

# Contextual Safeguarding People Scrutiny

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## Definition

*A developing approach to safeguarding children at risk of extra-familial abuse, including child sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, trafficking, radicalisation, hate crime, bullying and online abuse.*

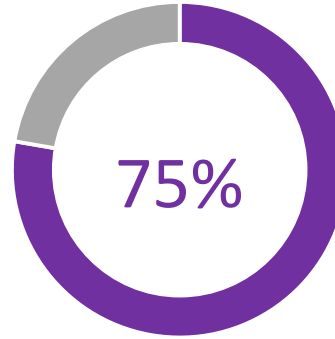
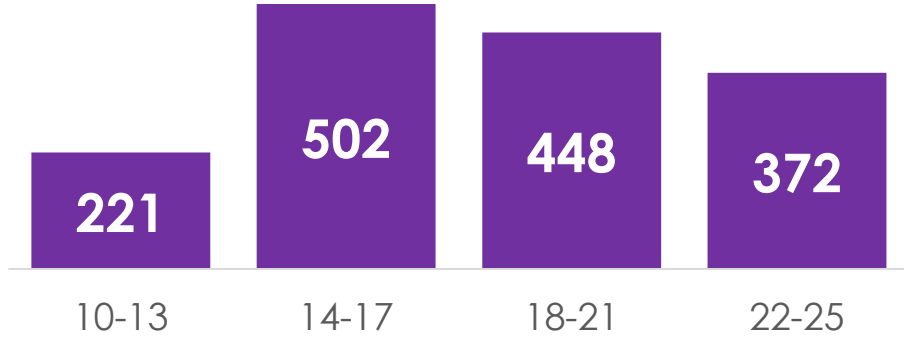
*Safeguarding includes peer groups, locations, neighbourhoods and school environments where harm happens rather than focussing on the individual in their family context.*

## Working nationally and with partners

- Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse – CSE strand
- Building on best practice and learning locally: Operation Brooke, Contextual Safeguarding Scale Up Projects with Bedfordshire University
- Safer Options developed as a response to Serious Youth Violence and Criminal Exploitation
- Operation Topaz: police led response to Child Sexual Exploitation, expanding to include Criminal Exploitation

# Offender Demographics

## Age Breakdown



Male

## Offence type (past 12 months)

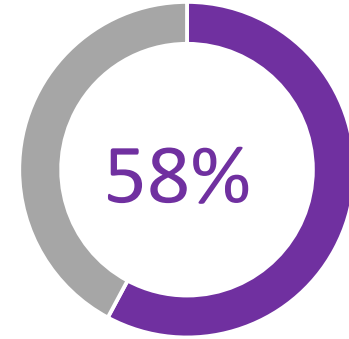
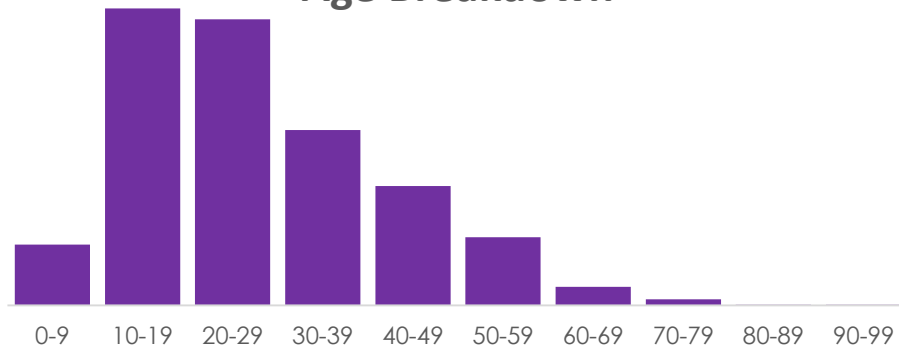
- Violence Without Injury (+14%)
- Robbery Personal Property (+28%)

## Ethnicity



# Victim Demographics

## Age Breakdown



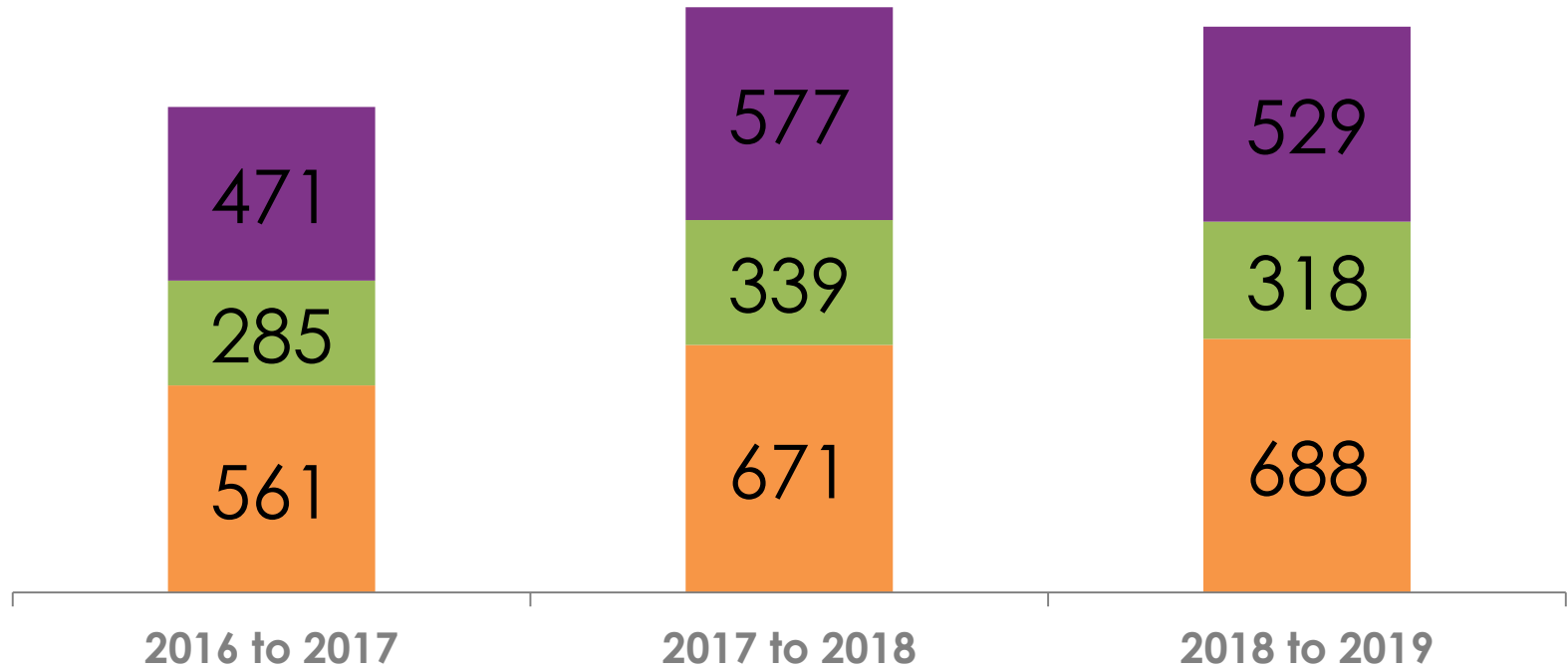
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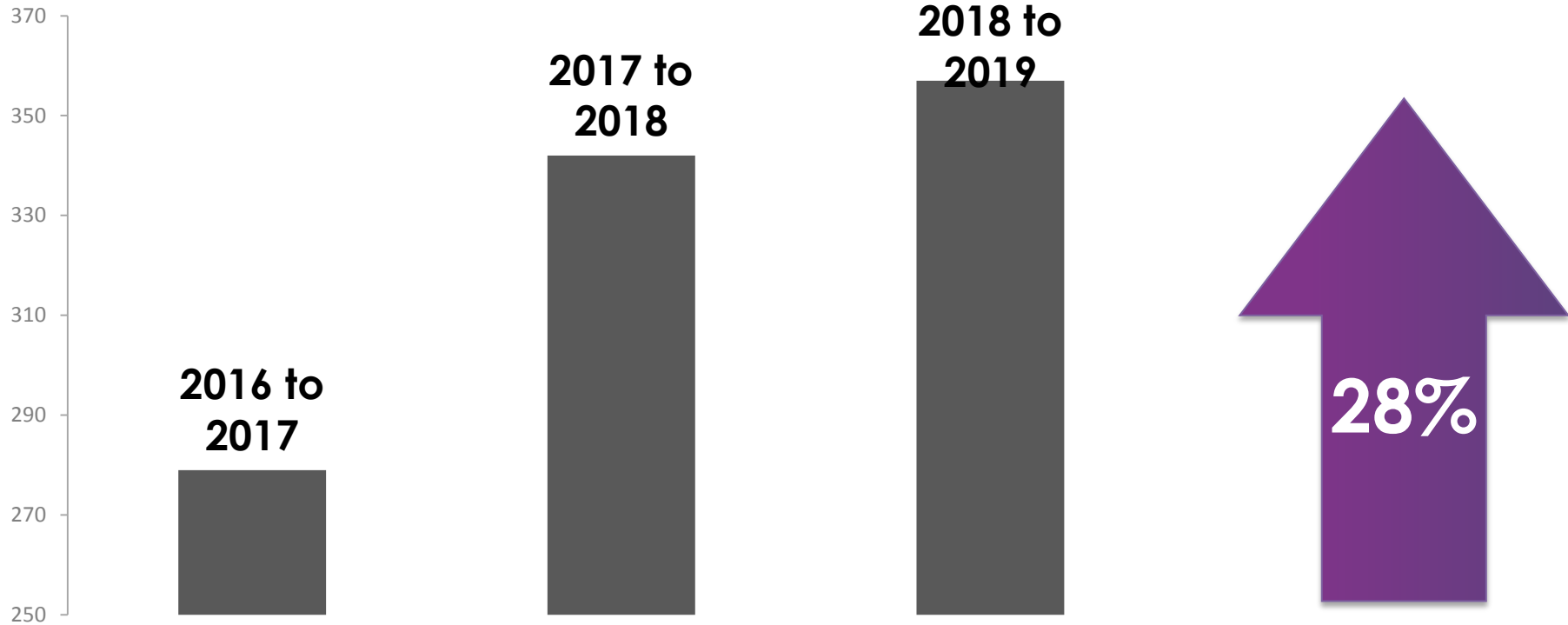


# Local Police Area Breakdown


East & Central North South



# Weapon Tagged Offences



# Analysis of 120 young offenders social factors



| Indicator             | Individual | Families |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| Crime                 | 100%       | 85%      |
| School attendance     | 74%        | 79%      |
| Children needing help | 87%        | 83%      |
| Financial exclusion   | 50%        | 73%      |
| Domestic abuse        | 32%        | 63%      |
| Health                | 38%        | 58%      |

## Early messages from the community

Understanding &  
breaking the cycle  
of low  
expectations/  
education

Young people  
need  
Someone to talk  
to in the  
community for  
advice

More work with  
community,  
families and non-  
statutory groups to  
identify those  
genuinely in need  
of intervention

Investment in  
the community

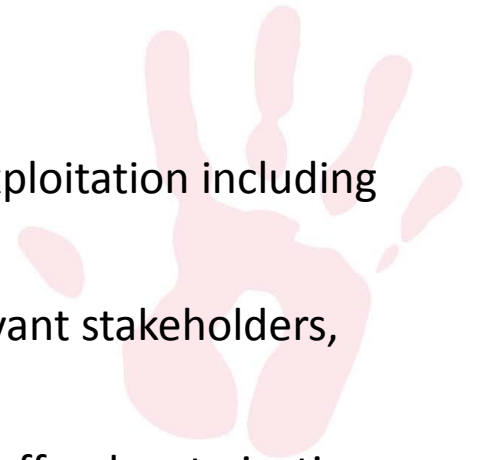
We need more  
Male role  
models

More focus  
on early  
intervention



## Aims – Safer Options Team Development

- To ensure a comprehensive understanding of child criminal exploitation including who is involved and where it is taking place.
- To gather intelligence about serious youth crime from all relevant stakeholders, including the community.
- To take a partnership approach to disrupting crime and bring offenders to justice.
- To protect vulnerable people from knife crime.
- To engage all our communities in playing a more active role
- To raise awareness with the public and all relevant professionals.
- To work with all relevant stakeholders including the private sector.
- To support the development of appropriate rehabilitative interventions.



# Our approach – to be developed

**ECHO Emerging cohort professional judgement**

**Known social issues think family database**

**Predictive analytics risk and vulnerability indicators**

Identification of 'At risk' cohort

Proactive Response

## Family

- Proactive engagement
- Lead professional
- Whole family working
- Team around family multi-agency
- Trauma recovery approach
- Individualised family outcome plan

## Agency/Vol sector

- Focus on education offer
- Coordinated response
- Build diversionary capacity
- Support community response
- Police enforcement/intelligence/disruption

## Community

- Community leaders and elder led response
- Community led mentoring
- Positive support to families
- Diversion and engagement activities
- Identified role models

## To date:

- 182 interventions with 107 children across the city.
- 207 children have been discussed to ensure adequate support in place
- Joining up intelligence across Council/Police systems:
  - 64 most vulnerable
  - 38 in vulnerable cohort
  - 93 cause for concern
- Supporting existing networks and delivering enhancements where required:
  - 7 community mentors and 16 young people matched (3 more completing their training)
  - working with educational providers to ensure appropriate education provision
  - Joint work with voluntary sector organisations
  - Preparation for mentoring and support to engage - 8 young people. 3 more mentors are completing their training and will soon be working with young people
  - Targeted group work sessions, including work with the 24's (gang), a young women's group and a GRT group



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# Operation Topaz – Andri Nicolaou A&S Police

- **Intelligence and data led**
  - **Disruption of perpetrators**
  - **Support to victims**
  - **Recognised as innovative model of best practice (National Working Group 2018)**
  - **Outreach work – Prevention and Coordination Officer**
    - Proactively seeking out “hidden” victims, building relationships and trust with professionals and with children, gaining intelligence and submitting intelligence reports, raising awareness and providing training.
    - Targeting the kinds of groups, institutions and locations where victimisation is most likely to be occurring, or where professionals are well placed to identify children at risk and victims.
    - Door to door awareness about Child Exploitation
    - Delivering formal training and awareness raising to help equip professionals to recognise the risks and warning signs, and to report their concerns.
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# Operation Topaz – Andri Nicolaou A&S Police

- **Outreach work – Prevention and Coordination**
    - 1 January 2019 to 4 September 2019:
      - training for 210 non-police professionals in Bristol
      - awareness raising for in excess of 500 night-time economy workers and establishment owners in the City
      - awareness raising for 628 school students in Bristol.
    - 2018:
      - training and awareness in Bristol for schools safeguarding leads; staff at a residential home for adolescent boys; staff at a community residential resource and activity centre; staff at a specialist gangs and youth violence unit, CSE and CCE services in Bristol; as well as night time economy workers in pubs and clubs.
      - Noted challenge of engaging independent children’s homes providers.
  - Working across city boundaries and into the wider Force Area
  - Forthcoming events with Health and working with specific BAME groups to raise awareness of Child Exploitation.
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