

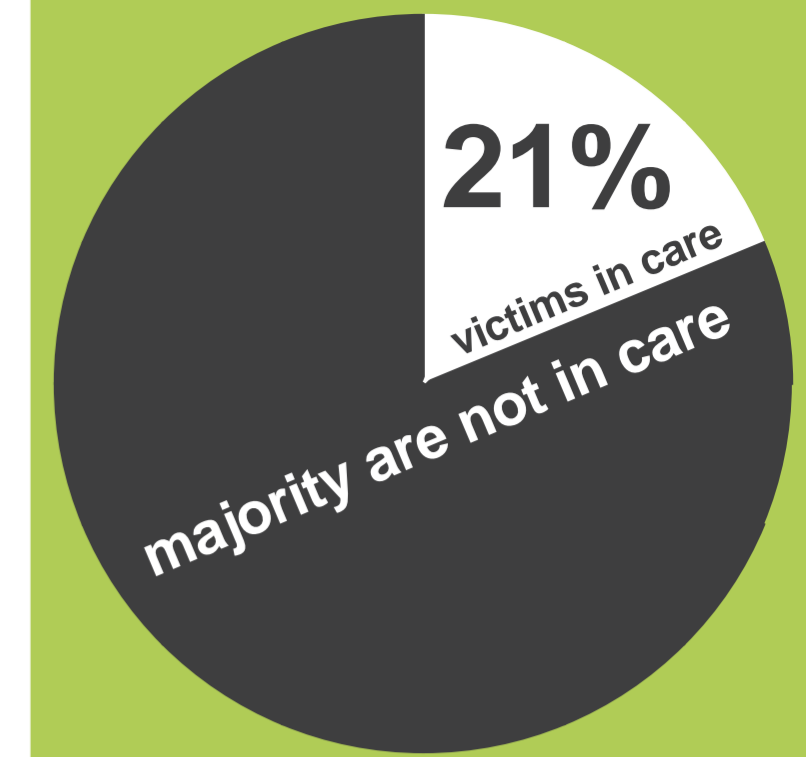
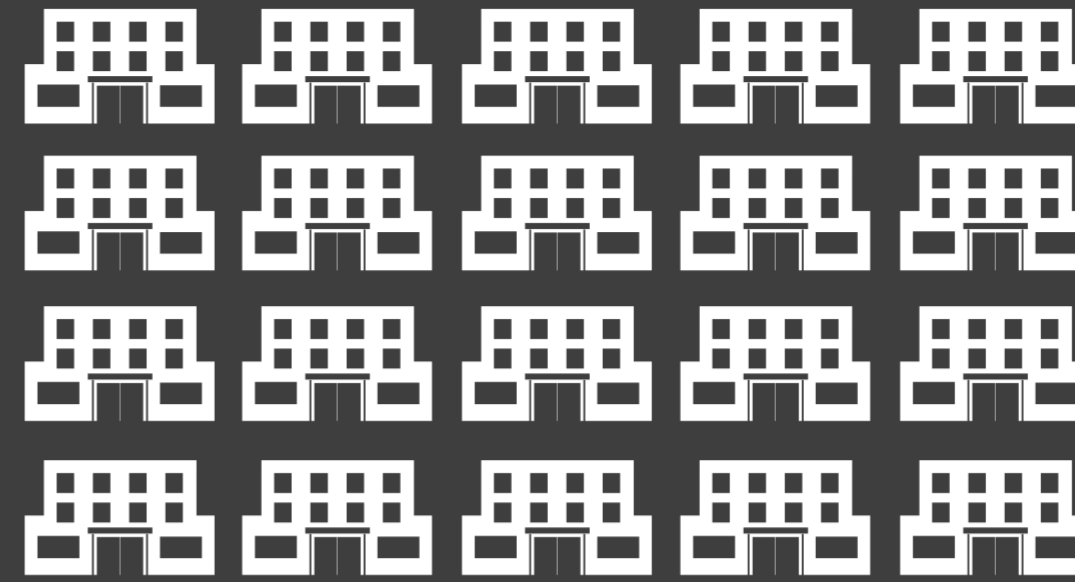
2,409

2,409 children and young people in England were confirmed victims of child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups (in 14 months between August 2010 to October 2011). This is equivalent of every pupil in three medium sized secondary schools being subjected to sexual violence on a routine basis. It is generally agreed that the true number of victims is higher.

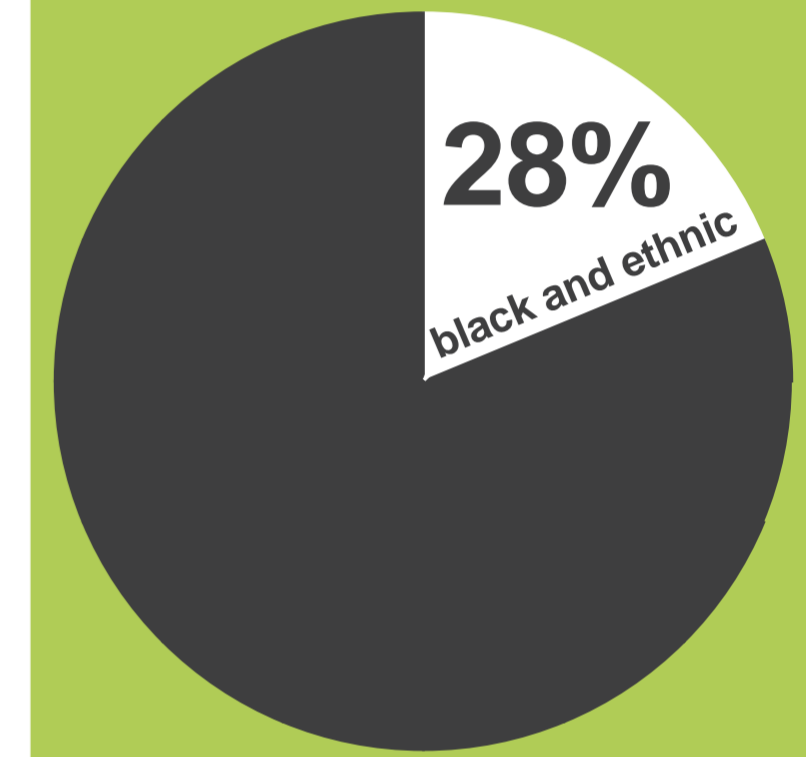


16,500

On top of this in 12 months there were 16,500 children in England who were at high risk of child sexual exploitation – the equivalent of 20 medium sized secondary schools.<sup>1</sup>



21 per cent of victims were living in care. The majority of children that have suffered sexual exploitation do not live in care.<sup>2</sup>



28 per cent of victims reported to the Inquiry were from black and ethnic minority backgrounds.<sup>3</sup>

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION  
**THE FACTS**

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Sexually-exploited children and young people range in age from 4 to 19 with a peak age of 15.<sup>4</sup>

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As with the victim data, individuals classified as 'White' form the largest group of perpetrators in both gangs and groups.<sup>5</sup>

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children can consent to their own abuse, even if they are 16 or 17 years old.<sup>6</sup>



1 in 10 young people accessing sexual exploitation services are male.<sup>7</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Office of Children's commissioner's interim report on child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups (CSEGG) (2012)  
<sup>2</sup> Of those submissions to the CSEGG Inquiry which specifically provided data on individual children's care status 21 per cent of children identified as being sexually exploited were in the care system.  
<sup>3</sup> Office of Children's commissioner's interim report on child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups (2012)  
<sup>4</sup> Identified by respondents to the call for evidence in the Office of Children's commissioner's interim report on child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups (2012).

<sup>5</sup> Office of Children's commissioner's interim report on child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups (2012)  
<sup>6</sup> Department for Children, Schools and Families (2009) Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation. DCSF, London.  
<sup>7</sup> Barnardo's Cutting them free: How is the UK progressing in protecting its children from sexual exploitation? 2012