

# Briefing: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

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# Child Sexual Exploitation: Impact

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CSE has a devastating impact on children, young people and their families.

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CSE is largely a hidden crime and raising awareness of this type of abuse is essential to preventing it and stopping it early when it does happen.

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It causes physical ,sexual, emotional trauma; can lead to poor mental health , substance misuse and even suicide.

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The impact devastates families and siblings.



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# The Councils role in Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (Dec 2014)

## Summary of the Recommendations:

Delivery of training and awareness raising on Child Sexual Exploitation/multi agency

Awareness raising around CSE inclusive of parent/carers

Barriers towards disclosure Black and Ethnic minority children included in training

Developing communities

Educational provisions

Ensuring better use of Care First to record and analyse and share CSE cases ensuring it is dynamic and reports can be generated.



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# Summary of the Local current position

EMPOWER U Specialist  
service ( Criminal and  
Sexual Exploitation)

In house and multi -agency  
training and awareness of  
Child Sexual Exploitation  
/online abuse (including  
Hospitality/educational  
provisions)

Parent/carer awareness  
raising and Parents Against  
Child Exploitation

Developing exploitation  
awareness in the community  
work in line with the  
Councils Localism agenda

Equalities forums / Cultural  
competence/ anti -racist  
awareness.

More work required in terms  
of barriers to Black and  
ethnic minority children  
,cultural competence, anti-  
racism and adultification of  
children

Children Social Care  
recording system replaced  
ability to pull out records is  
there; and it is a more  
dynamic system



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# Local position

Contextual  
Safeguarding  
Strategic Board

Implementation  
Board

EMPOWER U

Commissioned  
services

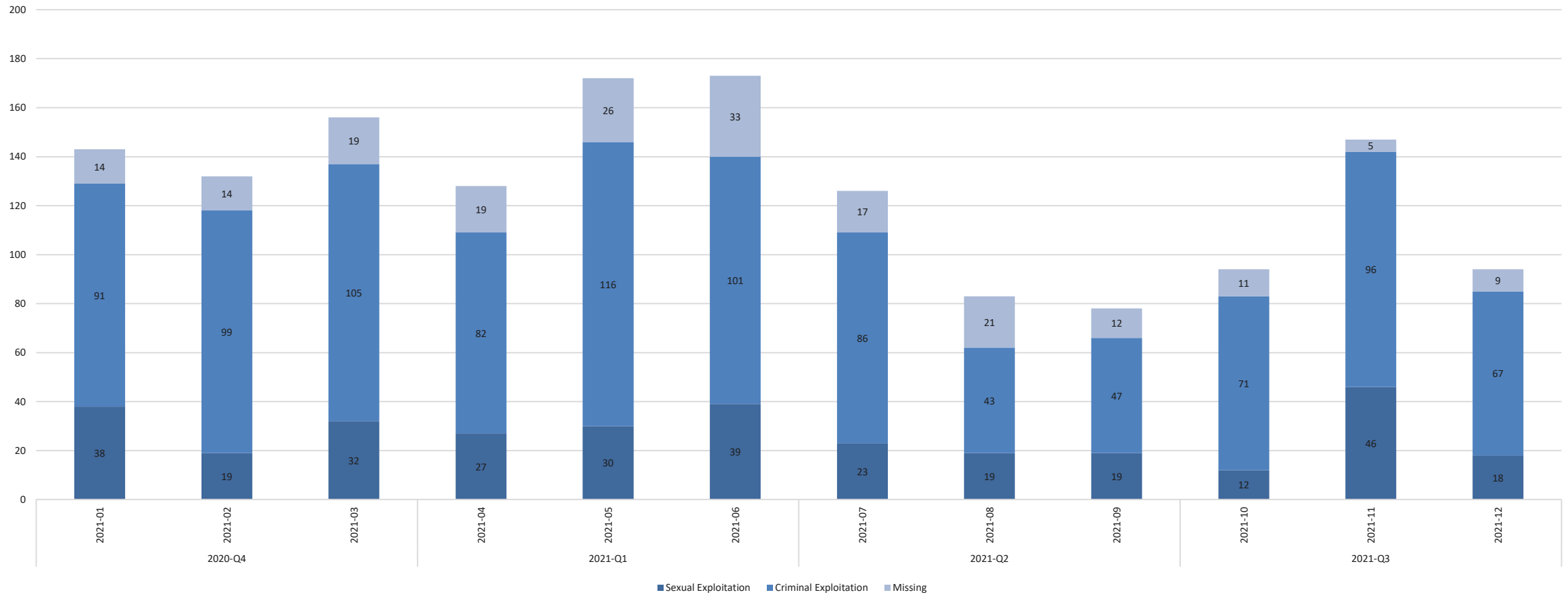


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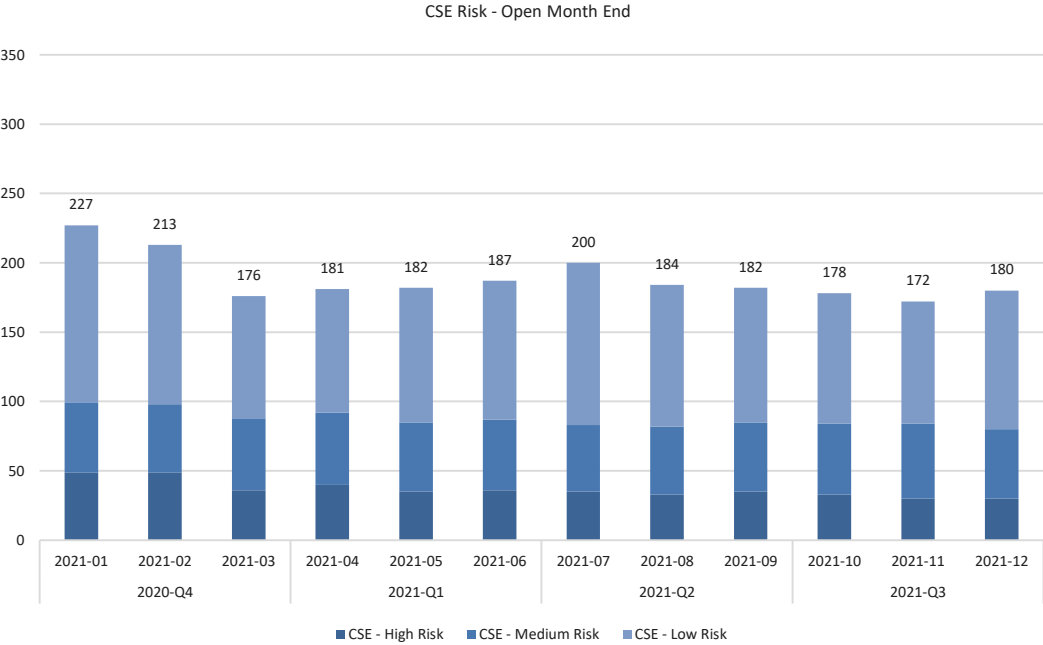
# Local Data

CE/Missing Contacts - Referral Conversion

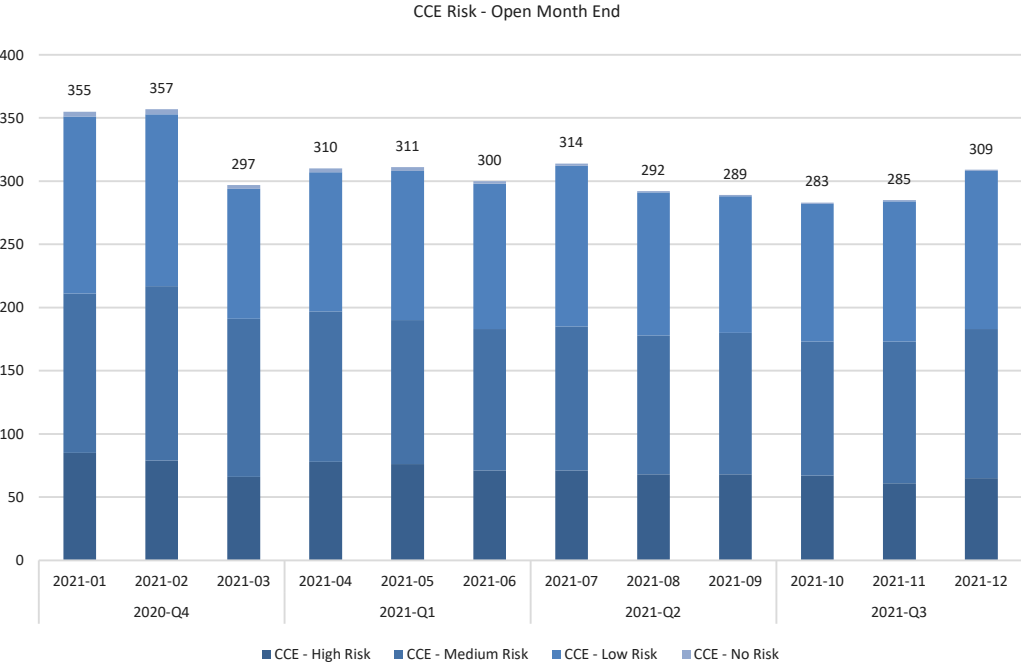


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# CSE Risk



# CE Risk



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# **EMERGING ISSUES: NATIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EXPLOITATION INDEPENDENT INQUIRY**

February 2022



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# Scope

Durham, Swansea, Warwickshire, St Helens, Tower Hamlets and Bristol.

Eight themes were examined in each area:

- problem profiling and disruption of child sexual exploitation;
- empathy and concern for child victims;
- risk assessment, protection from harm and outcomes for children;
- missing children, return home interviews and children in care;
- male victims;
- children with disabilities;
- partnership working; and
- audit, review and performance improvement.



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## KEY FINDINGS

Academic & professional debate about definitions of CSE

2 clear indicators of heightened vulnerability to CSE - being in residential care and the presence of a disability

National shortage of suitable residential care placements for children who are at risk of or have experienced CSE

Missing from home and school – key feature

Male victims

## DEFINITION/RISK & VULNERABILITY



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# Policing and the Criminal Justice System

- Police problem profiles
- Quality of profiles mixed and incomplete evidence re. prevalence
- Lack of information on perpetrator groups
- Lack of information on ethnicity of victims and alleged perpetrators

## *Inspection/Audit/Review*

- Themed inspections all identified areas for improvement but the focus on joint inspections has shifted to wider issues of CE and child neglect.
- Effectiveness of internal performance and quality systems



# Recommendations

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Recommendation 1: Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response

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Recommendation 2: Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit

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Recommendation 3: Government Guidance CSE

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Recommendation 4: Categorisation of risk and harm

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Recommendation 5: Data and Problem Profiling

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Recommendation 6: Unregulated placements)



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# Next Steps for Birmingham

Overarching Partnership Child Exploitation Strategy underway will include :-

- Comms/multi –agency awareness raising (hospitality trade /licensing)
- Continued development information sharing /problem profiling/data (partners)
- Continued awareness raising in the community work (linked to Localism agenda)
- Working with Parent/carers as safeguarding partners
- BCT Hub Operational model
- Accommodation and relocation for children at risk in the community and at placements
- Reviewing CSE definition
- Reviewing Risk assessment /Risk matrix (high ,medium, low)



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# Questions?



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