

Summary Document

Context

This is the second Partnership Profile to be provided. Wiltshire Police coordinate the process and collate partner information relating to child sexual exploitation and missing children in order to produce this profile for Wiltshire.

The profile is intended to set out the extent of CSE and missing children; to help professionals better understand local issues and enable targeting of support and services.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Key findings:

- In total there were 63 offences within Wiltshire during 2015. This is an increase from 2014 however this is due to improved data collection.
- The average age of offenders was 17, with 7 repeat offenders with more than one offence during 2015. Only 1 of the offenders was female and the majority of offenders were British nationality.
- The average age of victims was 14-16 years of age. There were 7 females who were repeat victims
- The majority of CSE Offending in Wiltshire is carried out by lone offenders; striking up inappropriate relationships with vulnerable children or potentially acting opportunistically. Currently there is no evidence of gang related CSE in Wiltshire
- There is evidence of some group offending; involving loose groups of offenders sexually exploiting under 18s because of their inherent vulnerability.
- There are intelligence hotspots in Trowbridge, Westbury and Chippenham
- 26% CSE reports were linked in some way to drugs and/or alcohol and 15% made some mention of social media; intelligence relating to social media is likely to be under represented. Use of social media facilitates CSE across county boundaries and opens opportunities to be trafficked by lone or group offenders for sexual exploitation. Use of social media is therefore a key strategic risk for tackling CSE.
- Emerald Team identified 82 children who were at risk of CSE (88% of whom were female)

What we are doing;

- Civil powers are being used more often by partner organisations to disrupt offenders alongside traditional law enforcement. Examples of this include eviction orders revocation of taxi or pub licenses, sexual risk orders and sexual harm prevention orders
- Analysing key perpetrator and victim social networks across Wiltshire and Swindon

Emerging themes:

- During 2015 there was no intelligence linked to CSE and Dangerous Drugs Networks however this is likely to be a focus in 2016
- Social media's role in organising /facilitating CSE in Wiltshire
- Unauthorised absence from school is a significant risk factor and better use of this data in the future could help identify children who may be at risk of CSE

Missing Children

Key findings:

- During January to November 2015 there were 1056 missing/absent episodes involving 454 children under 18 in Wiltshire
- 53% of these were female; girls tended to go missing more frequently
- 22% of the children who went missing were in care; cared for children were accountable for a disproportionately high volume of missing episodes (43%):
- 15 of the children going missing during 2015 were involved in the CSE crimes set out above; all of these children were victims of CSE offences
- The cost to Wiltshire Police for managing Wiltshire missing children for 11 months is likely to have as estimated cost of £1.4 million. Therefore the continuing to work closely with those young people and their families most at risk will not only protect them from significant harm but also potentially realise substantial cost savings for all partner organisations.

The profile is in line with the issues identified in the thematic reports on CSE and Missing published by Ofsted in 2013 and 2014. Click below to view the reports:

- [Sexual-exploitation-of-children-ofsted-thematic-report](#)
- [Ofsted thematic report missing-children](#)

In addition during 2016, five Joint Targeted Area Inspections with a deep dive theme of CSE took place across the country. Ofsted's Summary Report on the five inspections that took place can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Joint-inspections-of-child-sexual-exploitation-and-missing-children-february-to-august-2016](#)

If you are concerned about a child or young person:

IMPORTANT: If you think a child or young person is at risk of significant harm, or is injured, contact the [Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\)](#) on 0300 456108 (out of hours: 0845 6070 888), or if there is immediate danger phone the police or emergency services on 999.

Emerald Team is Wiltshire's Specialist Team working with children and young people at risk of and being exploited and is made up of specialists from children's social care and the police. Contact them on 01225 716871

A national helpline also exists for young people, to find out more go to:

<http://www.stop-cse.org/saysomething>

For more information about CSE, resources and advice and guidance for professionals, children, young people and their families go to
www.wiltshirelscb.gov.uk