Sexual Exploitation: Fact Sheet
July 2018 to July 2019

230 cases
506 potential victims

Age of potential victim

- Adults, 292, 58%
- Minors, 98, 19%
- Unknown, 116, 23%

For minors, English was the highest reported nationality, with 30 victims.

Age brackets*

- 15 and under: 53 cases
- 16-17: 21 cases
- 18-24: 50 cases
- 25-34: 51 cases
- 35-44: 23 cases
- 45-59: 4 cases

64% cases where we talked to the victim or someone in direct contact with them

Where do victims come from?

- Over 40 different victim nationalities were reported.
- While the majority were from overseas, English was the second highest recorded nationality.

- Romania: 73 cases
- England: 42 cases
- Thailand: 36 cases
- China: 27 cases
- Albania: 26 cases
- Philippines: 25 cases
- Nigeria: 10 cases

Highest 7 nationalities

93% of potential victims of sexual exploitation were female, compared to 25% across all types of exploitation

Top reported locations of exploitation*

- Private house: 108 cases
- Brothel: 63 cases
- Internet: 19 cases
- Hotel/Motel: 9 cases
- Pop-up brothel: 7 cases
- On street: 7 cases

Of which 16 were adult services websites.

81% of locations were reported to be 'off street'.

27 potential victims initially recruited online

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Trafficker relationship to victim

- Employer/Pimp: 334
- Intimate partner: 36
- Familial relationship: 14
- Foster parent: 3
- Prison guard: 1

141 victim relationships to trafficker were unknown

Sex for rent

The Helpline occasionally receives reports of cases whereby landlords offer accommodation in return for sex, known as 'sex for rent'. 4 cases of sexual exploitation were reported, with 4 potential victims indicated.

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