

## 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 574 organisations with over 11,000 + points of contact to disseminate information on the issue of child sexual exploitation.
- Our reach and national oversight allows us to address the issues surrounding CSE from Central Government level all the way through to hotel workers.
- August 2014 saw Alexis Jay, report of over 1,400 victims in the Rotherham enquiry, a small town with an estimated population of just over 250,000. But this town isn't alone. Maggie Atkinson, Children's Commissioner for England said: "We are shocked but sadly, not surprised". The patterns of sexual abuse and exploitation described in the report are not new, unique or specific to Rotherham.
- Evidence suggests that 2,409 children across England were sexually exploited in the 14 months between August 2010 and October 2011. And considered that a further 16,500 children from across England were at high risk of child sexual exploitation during the 12 months from April 2010 to March 2011 because they displayed three or more of the behavioural signs indicating they were so. (*Department for Education; Office of the Children's Commissioner inquiry*).
- On March 2013 there were 2,030 children and young people in the UK subject to a child protection plan on the grounds of sexual abuse and a further 4,870 on the grounds of multiple forms of abuse including child sexual abuse (*Department for Education; Office of the Children's Commissioner inquiry*).
- 35% of all sexual crimes (53,540 sexual crimes in total) recorded in England and Wales in 2012/13 were sexual crimes against children under 16 (Office for National Statistics (2013) In: Crime in England and Wales 2012/13: findings from the British Crime Survey and police recorded crime)

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- 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)*