



NWG Factsheet

- NWG Network is the only child sexual exploitation (CSE) network working across voluntary/statutory agencies tackling child sexual exploitation, with links across Europe, South East Asia, Africa and USA.
- NWG Network is committed to practitioner training and raising public awareness; training over 17,000 people about CSE in one region alone.
- The NWG Network has worked with or is currently working with over 80% of all Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB's) across the UK.
- NWG Network holds approximately 40 events every year that bring a range of organisations together to continually improve how we tackle CSE in the UK and across the world.
- The NWG Network in the UK spans across over 230 organisations with over 13,000 + points of contact to disseminate information on the issue of child sexual exploitation.
- Our reach and national oversight allow us to address the issues surrounding CSE from Central Government level all the way through to hotel workers.
- In 2015 CSE was identified as a national threat in response to damning reports by Alexis Jay, Ann Coffey, Louise Casey and others, which found systematic institutional failings and cultures of denial and blame in Rotherham, and elsewhere. Prime Minister David Cameron said, "We have all been appalled at the abuse suffered by so many young girls in Rotherham and elsewhere across the country. Children were ignored, sometimes even blamed, and issues were swept under the carpet – often because of a warped and misguided sense of political correctness. That culture of denial which let them down so badly must be eradicated."
- 3,020 children on child protection plans for sexual abuse in England and Wales in 2016/17 Source: Department of Education Children in Need census 2016/17 and Welsh Government Children Receiving Care and Support census 2016/17.
- 29,600 children assessed at risk of CSA by children's services in England in 2016/17 Source: Department for Education Children in Need census 2016/17.

- 8,995 children identified as CSE victims or at-risk Source: National Police Chiefs' Council (2017) Regional CSE problem profiles, includes non-recent offences.
- 65,548 CSA offences recorded by police in England and Wales in 2016/17 Source: Police recorded crime and outcomes open data tables, updated 25 January 2018.
- Research by the NSPCC has identified that 1 in 20 children have been sexually abused, 90% of them by someone they knew. However, of the 43,000 children in England who are subject to a child protection plan at any given time, only around 5% are on a plan for sexual abuse. (NSPCC 2014)
- More than one in three children (34%) who experienced contact sexual abuse by an adult did not tell anyone else about it. (NSPCC 2014)
- Four out of five children (82.7%) who experienced contact sexual abuse from a peer did not tell anyone else about it. (NSPCC 2014)