

# Home Office and Police cover up of Rape/grooming gangs – what is the situation in London?

As you will recall Tommy Robinson was found guilty again of Contempt of Court last week and he will be sentenced again tomorrow. A large number of his supporters gathered outside the Central Criminal Court Old Bailey over those two days and while the bus used as a platform for speeches was booked by a cackling traffic warden many interesting people spoke on his behalf. One of these was a victim of grooming, another a former police officer who brought to the attention of the public something I (and many others) had missed last year which was a brief BBC interview with Nazir Afzal during the Radio 4 PM programme.

Nazir Afzal, a solicitor, became the Chief Prosecutor of the North West in 2011 and he, being of Pakistani heritage, didn't suffer from the political correctness that had stopped earlier prosecutions of the Muslim rape/grooming gangs. He was vigorous in the prosecution of the Rochdale gangs. Since leaving the CPS he speaks widely on the subject of violence against women, FGM and other issues particularly how Muslim women suffer in their own families at the hands of family members. He has to abide by certain rules of liberal correctness, for the sake of his own family if not his own safety, but overall I rather admire him; I think he's a decent man.

In this interview which took place on 19th October 2018 Mr Afzal said,

“You may not know this, but back in 2008, the Home Office

sent a circular to all Police forces in the country saying, 'As far as these young girls who are being exploited in towns and cities, we believe that they have made an informed choice about their sexual behaviour and therefore it is not for you police officers to get involved in'

If that's the landscape coming from the top down in 2008, rest assured all agencies are going to listen to it."

The BBC's own official web page for the Radio 4 PM programme has a short clip from the interview available – his last sentence when he reminds the listener that not all sex abusers are Muslim (in the most recent case one of the participants was born a Sikh), it is MEN that abuse. Nothing about his comments re Home Office directions and police incompetence.

An activist did some research and has found the interview in its entirety (it is less than 5 minutes long) and he has put it on you tube. This is the whole interview. The passage I quote above is at 2.08 minutes into the recording. There is a short version [He asked](#)

BBC Radio 4 reported in their PM programme on 19 October 2018 that in 2008, the Home Office sent a circular to all police forces in the country stating: "as far as these young girls who are being exploited in towns and cities, we believe they have made an informed choice about their sexual behaviour and therefore it is not for police officers to get involved in." a) Did the Metropolitan Police receive this letter? b) Were any investigations closed down in response to this letter? c) Did the Metropolitan Police ever receive a letter from the Home Office at a later date rescinding this order not to get involved in investigating the rape gangs (so called grooming gangs) and what did this letter say? And d) What other correspondence has the Metropolitan Police received from the Home Office dictating how they should proceed in investigating the rape gangs (so-called grooming gangs)?

He got his answer just after Christmas.

Without further details the Met Police is unable to identify the Home Office circular from 2008 referred to nor the letter in question. Therefore, they cannot state whether any investigations were closed down in response to the letter or whether any order in the letter was later rescinded.

The terms 'Rape gangs' and 'grooming gangs' are not legally recognised and do not appear in MPS policy ...CSE being identified as a National Threat in 2015... CSE Strategic Governance Board oversees the local implementation of the Action Plan.

Which isn't very impressive. I always said that documents were destroyed too soon, but I was looking at things from a historian's perspective then. I suppose 10 years later finding a single memo is unlikely, but closing an active investigation, especially if it had a chance of success would be remembered. The answer smacks of 'couldn't care less'. We don't use that term, so we wouldn't have anything relating to that term – now go away.

The situation in London is thought provoking. In a city of 8 million people it must be happening.

East European women are trafficked by Albania gangs – this we know. Some women in nail bars are brought in from much further east under conditions of modern slavery. There are police initiatives to deal with this and I have no doubt that they are working actively. The 'County lines' abuse of young people of both sexes to work as drug trade couriers is a significant problem, but again one that is recognised.

But the demographics of London are such that there are few white working class estates with a nice pool of vulnerable white girls from which the taxi drivers and kebab fryers could take their pick. So it happens with one girl here, and another

girl there.

In Tower Hamlets last year a kebab shop was closed to prevent a sex party , but no more information was made public. From the [Metro](#) reported that

Four girls between the ages of 13 and 15 have reported being raped by a grooming gang who operate from a McDonald's restaurant in Stratford, east London. Three boys and three men have been arrested after a police crackdown on the site identified at least 30 other potential victims.

Detectives believe that number will grow as they appeal for others to come forward. Operation Grandbye was launched in November after the four victims came forward separately in Newham.

In [June](#), with an answer in August.

Operation Grandbye has been successful in disrupting perpetrators through a number of arrests and civil orders. The MPS will continue to monitor the impact of the operation. . . monitor local intelligence . . . working with Citizen's UK to roll out Citysafe training

In other words, we are not prosecuting anybody. I can't find anything happening about the complaints since.

The Metropolitan Police then tried to see if hotel staff are aware of the potential problem by operating almost a sting operation according to the