

SCALE OF CSE IN BRADFORD

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Introduction

It is difficult to know the exact scale of CSE in Bradford, as not all incidents are reported. The data within this report shows what we do know about CSE in Bradford; including the demographic summary of children / YP assessed as being at risk of CSE and the agencies involved in supporting them. There is also data regarding CSE crimes in Bradford over the last year. Anecdotally, we are aware of a rise in cyber related grooming and offences. However, both CSC and the Police need to put more emphasis on formally recording this type of activity, as there is a lack of data available.

Bradford in context

Bradford has a population of 534,800 and is ranked the 6th largest Local Authority Population. 23.8% of Bradford's population is aged under 16, with the highest percentage of under 16 population in England. There are 21.8% of children are deemed to be living in poverty. The population of Bradford is ethnically diverse with the largest proportion of the district's population (63.9%) identifying themselves as White British. The district has the largest proportion of people of Pakistani ethnic origin (20.3%) in England. (*Office of National Statistics*) The size and diversity of Bradford's profile provides a massive challenge to all agencies involved in tackling and supporting those at risk of CSE and Missing episodes.

Bradford's approach

Bradford's CSE Team, as part of the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub), work in partnership with key agencies including the Police, Health colleagues and third sector organisations to support children and young people assessed as being at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation. This is a dedicated, specialist CSE assessment team that case hold and also regularly review all cases where children are flagged at risk of CSE to assess the risk of significant harm.

CSE Risk data

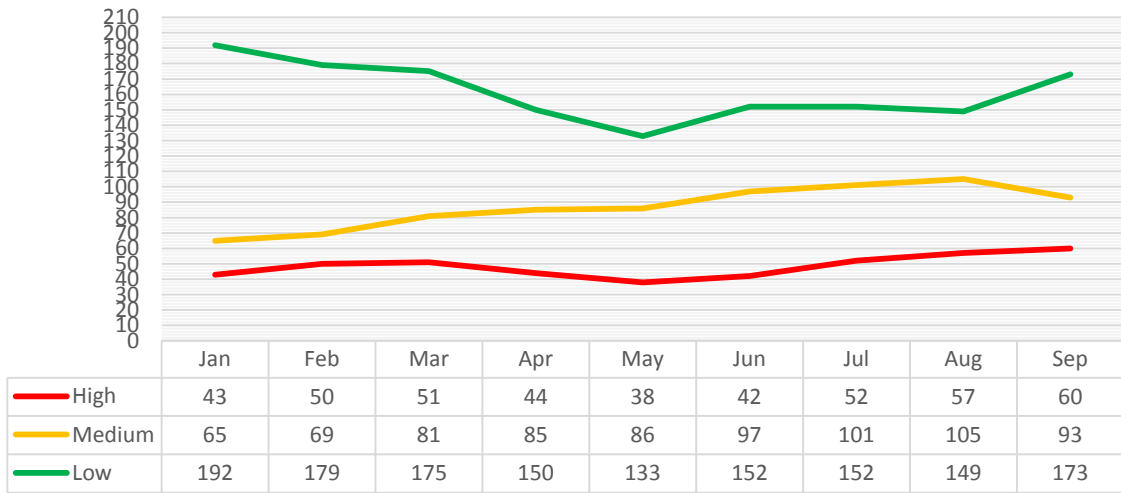
Number of CSE cases

- The data in this part of the report has been collated on the last day of each month, from January to September 2018.
- The table below shows the number of children/young people assessed as being at risk of CSE and their risk status. (Definitions available in Annex B) Previous reports have shown cases that are flagged as awaiting risk assessment, CSE cautionary six months and potential perpetrator. It was felt that including this data was distorting the figures, so this report focusses purely on those children and young people that are currently assessed as at high, medium or low risk of CSE.

Local Authority data – pages 1-5

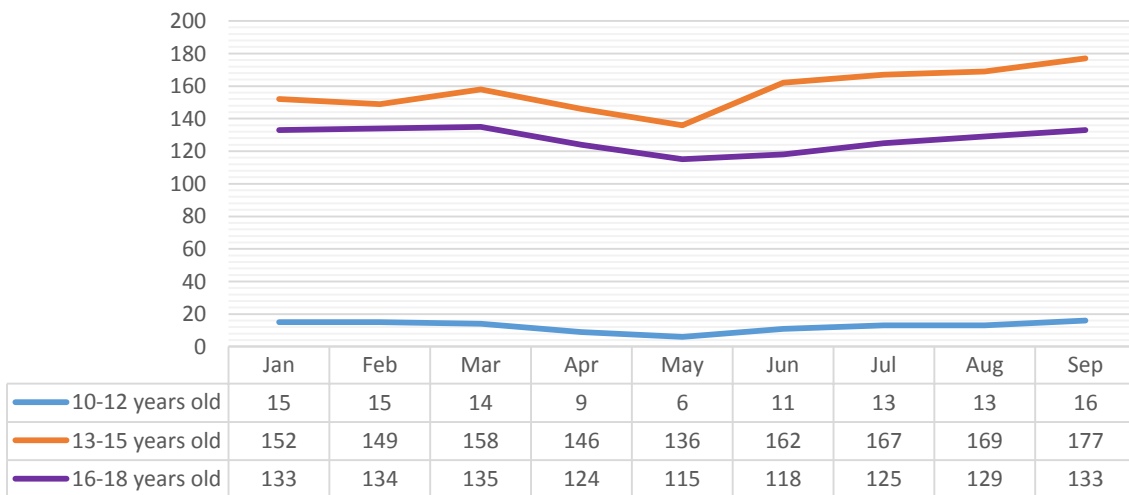
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Number of Children with CSE Risk Flag - Jan to Sept 2018

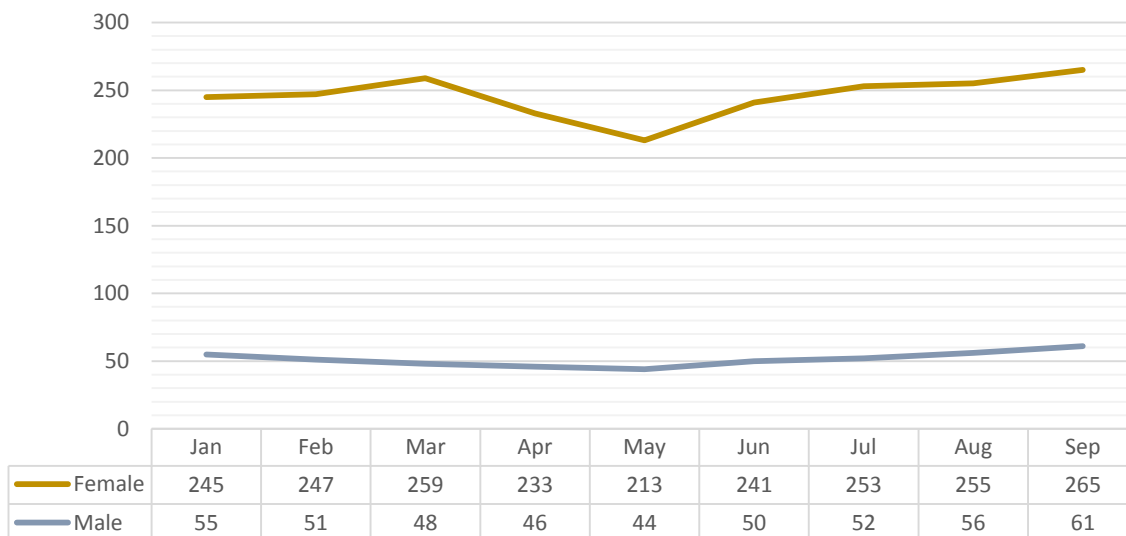


The average age of a child / young person assessed as being at risk of CSE is 15 years and 1 month, predominately female and White British, as the following charts show.

Age Groups of Children with CSE Flag- Jan to Sept 2018



Gender of Children with CSE Risk Flag - Jan to Sept 2018

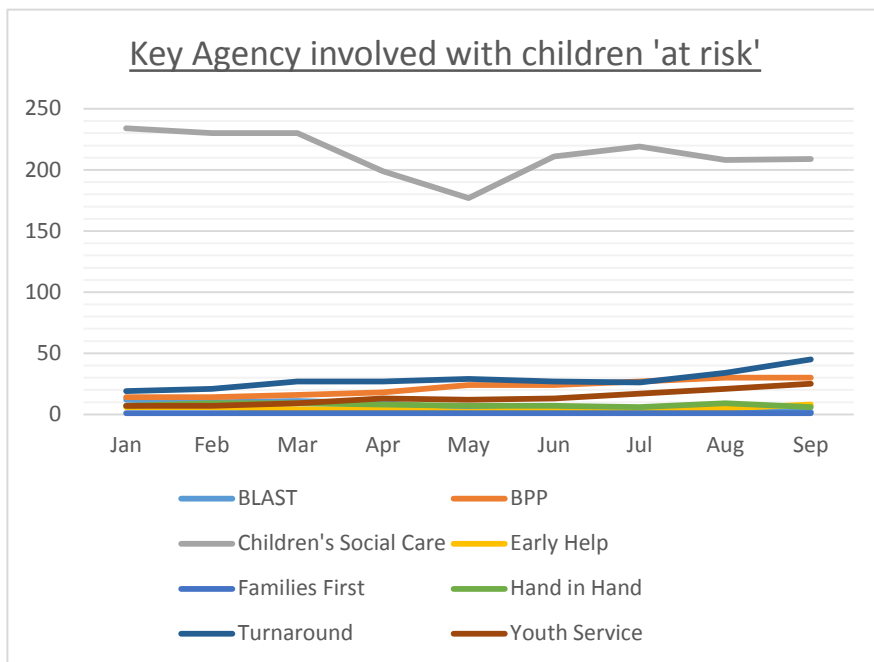


Ethnicity of children with CSE Risk Flag - Jan to Sept 2018.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	%
Asian / British Asian - Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
Asian / British Asian - Indian	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.3%
Asian / British Asian - Other	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	0.9%
Asian / British Asian - Pakistani	34	33	33	26	26	28	29	36	39	10.6%
Black / Black British - African	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0.5%
Black / Black British - Caribbean	2	0			1	1	1	1	1	0.3%
Gypsy / Roma	14	16	15	13	10	10	10	10	11	4.1%
Information Not Yet Obtained	19	18	20	19	15	19	21	23	24	6.7%
Mixed - Other	1	1	3	2	3	3	4	4	5	1.0%
Mixed - White / Asian	20	19	24	23	22	24	24	21	21	7.4%
Mixed - White / Black African	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0.3%
Mixed - White / Black Caribbean	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	7	2.4%
Other Ethnic Group	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	0.9%
Traveller of Irish Heritage	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1	0.1%
White - British	179	179	178	164	150	175	182	181	188	58.9%
White - Eastern European	8	8	10	9	8	8	9	10	10	3.0%
White - Irish	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1%
White - Other	4	5	6	7	7	8	10	8	7	2.3%

Key agency involved with children

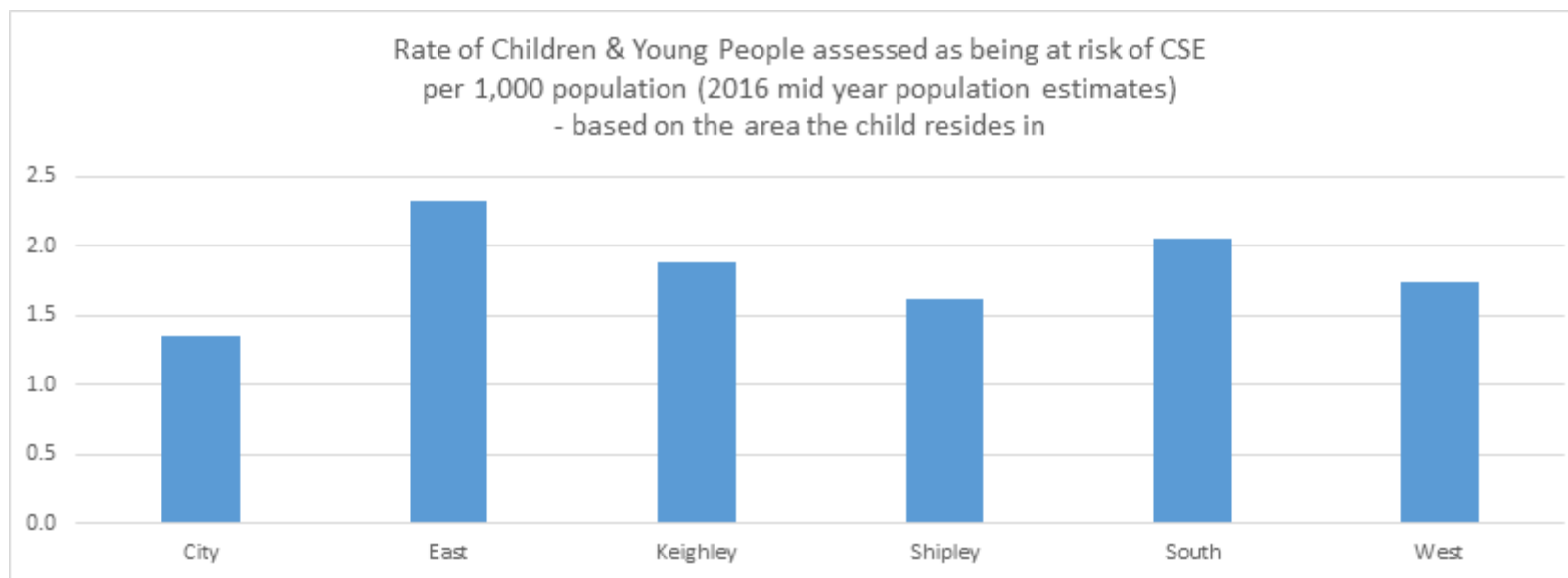
The data below shows the key agency involved with the 'at risk' child / young person, however this may not be the only agency working with them.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
BLAST	12	10	11	9	5	4	4	3	2
BPP	14	14	16	18	24	24	27	30	30
Children's Social Care	234	230	230	199	177	211	219	208	209
Early Help	6	6	4	4	2	4	5	5	8
Families First	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hand in Hand	7	9	9	8	7	7	6	9	6
Turnaround	19	21	27	27	29	27	26	34	45
Youth Service	7	7	9	13	12	13	17	21	25

Agency	Services
BLAST (Basis)	The 1-2-1 support work offered by The BLAST Project to boys and young men across Leeds and Bradford has moved to Basis Yorkshire and forms part of the work delivered by their Time 2 Project – a CSE service supporting both girls and boys.
BPP	B Positive Pathways uses the 'No Wrong Door' approach to work with young people to prevent them entering the care system and to improve their long term outcomes. The model centres on a hub home with wrap around multi agency professionals working together; including Police, Phycologists and Health Workers.
Children's Social Care	Holistic Social Care teams that work to support children, young people and their families across the Bradford District.
Early Help	Supporting families as quickly as possible when problems emerge, working together to find solutions to small problems before they become big ones.
Families First	Working with families facing serious problems, to "turn their lives round", offering a joined-up 'menu' of support, looking at the needs of the whole family, not just of individual members.
Hand in Hand	The Children's Society's Hand in Hand Project is a partnership programme between The Children's Society, Bradford and Airedale Community Health Service and Bradford Diocese, supporting young people Involved in or vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation.
Turnaround	A Barnardo's service that aims to prevent and support recovery from episodes of exploitation and trafficking. Also offering support and advocacy for trafficking victims and help with keeping safe, dealing with relationships and issues affecting individual lives.
Youth Service	Aims to unlock young people's potential, by providing things to do, someone to talk to and places for young people to go. Also offering opportunities for young people to participate in a range of activities, celebrate their achievements and become actively involved in their communities.

Residence of children with CSE Risk Flag – Constituency area

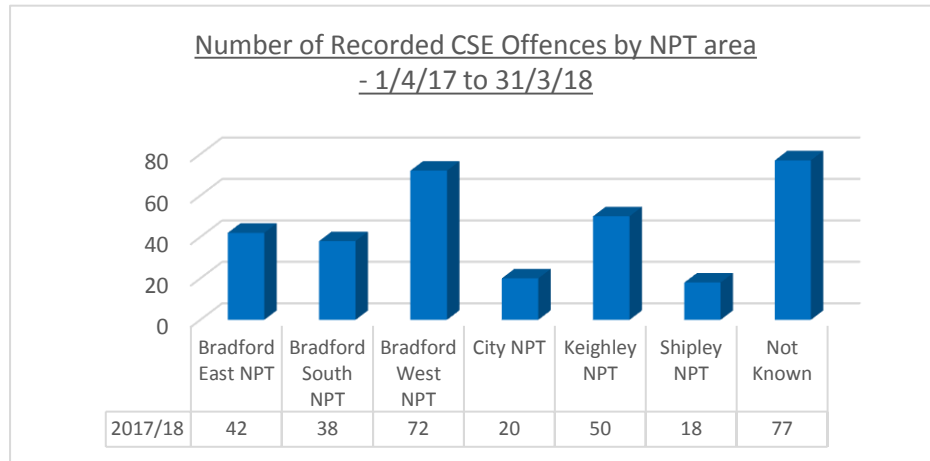


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Average monthly number of C/YP assessed as being at risk of CSE	Population 0-17 (mid 2017 Population estimates)	Rate per 1,000 (under 18 population)
City	11	11	10	8	6	6	8	8	7	8.3	6192	1.3
East	86	80	86	80	79	89	85	83	90	84.2	36352	2.3
Keighley	43	43	46	39	36	42	43	43	49	42.7	22607	1.9
Shipley	33	34	33	28	24	32	30	38	33	31.7	19680	1.6
South	53	54	57	54	48	56	68	65	64	57.7	28018	2.1
West	44	50	52	49	43	47	49	53	56	49.2	28339	1.7
Out of Area	30	26	23	21	21	19	22	21	27	23.3		

Crime data (provided by West Yorkshire Police)

CSE Flagged Offences

- During the period 01/04/17 – 31/03/18 there have been 317 CSE flagged offences recorded on Police systems (Corvus). This is a decrease from 348 CSE flagged offences recorded in the previous year.
- The 317 CSE flagged offences recorded 01/04/17 – 31/03/18 relate to 222 recent and 95 non-recent offences. CSE Offences by Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) Area.

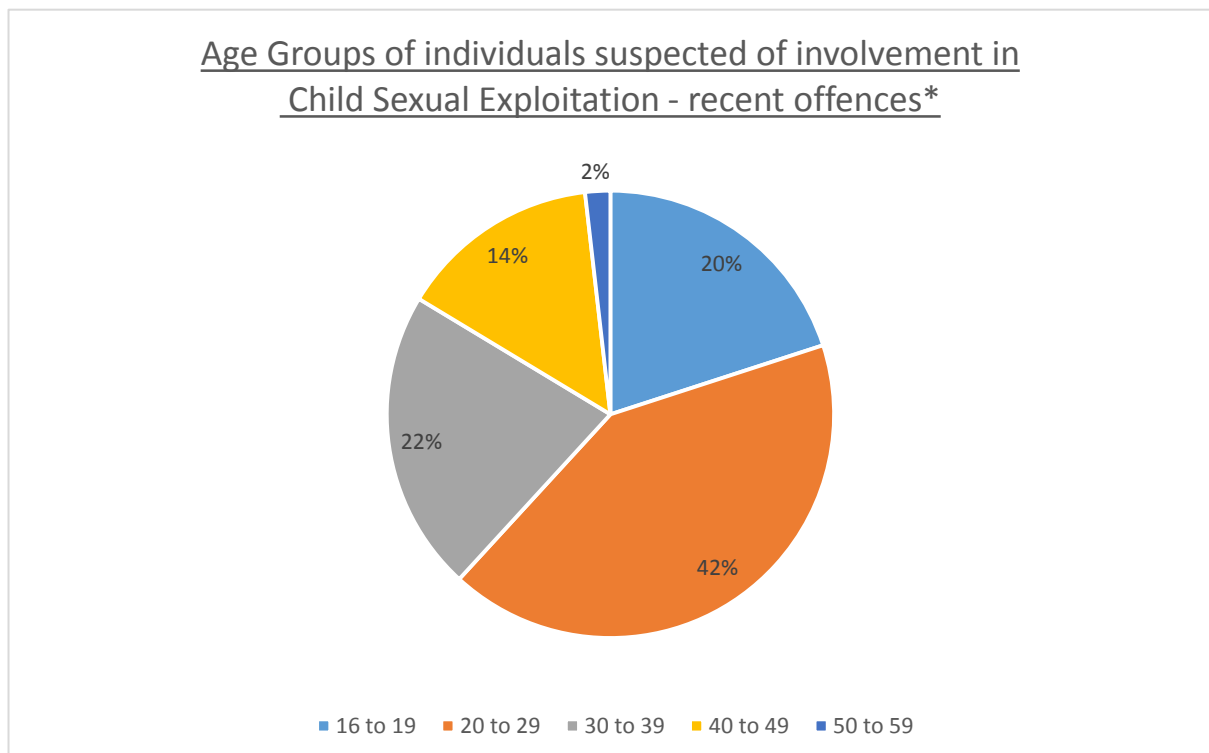


The high number of offences where the NPT area is recorded as 'not known' may be due to the location where the offence occurred may not be known.

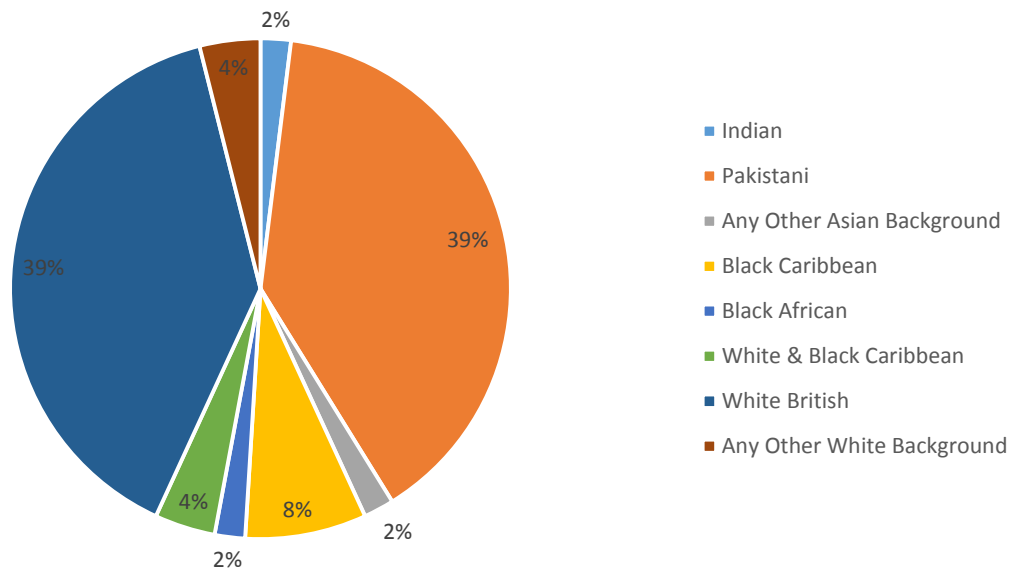
Individuals suspected of being involved in Sexual Exploitation

The charts below have been produced using information recorded by West Yorkshire Police concerning individuals suspected of being involved in CSE, in recent offences. The information is correct at 29/08/18.

***Recent offences or intelligence has been defined as 12 months or under.**

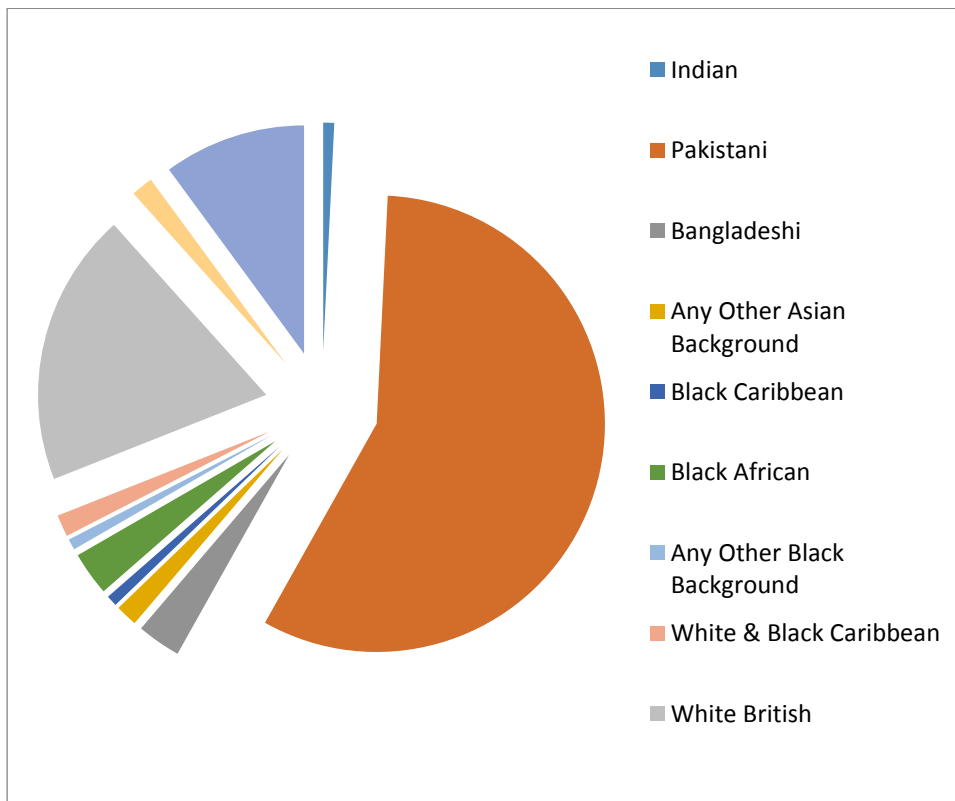


Ethnicity of individuals suspected of involvement in Child Sexual Exploitation - recent offences*

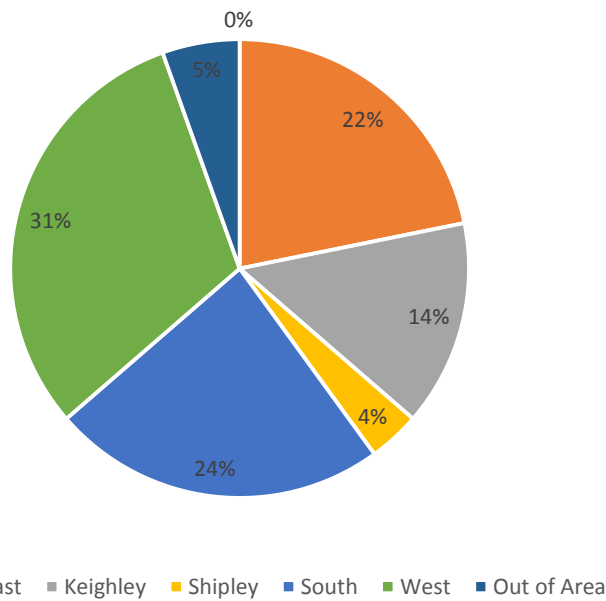


The below data below includes perpetrators of both recent and non-recent offences. The information is correct at 29/08/18. Due to the significant investigative work of Operation Dalesway, there are approximately 50% of perpetrators who are recorded in connection with non-recent offences.

Ethnicity of individuals suspected of involvement in Child Sexual Exploitation – all offences



Residence of individuals suspected of involvement in Child Sexual Exploitation by NPT Area - recent offences*



Crime Outcomes

When analysing the 317 CSE flagged offences recorded 01/04/17 – 31/03/18 there are currently 18 occurrences that have a recorded crime status as 'New' and 113 occurrences with a status recorded as 'Under Investigation'. The remaining occurrences have a crime status of 'Filed'. The table below shows the outcome of the filed crimes:

Crime Outcome	Total
1: Charged	13
1: Summoned/postal requisition	3
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	13
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	56
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	38
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	37
1a: Alternate offence charged	1
1a: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1
2: Youth caution	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	14
3: Adult conditional caution	1
5: Offender has died	1
TOTAL	186

Types of Offences (Cyber / Non-Cyber Offences)

During the period 01/04/18 – 31/08/18 there have been 118 CSE flagged offences recorded across the Bradford District. The occurrences relate to 77 recent and 41 non-recent offences.

There have been 19 cyber related offences, 55 non-cyber related offences and three offences where the initial contact has been via social media or text followed by a face to face meeting. This information has been gathered using the *modus operandi* (MO) of the CSE flagged offences and is dependent on the information being fully recorded on the Police systems.

Recommendations

As you can see from the information in this report, Bradford holds a great deal of data regarding the children and young people they are working with that are assessed as at risk of CSE and missing episodes. This data can be used in variety of ways; to develop targeted services, substantiate areas of concern to focus activities and raise awareness to specific services.

However, there are areas that have been highlighted for improvement. Therefore, it is recommended that all agencies involved in supporting children / YP assessed as being at risk of CSE and Missing episodes must:

- Establish an effective joint process to ensure the accurate recording and monitoring of those at risk of trafficking. Data sharing must also be written into this process, to ensure accurate records for all agencies involved.
- More accurate recording of cyber related grooming and offences needs to take place so it can be monitored and support can be offered to those at risk.
- Work to be undertaken to understand if there is a correlation between the number of residential care homes in each area of the city and the number of children / YP at risk of CSE and missing episodes.

Annex A

Definitions

CSE

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology. Child sexual exploitation. *(Definition and a guide for practitioners, local leaders and decision makers working to protect children from child sexual exploitation. February 2017)*

CSE Risk Flags

CSE Risk Assessments are carried out by Social Workers, Child Protection professionals in schools, and other support agencies working with children at risk of CSE. Following a robust risk assessment process, and agreed within the morning meetings held at the MASH, a child/young person is flagged as one of the follow:

Risk Flag	Description
High Risk	Indicators /Assessment /Evidence /disclosure, suggests that the child /young person is assessed to be engaged in high risk situations / relationships /risk taking behaviour and is at immediate risk of, or is experiencing sexual exploitation. (They may not recognise this)
Medium Risk	The assessment indicates that the child /young person is vulnerable to being sexually exploited / but that there are no immediate /urgent safeguarding concerns. There is evidence the child /young person may be a risk of opportunistic abuse, or is being targeted /groomed. The child /young person may experience protective factors, but circumstances and /or behaviours place him / her at risk of sexual exploitation.
Low risk	The indicators and assessment raise some concerns that the child /young person is at risk of sexual exploitation, and /or places him /or herself at risk. Concern that the child / young person is at risk of being targeted or groomed, but there are positive protective factors in the child /young person life.