



FIRST FRIDAY SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP FORUM

For all in Education, Health, Children's Social Care, Police, Adult and other public services who are members of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership



Time	Item	Presenter
10.00	Welcome and Introduction Recap of forums purpose Standing items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 min Briefing Update • Action Plan reminder • Live Sign Up September • Recap from Forum 	Natalie Newton NSPC Business Manager
10:15	CSA - 7 Minute Briefing	Video
10.25	Mentimeter Questions	
10.30	Newham's Lead for Child Sexual Abuse Presentation	Jessica Husbands
11.10	Next Steps Deep Dive	Noshin Mohamed
11:15	NSCP Training Available 2022-23	Sheila Leighton <i>Safeguarding Lead</i>
11:20	Breathing Exercise	Noshin Mohamed
11:25	Menti- Meter Questions Closing Remarks	
Dates of Future Meetings: 06 th January 3 rd March 5 th May 7 th July 2023 Repeat sessions Wednesday 30 th Nov, 25 th Jan 2023, 29 th March, 31 st May		



Recap from last Forum

Family R - Rapid Review following a Domestic Homicide

Local Contacts

Domestic abuse: learning from case reviews

Summary of key issues and learning for improved practice around domestic abuse

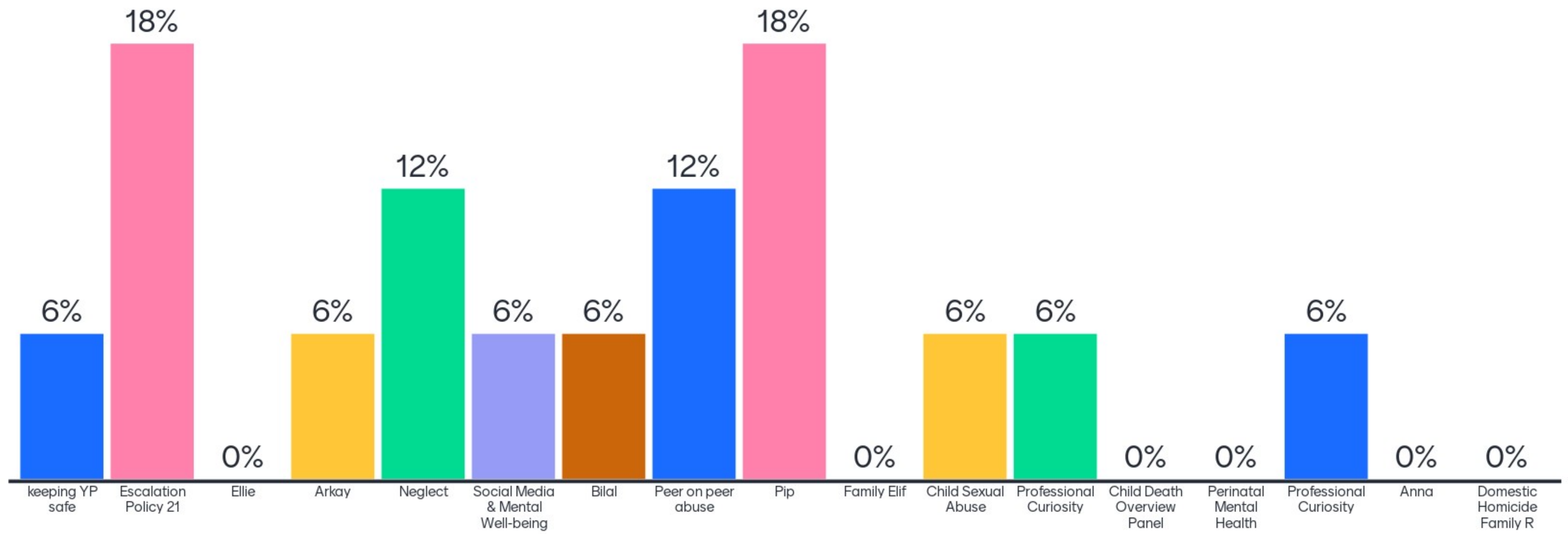
How does domestic abuse impact babies, children and young people?

Information Sharing Guidance - London Safeguarding Board

Foundations of Safeguarding

Key Learning to be embedded

What 7 minute briefings have you used ?





Name of section and team Contact details

Please ensure you keep a copy of this discussion and plan for your records

Action Plan

What actions have been agreed to improve practice?

Please ensure you keep a copy of this discussion and plan for your records

Identify the learning or recommendations that are relevant to your team and your team's discussion on those points

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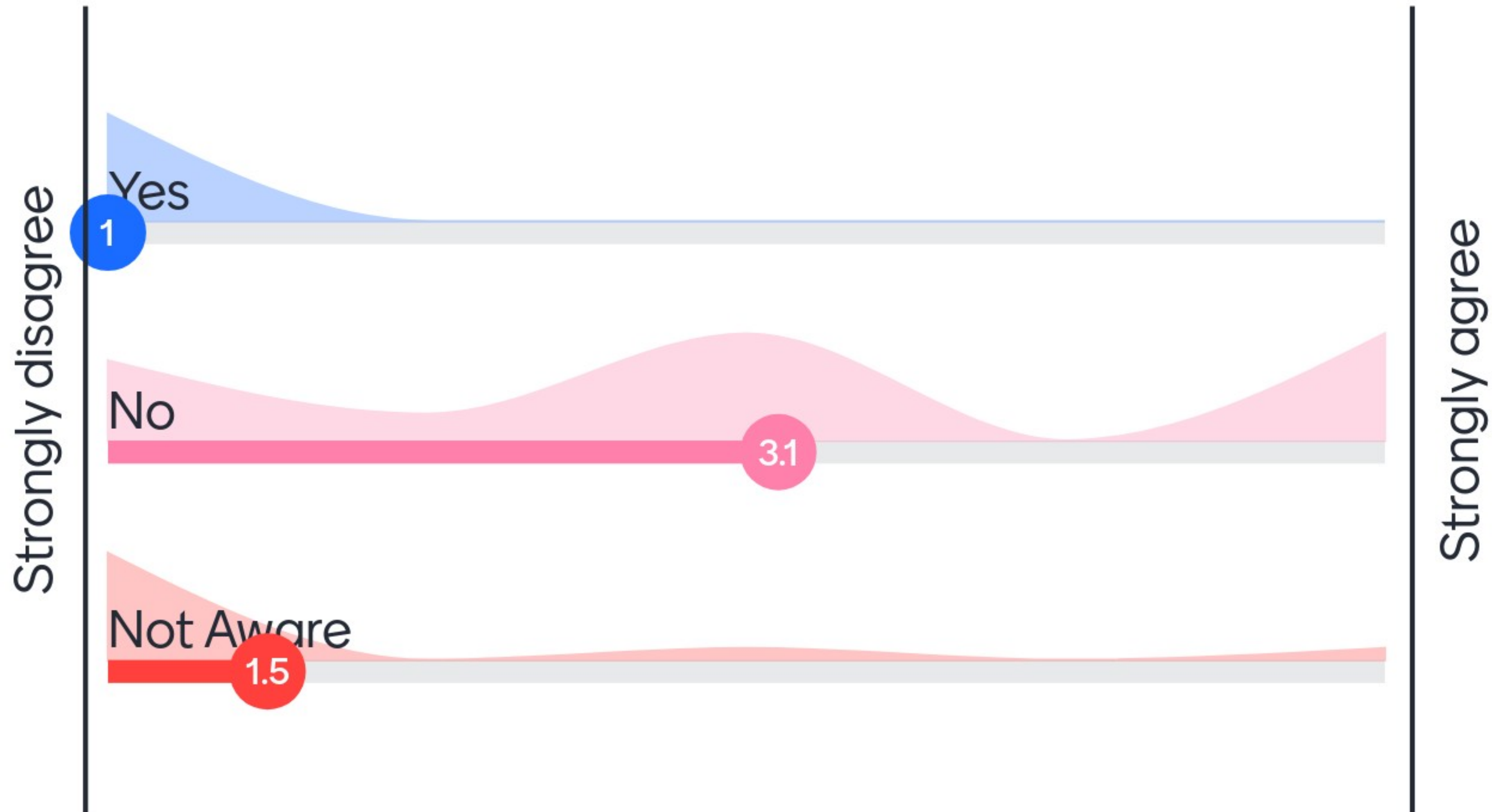
7 Minute Briefing - Action Plan

Title of 7 Minute briefing

Name of organisation Team manager

What need to happen?	Who will do it?	By when?	How will you know when this has been done?	How will you know if it has worked?

Have you used an action plan





Confidential Area

Home

Children & Young People

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7 Minute Briefings – Confidential Area

This password protected area contains learning related to Newham specific cases. To document your learning you can access this tool, which can evidence and track the learning with in your agency. This area should be used to share good practice and learning within Newham.

Please add in the same the provided log-in password to watch all videos.

Anna



Ellie



Keeping Young People Safe



How to access the secure 7 minute briefings



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 Mentimeter

Email the LSCB.administrator@newham.gov.uk using the subject title: *Access to secure 7 minute briefings*

Please send your *feedback* to the same email address with details of who the briefing has been shared with and how the learning is being used to improve safeguarding practice.



Live Sign up

- Take this opportunity to request access to the confidential site.
- This comes with responsibilities –
 - That you disseminate the information within your establishment
 - Complete action plan to document and evidence change and outcomes
 - Share your action plan with the NSCP

7 Minute Briefing

Child Sexual Abuse

What can you take away from this briefing?

I need to access the 7 minute briefing and share this with staff.

What do you think you will do differently?



How will you know things have changed?

Newham's Lead for CSA presentation

Jessica Husbands



SIBLING SEXUAL ABUSE



What we know so far and where do we go from here?

- › Child Sexual Abuse (overview)
- › Definition and Prevalence of Sibling Sexual Abuse
- › Impact of Sibling Sexual Abuse
- › Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse
- › Adult Survivors of Sibling Sexual Abuse
- › Where do we go from here?

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Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



A snapshot of child sexual abuse



15% of girls/
young women



5% of boys/
young men

are estimated to experience **some form of sexual abuse** before the age of 16

Age when abuse started

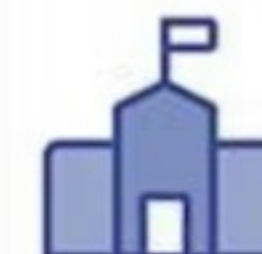


The likelihood of experiencing child sexual abuse **does not vary significantly with ethnic group** in England, but people from some minority ethnic communities **face barriers to reporting abuse**



1 in 8 victims come to the attention
of the authorities at the time

The most serious and repeated offences are more likely to be committed by **known persons**



For boys, abuse by authority figures is more common



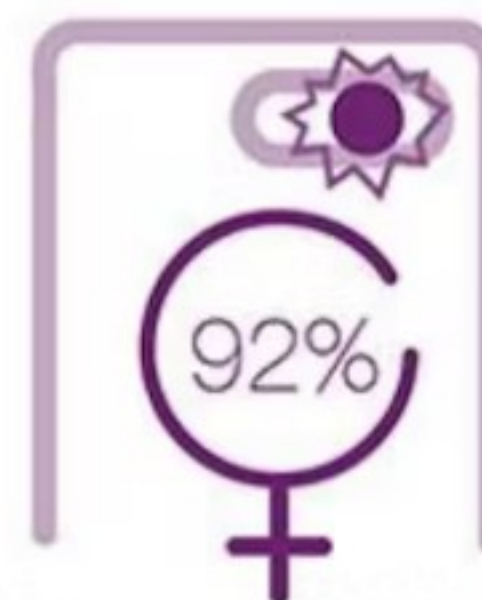
For girls, abuse by family members is more common

Disabled adults are **2x**

As likely as non-disabled adults to say they had been abused in their childhood



of those who had lived in a care home reported experiences of child sexual abuse - almost **4x as many as those living with family / carers**



of child sexual abuse **images depicted girls** only in 2019



of **perpetrators** of child sexual abuse are **male**

Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



"All I needed was just one person to act..."



51%
Parent



33%
Police



24%
Person in
authority
in institution



17%
Social worker
or child protection
officer



13%
Child friend



6%
Sibling



4%
Healthcare
personnel



2%
Mental health
provider

Figure F.1: People to whom Truth Project participants disclosed at the time of their child sexual abuse

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More children experience abuse than services are currently aware of

Child sexual abuse is prevalent in all communities in England and Wales (2019-20)

2,600 children on a **child protection plan** in England under the primary category of sexual abuse

30,460 children assessed **at risk** of sexual abuse in England

87,992 identifiable child sexual abuse **offences recorded** by the police in England and Wales

500,000

children estimated to have **experienced** some form of sexual abuse in 2019*

References: Department for Education: Characteristics of children in need: 2019 to 2020. Home Office Police Recorded Crime and Outcomes, year ending March 2020, updated 28 October 2020. Calculated using single-year prevalence estimates by age group (Radford et al, 2011, Childhood abuse and neglect in the UK today) and the Office for National Statistics 2019 population estimates. To read the full report - The scale and nature of child sexual abuse: Review of evidence 2021 - visit www.csacentre.org.uk

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Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far



“A form of harmful sexual behaviour or activity involving the misuse of power and victimising intent or outcome between children who self-identify as siblings”

(RCEW National Project on Sibling Sexual Abuse: 2020-2022)

Sibling Sexual Abuse

- › Likely the most common form of intra-familial child sexual abuse and least likely to be reported to police
- › Data submitted from 21 (out of 43) police forces across UK recorded 3,000 incidents of child sexual abuse as taking place within ‘sibling relationships’ 2012-2017
- › Accounts for 24% of all intra-familial child sexual abuse reported to police
- › Estimated 1.3 million people affected in UK



Abuse by siblings estimated to be 3x more common than abuse from a parent

Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far



Sibling Sexual Abuse

- › **Can involve a wide range of behaviours over a longer period of time as well as one-off or short-term events – *role of technology?***
- › **The most common reported pattern involves a younger sister and older brother – *not always the case...***
- › **May start at an earlier age and is more likely to involve sexual intercourse – *can be just as harmful as sexual abuse by parent!***
- › **A range of short- and long-term effects on every area of child development, can result in physical health, mental health and relationship difficulties throughout the lifetime –*impact may not be apparent until adulthood...***
- › **Usually affects all members of the family in some way - *doesn't effect all involved equally***
- › **Children who have sexually abused a sibling may also have experienced sexual abuse and trauma – *what support might they need?***

THINK - Professional Curiosity

lets discuss



Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



The Development of Harmful Sexual Behaviours

The majority of young people who have sexually harmed others have been exposed to some form of maltreatment

Own
experiences of
sexual abuse

Neglect

Parental
experience of
sexual abuse

Inappropriate
boundaries at
home

Lack of
supervision

Part of wider
disruptive
behaviour

Witnessing
domestic
violence

Discontinuity
of care

Learning
disability

Jealousy of
siblings

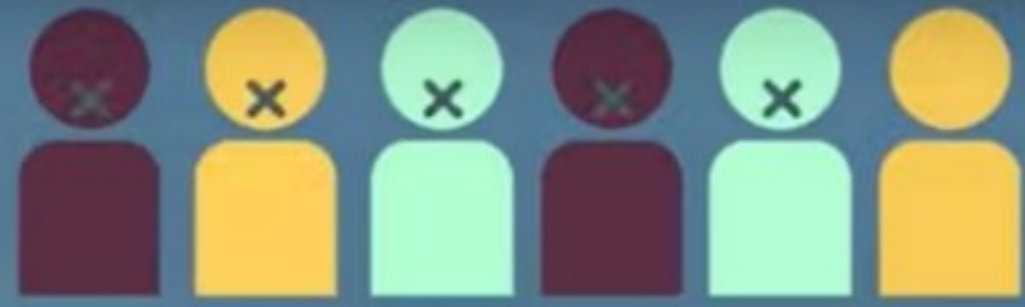
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Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



Disclosing Sibling Sexual Abuse

- › Less likely to be disclosed than other forms of sexual abuse
- › **Ethnicity and Culture** – *role of language, stigma, shame and family honour, racism and professionals response/unconscious bias*
- › **Disabled Children** – *level of understanding, use of language and siblings as young carers (power differentials)*
- › **Intersectionality** – *how impact ability to seek help?*



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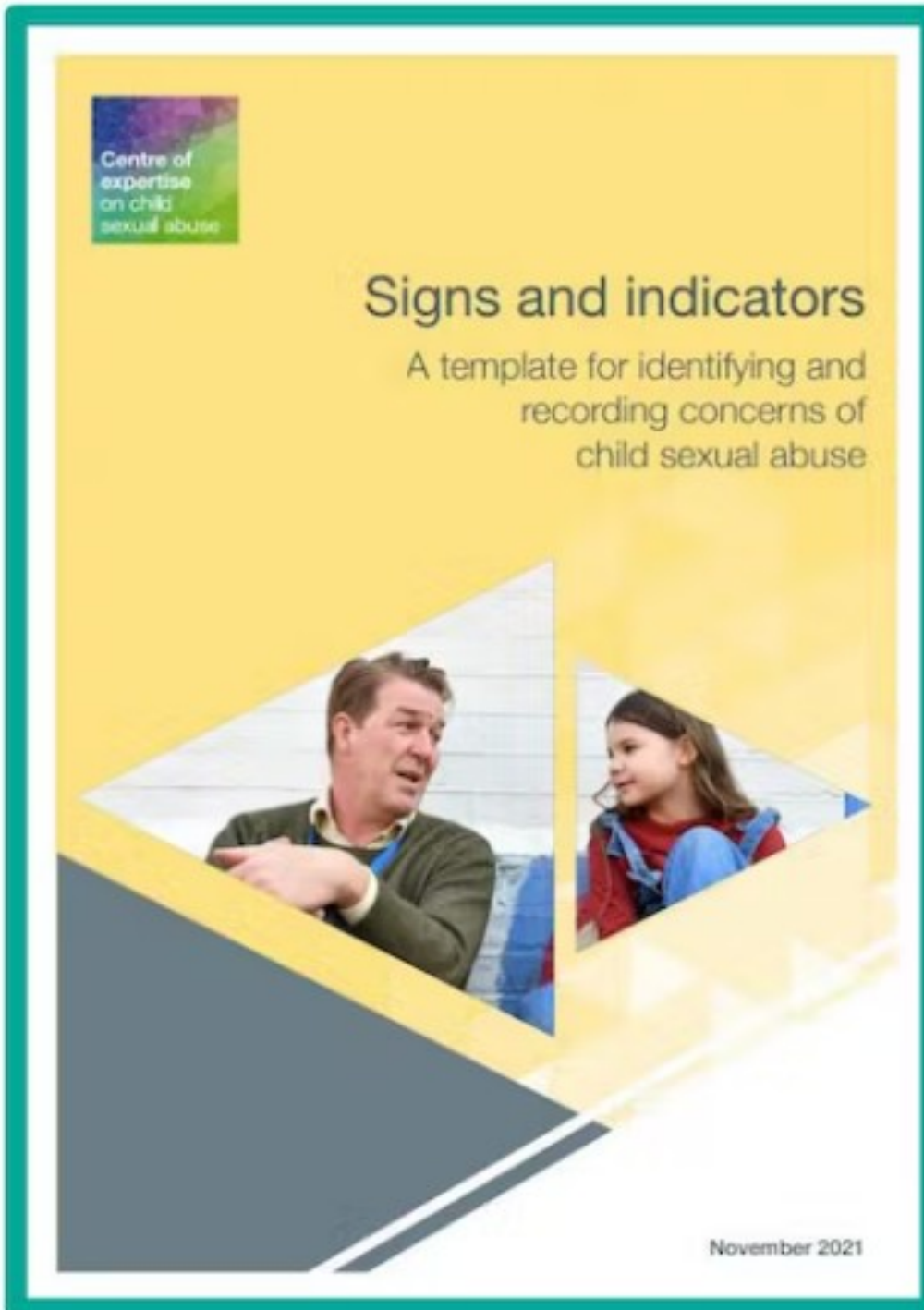
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Disclosing Sibling Sexual Abuse

› Signs and Indicators – CSA Tool

- *Behavioural*
- *Physical*
- *Emotional*



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Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse

What internal and external pressures might parents feel if they suspected or found out that one of their children had sexually abused their brother or sister?

How do we think this might compare with professionals?

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Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



"Its like a grenade going off in the family!"

"I thought keeping children inside was keeping them safe... actually dangers are inside as well as outside!"
(Sibling Sexual Abuse: The Last Taboo?)



Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse: Families

- › Parents commonly respond with feelings of shame, denial and being emotionally overwhelmed – *may also be unconcerned and decide to take no action*
- › Parents can feel torn between the needs of the child that has harmed and the child that has been harmed – *can reject child who has harmed, blame child who has been harmed or the other parent*
- › Parents can experience a 'confused and confusing' response from professionals
- › Criminal Justice Response – *long drawn out, can delay therapeutic and restorative work (CPS Guidance)*

Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



*“Systematic and wide ranging resistance to acknowledge sibling sexual abuse”
(Fleur Strong, SSAP)*

- › Professionals can under- and over-respond to concerns and feel pulled in different directions by the child who has harmed, the child who has been harmed, their parents and other family members

Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse: Professionals

- › National and local policies and strategies tackling child sexual abuse don't name, measure or prioritise sibling sexual abuse despite prevalence
- › Fear not knowing what to say, opening up a can of worms or not having skills needed to deal with situation – *professional anxiety*
- › ‘What if I'm wrong?’ – *not all sexual behaviours are harmful (Hackett Continuum of Sexual Behaviour 2010)*
- › Myth of ‘absolute knowing’ – *Impact of tension between the criminal and safeguarding burdens of proof on social work decision making - when is the evidence enough?*

Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse: Professional (Case Study)

“The best evidence... do you believe it happened?”

Professional Anxiety

- › First time SSA - *no specific policies and procedures in place – don’t want to appear racist...*
- › Safety Planning – *how manage safety when elements of denial?*
- › The myth of ‘absolute knowing’ – *medical inconclusive and no criminal charges, advice from GP (quote)*

“I believe that this happened to your daughter...”

Emotional Containment

- › Specialist Advice; Lucy Faithful Foundation, Barnados, National Clinical Assessment and Treatment Service (NCATS) – *financial pressures*
- › Statutory Framework – *Legal Planning Meeting & S20 Agreement*
- › Support from Colleagues – *Joint visit with PDSW*

Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...

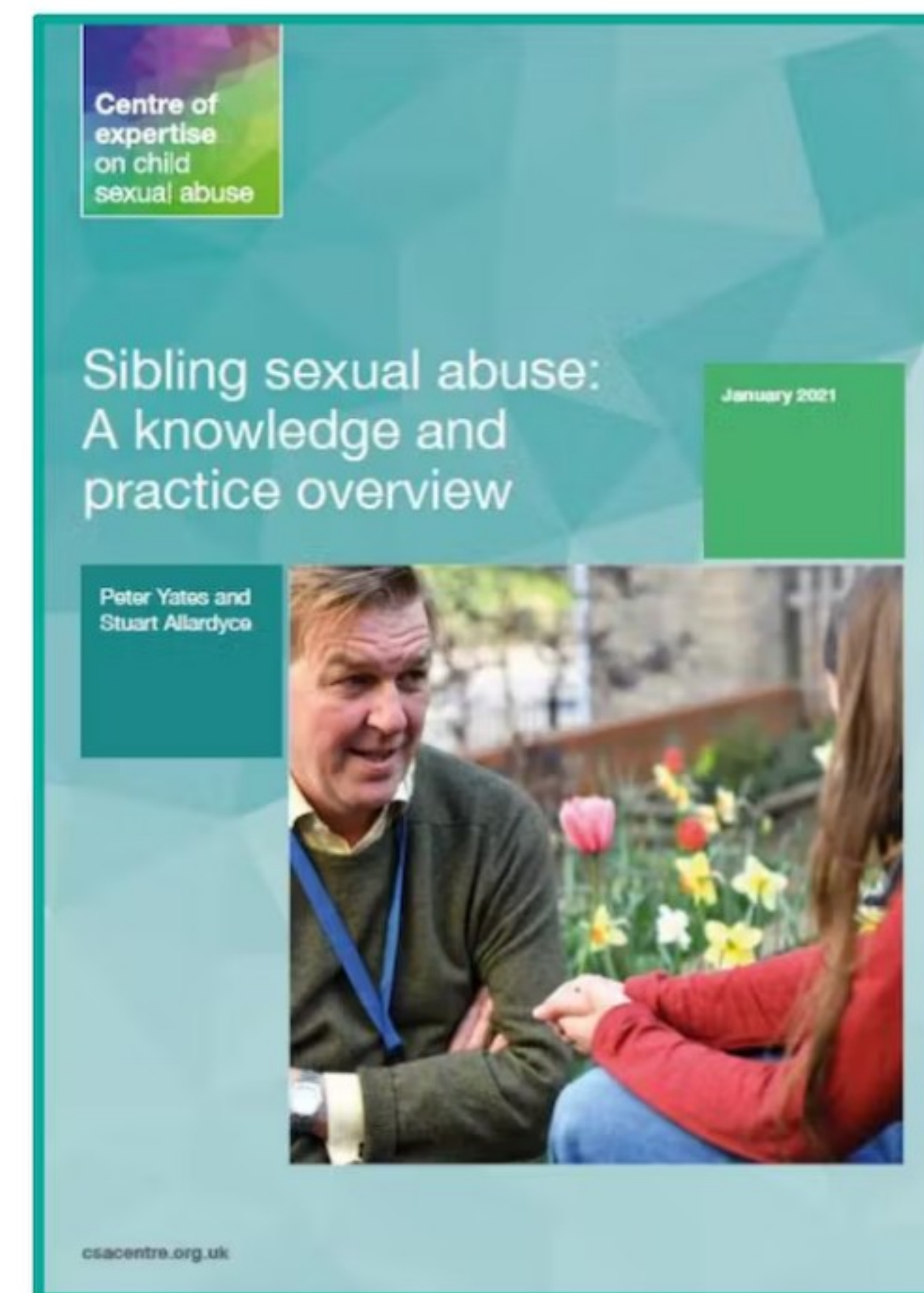


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A Safeguarding Road Map in Sibling Sexual Abuse Cases

The following should be read in parallel with Yates and Allardyce (2020) Sibling Sexual Abuse: A Knowledge and Practice Overview (Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse).



Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



“The child who has harmed and the child who has been harmed”

- › **Make recommendations about therapeutic support that could help the whole family and reduce risk over time – *what specialist services might be required?***
 - › **Comment on reunification of siblings if they have been separated – *safety and repairing relationships***
- ## Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse
- › **Decreasing risk and increasing safety – *separation of siblings to be considered***
 - › **A ‘Whole Family’ approach to Assessment and Intervention - *when children are safe***
 - › **Work closely in partnership with other agencies – *avoiding a ‘siloed’ response***
 - › **Understanding sibling relationships, family dynamics and responses within their cultural context – *don’t make assumptions***
 - › **Trauma-Informed language that cares - *does not pathologise the child who has harmed, the child who has been harmed or how the family are coping***

Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



National Sibling Sexual Abuse Conference 2022

373 subscribers

Film 3: 'Sarah's voice: I hear you' - A new 2-min audio/voice training film for professionals and practitioners on working with adult survivors of sibling sexual abuse.

<https://youtu.be/UoQfF9BkCY0>

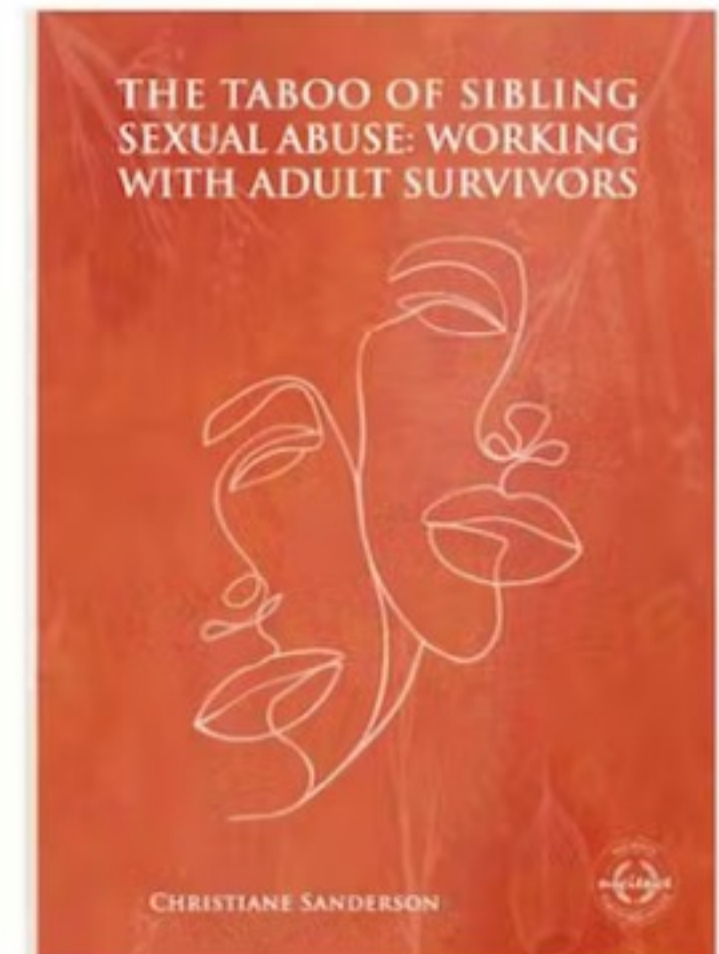
"I have been living with this secret for 25 years... it eats away at you... its like your living a double life"

Working with Adult Survivors

NAPAC: Restorative Justice for adult survivors of child sexual abuse

- › Restorative Justice may be used for child sexual abuse cases. It represents an alternative to the traditional criminal justice route and can prevent the inevitable re-traumatisation that comes from giving statements and cross-examination in court.

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Sarah's Voice



Sibling Sexual Abuse: what we know so far...



Sibling Sexual Abuse Project Recommendations:

- › Further research into sibling sexual abuse, including improving data collection.
- › Raising awareness and encouraging dialogue within society in general.
- › Increasing provision of specialist support services.
- › Training on recognition, responses and prevention for parents and for professionals.
- › Guidance on language to use when discussing sibling sexual abuse, which would enable better communication and multi-agency working

CYPS the story so far:

- › 7MB being shared at service meetings
- › Training Programme
- › QA dip samples of 4 cases to identify common themes

What is next:

- › QA Deep dive
- › Training needs analysis

Newham Children's Safeguarding Partnership:

- › Have you read/seen/delivered anything about SSA?
- › Do you have any plans to embed learning from SSA in your service?

What the research tells us

- The Centre of Expertise on child sexual abuse recorded 'around two-thirds of all CSA reported to the police is perpetrated by a family member or someone close to the child.
- Where recorded, the research has shown that the vast majority of the perpetrators are male and in around a quarter of cases, the perpetrator is under 18 years of age.

The Newham picture so far

01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021

There were a total of **18260** number of contacts

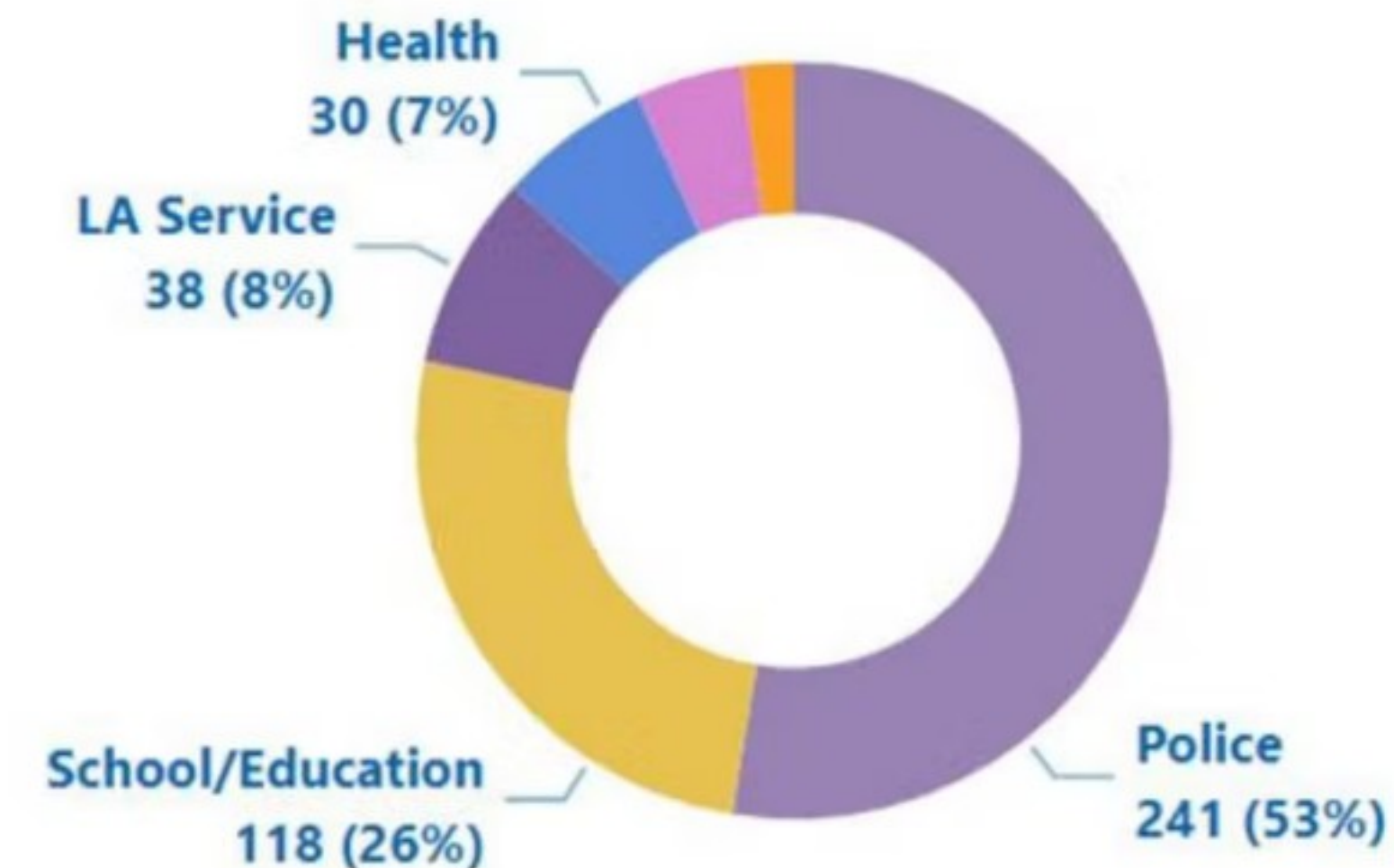
A presenting factor of **sexual abuse** was noted in **503** of these.

01.01.2022 – 01.11.2022

There have been a total of **16460** number of contacts so far this year

A presenting factor of **sexual abuse** was noted in **458** of these.

Source of contacts in date range



What the deep dive thematic is looking at



Safety planning



Reunification



Use of section 20's



Interventions



Focus group with social workers



GRACES and intersections

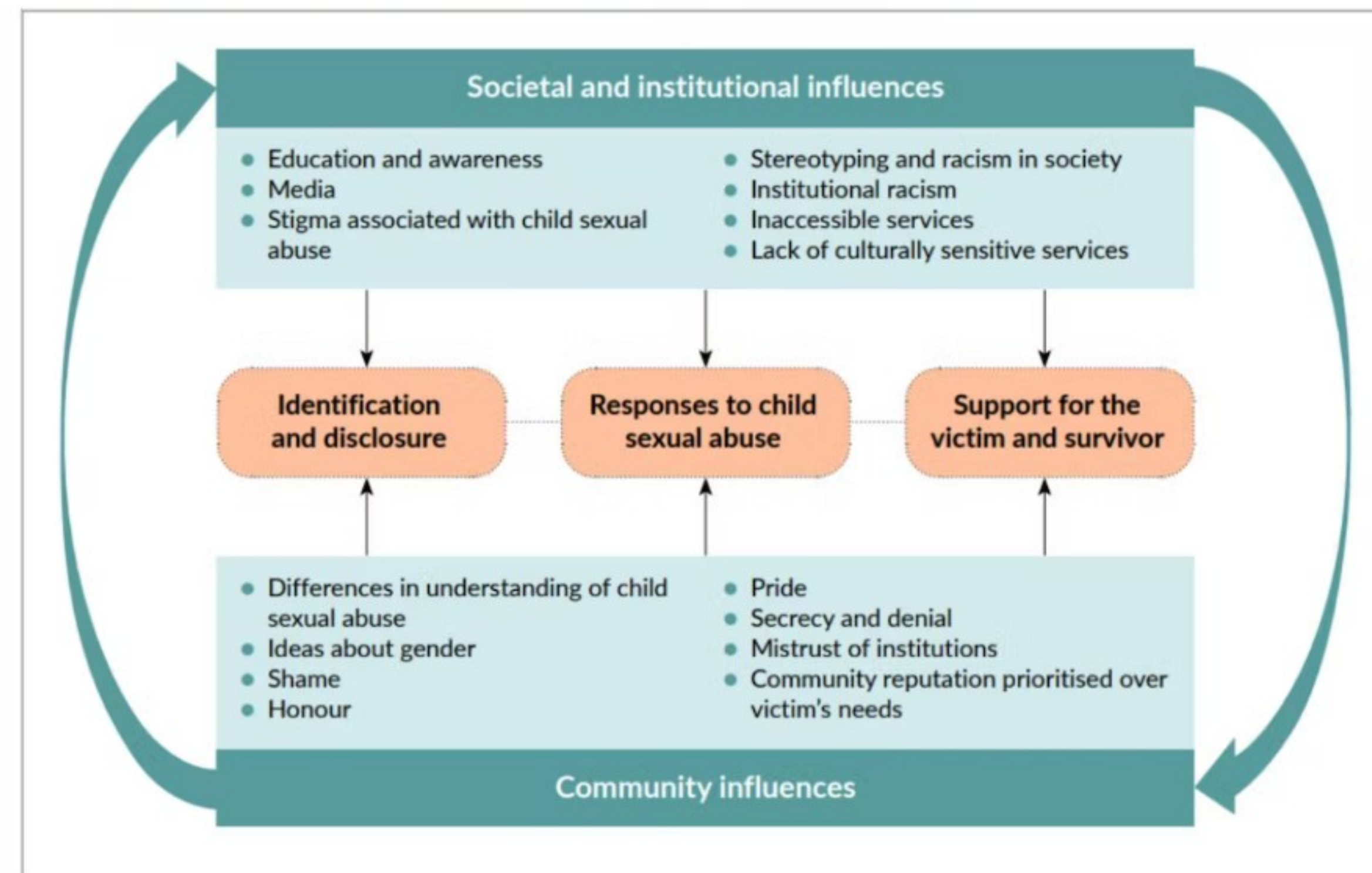
Ethnicity, culture, gender and religion as social GRACES and intersections between sharam (shame) and Izzat (honour).

White & Minorities (2011)



Source: ONS

Figure 1: Influences on child sexual abuse disclosure, responses and support



Ask me anything

0 questions
0 upvotes

Next Steps - deep dive - local data

Noshin Mohamed



Newham London

Intra-familial sexual abuse

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of Everything we do**

NSCP Training Available

Sheila Leighton

Up coming Training from NSCP

08/11/2022	Digital Safeguarding Training (10am-1pm)	08/11/2022
08/11/2022	Understanding Parental Mental Ill-Health & Impact on Parents & Carers	08/11/2022
09/11/2022	Complex Safeguarding -Risk & Strengths - linked to faith and belief-NSCP	09/11/2022
10/11/2022	Domestic Abuse Advance	10/11/2022
17/11/2022	SP-OT Suicide Prevention tutorial overview (10am- 11.30am)	17/11/2022
22/11/2022	AIM Foundation Training(Awareness of Harmful Sexual Behaviour Foundation Course	22/11/2022
29/11/2022	Child Criminal Exploitation	29/11/2022
13/12/2022	Understanding Adolescent Mental Health: Implications for Practice and improving wellbeing	13/12/2022

CPD Training on Gaming & Gambling Harms

22nd November:

Diverse Communities @ 10am (2.5 hours)

https://www.ygam.org/dc-workshop-booking-form/?crb_workshop=22/11/2022%20-%20Preventing%20Gambling%20Harms%20in%20Diverse%20Communities%20-%20Bespoke

Mindful Resilience (Healthcare) @ 1pm (2 hours)

https://www.ygam.org/mindful-resilience-workshop-booking/?crb_workshop=MR%20SCP%20Tower%20Hamlets%202/11/2022%2013:00

Education @ 4pm (2 hours)

https://www.ygam.org/nep-v2-workshop-booking-pre-workshop-questions-bespoke/?crb_workshop=22.11.22.%20Bespoke%20OL%20Full%20Secondary.%20TH%20and%20Newham%20SCP.%2016:00

23rd November:

Early Help (Social Workers) @ 9am (2.5 hours)

https://www.ygam.org/gaming-and-gambling-awareness-and-harm-prevention-supporting-families-and-children//?crb_workshop=23.11.2022%20OL%20Bespoke%20Early%20Help.%20Tower%20Hamlets

LAC (Looked After Children) @ 11am (3 hours)

https://parents.ygam.org/bespoke-workshop-booking/?crb_workshop=23.11.2022%20OL%20Bespoke%20LAC.%20Tower%20Hamlets

Parents @ 7pm (1.25 hours)

https://parents.ygam.org/bespoke-parents-workshop/?crb_workshop=23.11.2022%20OL%20Bespoke%20Parent%20Awareness.%20Tower%20Hamlets

Breathing Exercise

Noshin Mohamed



What can you take away today's forum



How useful was today's session?

