Two men jailed after child in care was passed around Huddersfield grooming gang

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Mohammed Akram, 33, and Usman Khalid, 31, were two of the men who abused <u>trafficking two other girls for sexual exploitation</u> and <u>repeatedly raping one of those girls</u>. His 22-year sentence for his latest convictions will be served concurrently to his 17-year prison sentence.

Both defendants will be made subject to sexual offender notification requirements for life and sexual harm prevention orders.

Speaking about the jury, the judge said: "I am grateful for the conspicuous interest and concern by those who have seen this case through to its conclusion." He said the jurors' attendance at court today is indicative of the dedication displayed throughout the trial. Four members of the jury have returned to court to attend the sentencing hearing. The three women and one man are sitting in the jury bench. There are also people in the public gallery.

The judge said he is 'pleased and not surprised' that they wanted to return.

Today's sentencing marks the end of the first phase of West Yorkshire Police's Operation Tendersea. The judge took time to praise the work of the investigation team . . . He said Judge Geoffrey Marson QC, who presided over the first two of the four trials, supports his remarks.