

WESTMINSTER BRIEFING CONFRONTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE: REDUCING OFFENDING AND SUPPORTING VICTIMS

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EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- Rape and sexual assault: building evidence, listening to survivors, and repairing the harm
- Update on the national picture of historic sex crimes

RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT: BUILDING EVIDENCE

- Evidence Based Practices
 - Combatting Sexual Violence
 - Education – individual, community, society
 - CDC – Safe Dates, Shifting Boundaries, RealConsent
 - Victim or Offender
 - Physical Evidence
 - Persistence, Distribution, Transfer
 - Adherence to SOP
 - Witness Evidence
 - Court Proceedings



even water? · When did you drink? · How much did you drink? · What container did you drink out of? · Who gave you the drink? · How much do you usually drink? · Who dropped you off at this party? · At what time? · But where exactly? · What were you wearing? · Why were you going to this party? · What'd you do when you got there? · Are you sure you did that? · But what time did you do that? · What does this text mean? · Who were you texting? · When did you urinate? · Where did you urinate? · With whom did you urinate outside? · Was your phone on silent when your sister called? · Do you remember silencing it? · Really because on page 53 I'd like to point out that you said it was set to ring. · Did you drink in college? · You said you were a party animal? · How many times did you black out? · Did you party at frats? · Are you serious with your boyfriend? · Are you sexually active with him? · When did you start dating? · Would you ever cheat? · Do you have a history of cheating? · What do you

RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT: LISTENING TO SURVIVORS

- Control
- Confidence
- Guilt
- Label
 - Victim, Survivor, Complainant, Client, Patient
- Knowledge
 - Self-referral
 - Police Priorities
 - Media



RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT: REPAIRING THE HARM

- Education - consent
- Organisation & Systematic failings
 - Proactive approach
 - Timely response
- Clear 'victim' journey
 - Where to go, What happens next
- Ensuring 'individual' approach
 - Reporting
 - Support Requirements
- Resource Support
- Networks

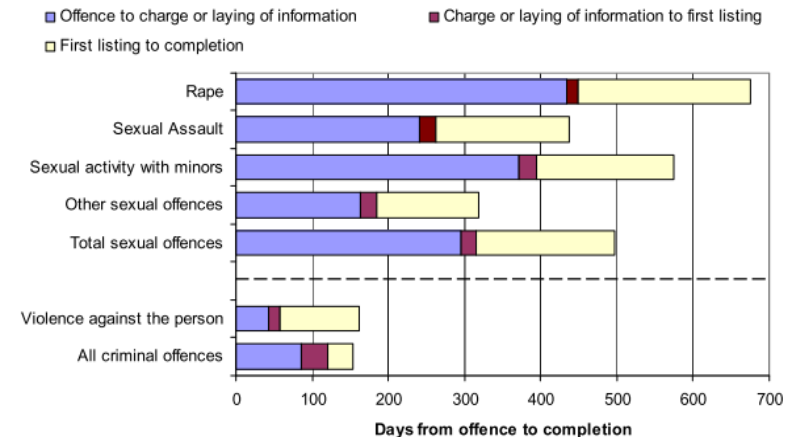
Social media-related crime reports up 780% in four years

Police figures show there were 4,908 reports in which Facebook and Twitter were a factor, compared with 556 in 2008

Social Media Makes Teen Rape More Traumatic Than Ever

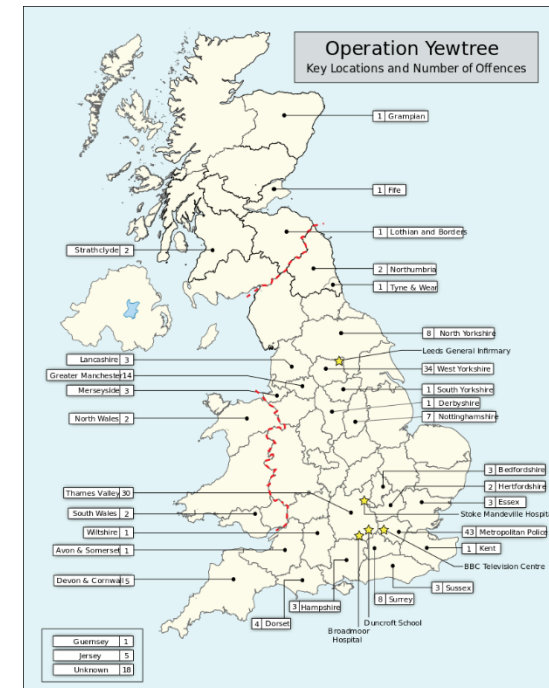
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Two teenage girls killed themselves this month after photos of their alleged sexual abuse were posted online.



HISTORIC SEX CRIMES

- National Picture:
 - Operation Clover
 - 2014 Jay Report
 - IPCC – Officer Conduct, Failings, Recommendations
 - NCA Enquiry – Operation Stovewood
 - Race, Class, Gender
 - Operation Yew Tree 2012
 - NSPCC and Metropolitan Police Report 2013
 - Operation Hydrant 2014
 - National Policing response, oversight & co-ordination



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA)

- July 2014 - Not seeking civil or criminal liability
- Issues:
 - Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, July 2014
 - Lord Mayor of London Fiona Woolf, Sept 2014
 - Dame Lowell Goddard, Feb 2015 - Aug 2016
 - Professor Alexis Jay

 - Resignation of other counsel members
 - Nov 2016 Shirley Oaks Survivors Association

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA)

- 13 Investigations:
 - Accountability and Reparations
 - Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale
 - Children in Custodial Institutions
 - Children outside the UK
 - Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks
 - Lambeth Council
 - Lord Janner
 - Nottinghamshire Councils
 - Residential Schools
 - The Anglican Church
 - The Internet
 - The Roman Catholic Church
 - Westminster

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA)

- 2016-17 Report:
 - Independent
 - Transparency
 - Lack of clarity on Inquiry's main focus:
 - Inspectorate-style assessments of current safeguarding
 - Judicial-style investigation into specific cases
 - Both
 - Inappropriate institutional Response
 - The Truth Project

USEFUL RESOURCES

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- CDC, 2016. STOP SV: A Technical Package to Prevent Sexual Violence.
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- Burrowes, N., 2014. *The courage to be me*. NB Research Ltd.
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USEFUL RESOURCES

- IICSA Website
 - <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>
 - Research Seminars
- Home Affairs Committee Reports
 - <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry9/>
- NPCC
 - Operation Hydrant
 - <http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/OtherWorkAreas/OpHydrant/OperationHydrant.aspx>

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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