025). If that is not possible, please provide information on suspects charged in the last three financial years (March 2022 to March 2025). If that is not possible, please provide the most recent 12 months' of data that you can retrieve.

2. Ethnicity of suspects in ongoing cases of multi-offender child sexual offences

What I'm requesting: Ethnicity data on suspects in all cases involving two or more offenders or suspected offenders of sexual offences against a victim or victims aged under 18 at the time of the offence that were ongoing as of 17 June 2025, broken down as follows:

- Number of Asian suspects
- Number of Black suspects
- Number of White suspects
- Number of Other Ethnicity suspects
- Number of suspects where ethnicity is Unknown

Please indicate whether suspects' ethnicity is recorded based on self-defined ethnicity, ethnic appearance data or other criteria.

3. Ethnicity of charged suspects in cases flagged as group based child sexual exploitation

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What I'm requesting: Ethnicity data on suspects charged in cases flagged as "group based child sexual exploitation", or the closest equivalent term used by your police force, broken down as follows:

- **Number of Asian suspects charged**
- **Number of Black suspects charged**
- **Number of White suspects charged**
- **Number of Other Ethnicity suspects charged**
- **Number of suspects charged where ethnicity is Unknown**

Please indicate whether suspects' ethnicity is recorded based on self-defined ethnicity, ethnic appearance data or other criteria.

Timeframe: Suspects charged in the last three calendar years (January 2022 to January 2025). If that is not possible, please provide information on suspects charged in the last three financial years (March 2022 to March 2025). If that is not possible, please provide the most recent 12 months' of data that you can retrieve.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/07/2025