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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI803482386**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children identified as victims of, or at risk of, exploitation .

You have requested the following information:

This request relates to data held by the local authority concerning children known to children's services who have been identified as victims of, or at risk of, criminal exploitation and/or sexual exploitation, including where exploitation is linked to organised criminal groups, county lines, or gangs, where recorded.

For the purposes of this request, please interpret "child" as anyone under the age of 18.

1) Children identified as at risk of or victims of exploitation

For each of the following categories, please provide the number of individual children recorded in each financial year:

- **Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**
- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**
- **Both CCE and CSE**

Please provide this data for each of the following financial years:

- **2019/20**
- **2020/21**
- **2021/22**
- **2022/23**

- 2023/24
- 2024/25
- 2025/26

If your authority uses a different reporting period (calendar year, quarterly etc.), please provide the closest equivalent.

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Data from 1st April 2025 to 10th March 2026. CEX is Child Criminal Exploitation

Row Labels	Number of Children
CEX	199
CSE	84
CSE/CEX	63
Grand Total	346

2) Exploitation flags, categories, or indicators used

Please confirm whether your children's services case management system contains any of the following structured fields/flags (tick yes/no and provide field names if possible):

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) flag/marker -Marker case status
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) flag/marker -Marker case status
- Modern slavery / trafficking flag -No
- County Lines flag -No
- Gang association flag -No
- Organised crime group (OCG) involvement flag -No
- Missing episodes linked to exploitation marker -No
- “Contextual safeguarding” indicator -No
- Exploitation risk assessment score/level (e.g. low/medium/high) -Yes

If yes, please provide the names of the relevant fields/categories as they appear in your system.

CEHigh	Child Criminal Exploitation – High Risk
CELow	Child Criminal Exploitation – Low Risk
CEMed	Child Criminal Exploitation – Medium Risk
CSEHigh	Child Sexual Exploitation – High Risk
CSELow	Child Sexual Exploitation – Low Risk
CSEMed	Child Sexual Exploitation – Medium Risk

3) Gang / organised crime involvement

Where recorded, for each year listed above, please provide the number of children identified as:

- Exploited by or associated with a gang
- Exploited by or associated with an organised criminal group (OCG)

- **Exploited through county lines activity**

If you do not record this information in a structured way, please state this.

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not recorded in a reportable format and would require a manual trawl which would exceed 18 hours work by an officer. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

4) Location / context of exploitation

If your records contain structured data on the setting/context of exploitation, please provide the number of children (per year) where exploitation was recorded as occurring in any of the following contexts:

- **Online exploitation**
- **Exploitation in public places (parks, streets, shopping areas etc.)**
- **Exploitation in private addresses (including “trap houses”)**
- **Hotel / temporary accommodation exploitation**
- **School-related exploitation / PRU**
- **Care placement-related exploitation (including residential care)**

If your authority uses different categories, please provide your closest equivalents.

See response to Question 3 (s12 FOIA).

5) Gender breakdown (if available)

For each year above, please provide a breakdown (for CCE, CSE, and both) by:

- **Sex or gender (as recorded)**

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Number of Children	Sex		
Row Labels	a) Male	b) Female	Grand Total
CEX	182	17	199
CSE	7	77	84
CSE/CEX	16	47	63
Grand Total	205	141	346

6) Age breakdown (if available)

Age group (e.g. under 10 / 10–12 / 13–15 / 16–17, or your nearest available)

If this would risk identifying individuals due to small numbers, please redact or suppress small number categories and provide the remaining totals.

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Number of Children Age Group as at 1st April

Number of Children	Age Group as at 1 st April				Grand Total
	Under 10	10-12	13-15	16-17	
Row Labels	Under 10	10-12	13-15	16-17	Total
CEX	C	20	93	83	199
CSE	C	12	40	28	84
CSE/CEX	C	16	36	10	63
Grand Total	8	48	169	121	346

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Yours faithfully

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