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By email

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your question at our council meeting last week. I said that I would provide the statistics I quoted in my answer to you in writing.

What we are able to record and report is the number of children who are supported by social care or early help services, where any risk at all of child sexual exploitation is recorded within their file. This does not suggest that every child has been a victim of sexual abuse, but that their vulnerability to it has been identified.

For each of the years referenced since the publication of the Jay Report, the number of children identified as such is:

Year	No. of New Cases
2014	3
2015	123
2016	93
2017	126
2018	117
2019	68
2020	106
Total	636

Since the council introduced its current risk assessment profile in 2016, about half of the cases have been identified as being “low risk”, with 16% being seen as the highest risk. At the lowest end of the scale, the assessment suggests that the appropriate support and mitigation is in place to prevent harm from occurring, whereas at the top of the scale professionals would be seeking to take urgent action to prevent imminent harm.

As I mentioned, the verbal feedback we have recently received from Ofsted following their focused inspection was supportive of the risk assessments approach.

The overwhelming majority of the children included in these statistics would not have featured in the Jay Report, most of these were adults when the report was produced. However, our post-abuse support services between July 2016 and September 2020 supported 971 individual survivors of CSE, many of whom would have suffered their abuse during the period covered by Professor Jay's report.

I hope this is helpful.

With best wishes,



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