

# Ex-policeman describes ongoing grooming gang criminality as “massive” and blames community

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[A GB News report published today](#) (“EXCLUSIVE: Ex-South Yorkshire Policeman gives shock verdict on grooming gangs STILL active: ‘It’s massive’/” by Adam Chapman), features a retired South Yorkshire police officer describing the continued abuses perpetuated by grooming gangs, largely of a Pakistani-Muslim ethnicity that principally targeted socially disadvantaged white non-Muslim underage girls, as immense. Previously, the same officer described ([‘Ex-policeman blows whistle](#) on politicians and mosques who influenced grooming gangs investigation – Rotherham police scared to act over fears of Asian councillors’ by Adam Chapman, 9th February 2025) the intensity of the involvement of councils and mosques (indirectly) in the suppression of investigations in Rotherham into regional grooming/rape gangs, where local Labour councillors were very closely involved with the affairs of local mosques, and would pressure the police force in such matters.

The ex-police officer (featured with the assumed name Darren Jones’), has further elaborated in this report, to claim that substantive blame for the continuing phenomenon resides within the communities, and respective families, of the perpetrators, not only for tolerating or accepting such abusive behaviour, but for remaining silent.



The ex-police officer, (featured with the assumed name Darren Jones'), who has otherwise been careful to state that police investigation into child sexual exploitation has immeasurably improved, nonetheless states that the grooming gang phenomenon is "massive". The report also notes other sources which confirm the scale of the problem, that it has adapted to become more secretive, and afflicts every city in the United Kingdom.

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"Jones, who was serving at the time of the Rotherham abuses, alleges that grooming gang networks are still active in the area.

"I think it's still massive," he told GB News.

Reports support his assertion. Philip Marshall, who is leading Operation Stovewood—the National Crime Agency's inquiry into grooming gang activity in Rotherham from 1997 to 2013 – reported in January 2025 that his team has identified 324 men suspected of committing 1,142 crimes against 1,150 victims.

"Of those crimes, 827 relate to the offence of rape – that is a startling figure," Marshall, told The Sunday Times. "For one child to be raped is far too many. We're dealing with 827 rapes and another 600 crimes on top."

So far, this extensive criminality has only resulted in 39 convictions and prison sentences.

Last month, Simon Morton, who led Operation Bullfinch for Thames Valley Police, told the BBC that individuals involved in grooming networks are still active and influencing others to carry out similar crimes.

He described grooming as a nationwide issue, claiming it is “obvious” that it is “happening in every city around the country”. Another police source supported this assertion. [...]

He also warned that offenders have become more covert but remain active.

The retired police officer offers an alternative explanation, telling GB News: “It’s ongoing because you’ve got a problem within the Muslim community defending their own. They get released from prison, go back home and then live within the community.

“If my dad was ever arrested for some sort of child sex offence, he wouldn’t be coming back to the family. I think it’s documented that it’s acceptable to come back into the community. The faith is very protective. I’m sure that’s going on.”

He emphasised the need for community leaders to confront these behaviours and for authorities to act without fear of being perceived as racist. [...]

A chief inspector indicated that the force had been aware of similar abuse for 30 years but had ignored it for fear of increasing racial tensions.

The ex-cop is in no doubt about the role that this played in failing to bring the rapists to justice, telling GB News that “because of the Asian influence in Rotherham, there were a lot of people not touched because they were just absolutely sh\*\*t scared, for want of a better word, of daring to question any sort of Asian activity, because at that time Rotherham council was heavily populated by people of the Asian community”./”

