

PE2208/A: Implement mandatory collection and publication of child sexual offender data

Petitioner written submission, 31 December 2025

A petition was set out to members of the Public in 2025, requesting that Westminster involve itself in the mandatory collection and publication of child sexual offender data. Specifically, this was with the following expressed intention:

“To protect children and inform public policy, we believe it is essential to collect, record and publish the nationality, ethnicity, immigration status and religion of all child sexual offenders, including gang based crime. This data will allow for better understanding of offender demographics, ensure transparency, and support targeted safeguarding strategies. Without this information, critical patterns may be missed, weakening efforts to prevent abuse and protect vulnerable children.”

This petition was signed by 260,045 British individuals, reflecting the strength of feeling regarding these issues.

I created a similar petition to the Scottish Parliament, in the awareness that Scotland has never had an Alexis Jay Inquiry, and has not had a Casey Audit.

Police Scotland in October 2025 expressly stated that they ‘do not anticipate’ there being any information as to the presence of ‘Pakistani Grooming Gangs’ which was the profile largely set out by Casey in her recent audit (not including other profiled features, such as there being instances of live cases involving asylum seeker males, and an association with private hire/taxi vehicles).

Police Scotland has no mandatory function for recording the above data with regards to child sexual abusers or in relation to crimes of a sexual nature.

Indeed, it has had infamous difficulties with recording the appropriate biological sex of criminals, something which remains outstanding in terms of clarity in Scotland.

My petition is as described above and has gained so far 85 signatures with a small exposure sample.

Scotland is due to have a ‘Grooming Gangs review’ overseen by Alexis Jay. Confirmed cases regarding ‘Grooming Gangs’ having a presence in Scotland have been brought forward publicly. Since 2014, Police Scotland has been involved in meetings regarding learning from Rotherham as applied to Glasgow.

In response to the UK petition detailed above, the Home Office on the 17th of December 2025 confirmed that it accepted the 12 recommendations set out in Baroness Casey’s Audit, which included making it a requirement for the Police to collect the ethnicity and nationality data of individuals suspected of being members of ‘Grooming Gangs’ or perpetrators of other group based child sexual exploitation.

They then confirmed writing to the Chief Constables regarding the ‘clear expectation’ that this data should be collected in every case. They acknowledged the other data,

and that other data would be used in intelligence with the expressed intent of disrupting such child abuse networks.

1. Could the Committee write to the Chief Constable to set out the issues raised in the petition, including the evidence set out in this submission?
2. The Scottish Government should ensure that religion if applicable will be collected.
3. Given that Glasgow is the number one destination in the UK for Asylum Seeker males, the Scottish Government should ensure that this status is mandatorily collected in all crimes in relation to a sexual nature, involving children and adults, particularly with regards to the findings by Casey of an involvement and link to live Asylum cases regarding the 'Grooming Gangs' profile.