


Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitation





Child abuse and sexual exploitation can affect people across almost every sector, from education to health and social care and beyond. We share a collective responsibility to be aware of how to properly safeguard children and protect them from harm. Part of this responsibility is understanding the facts we face, like the ones below, which we need to overcome.

 An estimated **1 in 20** children in the UK have been sexually abused.


 **10.5% of women and 2.6% of men** said they had experienced a form of sexual assault before the age of 16.


 Over **1/3** of police-recorded sexual offences are against children.

 For the year ending **March 2018**, **51,662** crimes were flagged by police forces in England as involving child sexual abuse.

 **16%** of police recorded child sexual offences involved an online element in England and Wales.

 Almost **560** children were trafficked for sexual exploitation last year.

 In **2017/18** there were a total of **10,878** Childline counselling sessions about sexual abuse.

 Girls are more likely to experience sexual abuse than boys, with **25.6** aged **24** and under suffering from contact abuse.

 Over **90%** of sexually abused children were abused by someone they knew.

 Around a third of child sexual abuse is by other children and young people.

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