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Online Users of Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM)

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BACKGROUND

ACRONYMS: CSEM – Child Sexual Exploitation Material, (colloquially referred to as “child pornography”); CSO – Contact Sexual Offending against a child.

50,000

approximate number of individuals (UK) involved in the downloading and sharing of CSEM CEOP¹

68,092

reports confirmed as child sexual abuse URLs: 118% increase on 2014 IWF²

“We cannot arrest our way out of this problem”

Are users of CSEM likely to “cross-over”?

2% went on to commit CSO; follow-up period <6 years (n = 2630)³

What are the types of individuals engaging in offences relating to CSEM?⁴

CONTACT DRIVEN

SUBSTITUTE, OR PART OF, CSO

SIMILAR PROFILE TO CSO

HIGHER RISK OF CSO

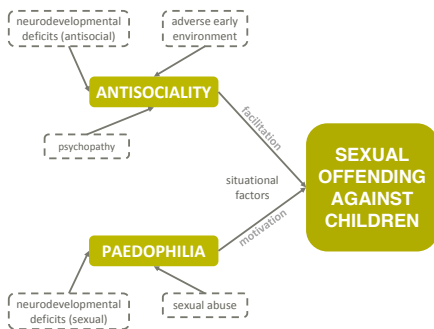
FANTASY DRIVEN

CONFINED TO ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

TO EXPLORE FANTASY, OR ENJOYMENT OF COLLECTING

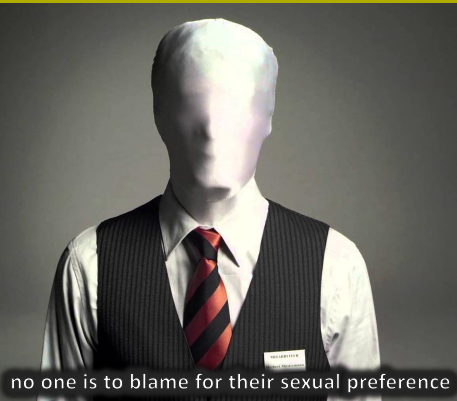
LOW RISK OF CSO

How do we explain this type of offending?



Motivation-Facilitation (M-F) Model⁵

PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

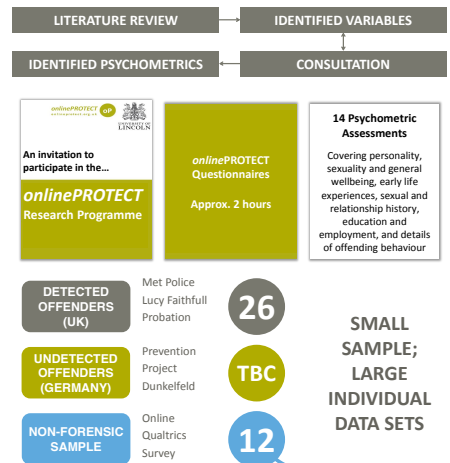


no one is to blame for their sexual preference

RESEARCH AIMS

- Provide first direct **comparison of detected and undetected offenders**
- Identify **differences between contact-driven and fantasy-driven offending**
- Part of the first **empirical validation (and expansion) of the M-F Model**
- To inform the development of **prevention strategies** targeted at these groups
- Provide empirically derived **suggestions for treatment programmes**

METHOD



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TBC

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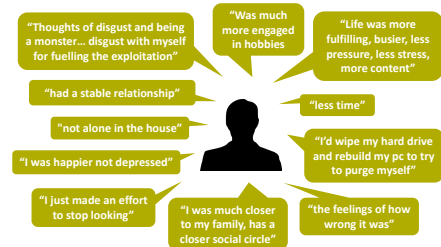
SMALL SAMPLE; LARGE INDIVIDUAL DATA SETS

FINDINGS

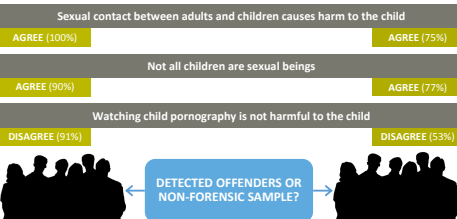
Why did you access CSEM?



So, why did you stop?



Children, Internet, & Sex Cognitions⁶



An invitation to participate...

WE NEED YOU!

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Are you male?
Aged 25-60 years?

We are currently seeking volunteers to take part in an online survey looking at uses of the internet for sexual purposes.

For further information, and to take part, please visit the following link:

<http://bit.ly/1UgRd5U>



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