

Child Sex Exploitation

The number of incidents reported and recorded, annually.

The police do not identify children at risk of CSE alone, this is done in partnership with local authority Child Services, using CSE screening tool to identify risk indicators (completed by the referring agency) and then the full National Working Group Assessment tool (usually completed by social workers) to identify risks in more detail.

Information on CSE is regularly published on the following link (under "Child Sexual Exploitation Reports"):

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/publication-scheme/what-our-priorities-are-and-how-we-are-doing/>

We categorise recorded CSE crime differently to non-CSE child abuse by adding a CSE special interest marker. Since 2014 there have been 734 crimes recorded that relate to CSE.

For the financial years 2014-15, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

The following number of crimes with a CSE special interest marker were recorded in those years:-

2014/15 - 209

2015/16 – 271

2016/17 – 254

The number of live investigations, currently running for the requested time period.

This information is exempt by virtue of:

Section 30 (3) – Investigations and Proceedings

Section 40 (5) – Personal Data – please see covering letter.