

SOME STATISTICS ON CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE, RAPE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Using on-line research and a variety of resources, we have collated the following statistics which are designed to be informative rather than to be quoted for reporting or illustrative purposes. Every effort is made to ensure that the information provided is accurate and up to date but no legal responsibility is accepted for any errors, omissions or in-accurate information.

- In the UK, 21% of girls and 16% of boys experience some form of childhood sexual abuse.
- In 2015 there were over 47,000 sexual offences against children recorded in the UK.
- Latest Government figures reported confirm that 43% of sexual crime victims are under 18.
- In 2014/2015, there were 4,082 recorded sexual offences against children in Scotland including; rape and attempted rape, sexual assault, sexual activity, taking, distributing, possessing indecent photos of children, grooming of children for the purposes of sexual offences, lewd and libidinous practices, sexual abuse of trust and others.
- In comparisons between data collated in 2010/11 and 2014/15, Police recorded child sexual offences against under 18s up by 76% in the UK. (How Safe are our Children 2016, NSPCC)
- One in 3 teenage girls in a relationship suffer an unwanted sexual act.
- One in 3 children sexually abused by an adult didn't tell anyone about it at the time - many keep their secret all their lives and over 90% of sexually abused children were abused by someone they knew.
- In 2015, more than 3,000 sex crimes against children were committed using the internet as a gateway for; grooming, sexual assaults, inciting children to participate in a sex act and rape - the youngest victim was a 1 year old baby. Live streaming of child abuse footage is emerging as a growing method of abusers sharing indecent images and videos and there is growing concern about the hidden internet - secret/encrypted networks.
- In 2012, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre received 8,000 reports of indecent images of children being shared, featuring 70,000 still images and videos – a 2 fold increase on previous years.
- In 2015, Internet Watch Foundation identified and worked with partners to remove 68,902 URLs confirmed as hosting child sexual abuse images.
- In the UK, 45% of women have experienced some form of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.
- A domestic violence incident is recorded every 10 minutes in Scotland with 53,681 incidents reported in 2008/2009.
- At least 80,000 women suffer rape every year in the UK. In Scotland in 2011/12 crimes of rape increased by 13% to 1,274.
- At least one in 3 women is beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused by an intimate partner in the course of her lifetime.
- According to World Bank data, Women aged 15-44 are more at risk from rape and domestic violence than from cancer, motor accidents, war or malaria.