



Reference: FOI-709

Request:

What was the percentage of children who were victims of child sexual exploitation offences who had a 'Child in Need' assessment undertaken, from January 2016 – December 2022?

For the purposes of this Freedom of Information request, child sexual exploitation offences are defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as amended by Section 68 of the Serious Crime Act 2015. This includes:

- Section 47 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Paying for sexual services of a child;
- Section 48 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Causing or inciting [sexual exploitation of a child];
- Section 49 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Controlling a child [in relation to sexual exploitation];
- Section 50 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Arranging or facilitating [sexual exploitation of a child].

'Children in Need' plans are defined by Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989.

Response:

Between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2022, 5.93% of children and young people that were subject to a child in need assessment were recorded as having '*Child Sexual Exploitation Concerns that may be required or the child may be at risk of harm due to CSE*' as a factor of the assessment.

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