

Bradford Grooming Trial: Hecklers called prosecutors 'slags' and 'hoped they would be raped'

From local newspaper the [eferred to earlier grooming cases, in "Rochdale, Leeds, Rotherham, you name it!"](#)

"No major city in England and Wales seems to have escaped this problem, grooming by older men acting together or alone," the judge continued. "Your behaviour has been as wicked as it is incomprehensible to our society, and indeed all in this community." Your Honour, have courage, mention the influence of Islam. You know it is a factor, and that factor makes sense of it all.

The teenager at the heart of the seven-week trial was plied with alcohol and cocaine before being "raped without blandishment but with violence" by several of the defendants.

"She was treated by you, or some of you, like a toy or a commodity to be used," the Judge ... said. "For years she felt she had no voice and that she was powerless, but she's got a voice now, gentlemen," he told the defendants, who were flanked in the dock by up to ten prison officers.

