



RISE CSE TEAM

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE NSCB
CSE and MISSING SUB GROUP

SEPTEMBER 2016

RISE

RISE is Northamptonshire's dedicated multi agency team tackling Child Sexual Exploitation. It comprises staff from Police, Safeguarding and Children's Services, CAN (3rd sector drug, alcohol and homeless service), and Health.

Remit

The following report details the work of CSE/RISE during the month of September 2016 with specific information in relation to the following:

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Referrals received into RISE

Total no. of Referrals received for September 2016 = 13 *			
Accepted	Declined	Cases pending allocation	Current no. of Open Cases to RISE Team (includes any referrals pending allocation)
4	7	0	51

* This figure includes 2 referrals received but the young people live out of county so not discussed at new referrals meeting.

Analysis of referrals received into RISE

Date	Gender	Age	Referrer	Referrer Score	Multi-Agency Score *	Outcome
06.09.16	F	16	NCC Childrens Services, First Response Team 3	43	35	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.
13.09.16	F	13	NCC Childrens Services, LAC South	29	29	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.
13.09.16	F	17	NCC Childrens Services, UASC Team	30	30	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.
13.09.16	F	13	NCC Childrens Services, First Response Team 3	42	42	Accepted
20.09.16	M	17	NCC Childrens Services, Disabled Children's Team	26	-	Young person out of County referral received but not considered as not met threshold.
27.09.16	F	14	NCC Childrens Services, Safeguarding and Care Planning North 4	34.5	31	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.
27.09.16	M	15	NCC Childrens Services, First Response Team 2	42	37	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.
27.09.16	F	15	NCC Childrens Services, Initial Response Team 3	47	47	Accepted
27.09.16	F	17	Police Safer Community Team, Rushden	25	25	Declined – below the RISE threshold.
27.09.16	F	16	LAC North	20	20	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.
27.09.16	F	12	NCC Childrens Services, Safeguarding and Care Planning North 2	43	43	Accepted
04.10.16 +	F	15	Buckby House Care Home	39	39	Accepted
04.10.16 +	F	15	NCC Childrens Services, First Response Team 3	36	36	Declined – Limited evidence of CSE.

+ Please note above 2 referrals received into RISE in September 2016, but not discussed until new referrals meeting on 04.10.2016.

* The score relates to the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children's board CSE risk assessment. Completion of the CSE risk assessment is required in order to make a referral to the RISE team. A score of 38 and above indicates a high risk of CSE, which is the general threshold for acceptance into RISE. The RISE management team exercise professional judgment though when reaching a decision and hold a weekly referral meeting, which includes a representative from Education and the Youth Offending Service in addition to the RISE partners of Children's Services, Health, Police and CAN (a third sector organisation).

Open Cases

G e n d e r	A g e	Town	Education Establishment	Team	Legal Status	Date Accepted	Missing/ Absent episodes 01.09.16 to 30.09.16
F	14	Towcester	NK	Norfolk Social Care		06/09/2016	2/7
F	16	Kettering	Southfield School for Girls	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 6	CP	15/03/2016	0/2
F	15	Northampton	The CE Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 1	CIN	06/09/2016	0/0
F	15	Rushden	Rushden Community College	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 7	CP	18/06/2015	0/2
F	13	Kettering	Progress School	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 4	CIN	24/05/2016	0/0
F	15	Northampton	Northampton College	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 3	ICO	09/08/2016	0/0
F	17	Daventry	UTC Daventry	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 4	S20	09/08/2016	0/0
F	15	Brackley	Silverstone UTC	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 8	LAC	26/07/2016	0/0
F	14	Peterborough	The CE Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 7	CIN	02/08/2016	0/0
F	13	Kettering	Overstone Park School	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 5	CIN	31/05/2016	0/1
F	15	Northampton	College	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 1	CIN	12/07/2016	0/0
F	15	Northampton	NEET	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 1	CIN	12/04/2016	0/0
F	17	Northampton	NEET	LAC South	S20	05/07/2016	0/0
F	17	Northampton	N/K	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 3	CIN	22/12/2015	0/0
F	14	Wisbech	Virtual School for Looked After Children	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 8	S20	05/01/2016	0/3
F	14	Northampton	Thomas Beckett Catholic School	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 5	CIN	05/07/2016	2/0
F	17	Corby	NEET	LAC North	S20	24/08/2016	0/0
F	14	Kettering	Buccleuch Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 1	CP	16/02/2016	0/0
F	15	Market Harborough	Campion School	LAC South	S31	22/12/2015	0/0
F	14	Rushden	Northampton School for Girls	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 6	S20	19/01/2016	1/0
F	15	Wellingborough	Bishop Stopford School	LAC South	S31	19/07/2016	0/0
F	14	Wellingborough	Wollaston School	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 7	CIN	24/05/2016	0/0
F	16	Towcester	Sponne School	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 7	CIN	10/05/2016	0/0
F	12	Northampton	Northampton School for Girls	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 3	CIN	24/08/2016	0/0
F	13	Corby	Kingswood Secondary Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 2	CP	05/01/2016	0/0
F	15	Kettering	Kettering Science Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 2	CP	26/04/2016	0/0
F	15	Northampton	Northampton Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 6	CIN	09/08/2016	1/0

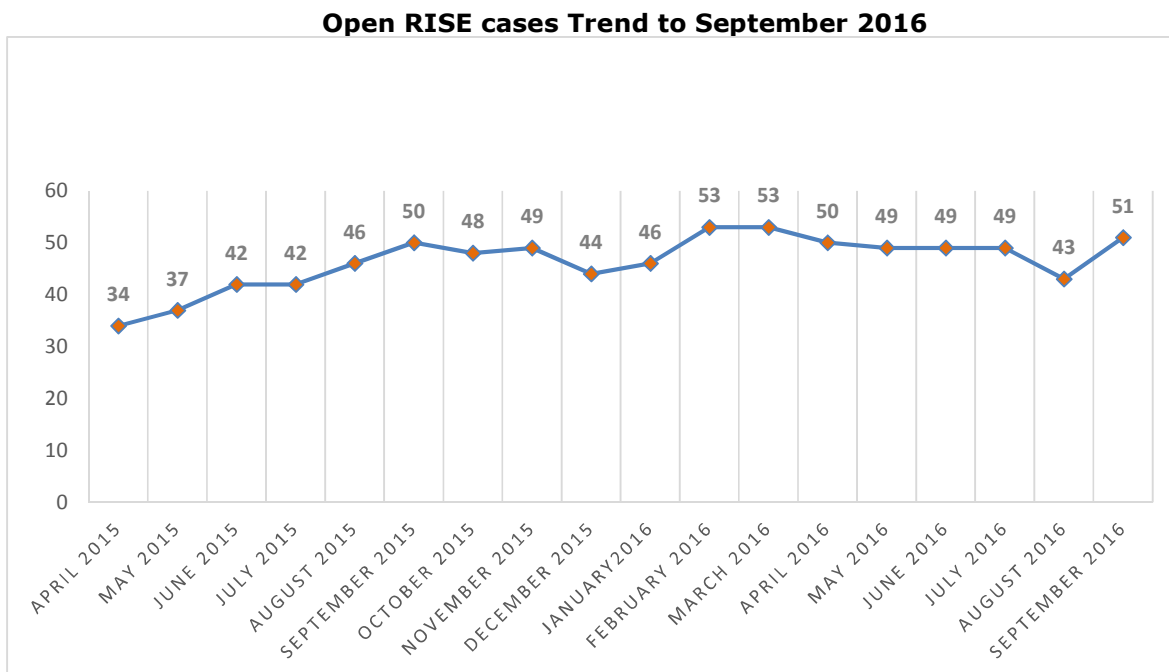
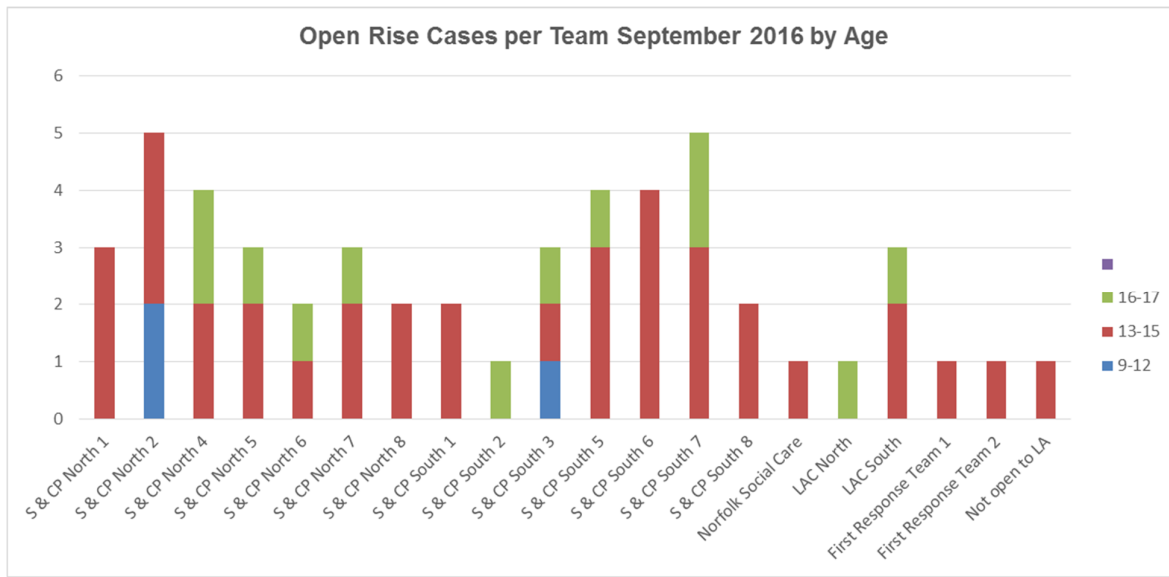
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F	13	Corby	Northampton Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 5	S20	16/08/2016	1/1
F	14	Corby	Corby Business Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 6	CIN	10/12/2015	1/1
F	16	Kettering	College	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 7	CIN	10/05/2016	1/0
F	15	Corby	Corby Technical School	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 4	CIN	28/06/2016	1/0
F	13	Rushden	Rushden Community College	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 1	CIN	21/06/2016	0/0
F	13	Northampton	Caroline Chisholm School	None	Closed	17/07/2015	0/0
F	15	Northampton	Weston Favell Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 5	CP	28/06/2016	0/0
F	15	Daventry	Not listed	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 7	CIN	26/11/2015	0/0
F	15	Northampton	Northampton School for Girls	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 6	CIN	23/02/2016	0/0
F	14	Northampton	Northampton Academy	First Response Team 1	CIN	09/08/2016	1/0
F	15	Rushden	Kettering Science Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 8	CIN	09/08/2016	0/0
F	16	Rushden	Northampton College	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 5	CIN	26/01/2016	0/0
M	16	Rushden	Northampton College	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 2	CP	03/05/2016	0/0
F	13	Corby	Kingswood Secondary Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 5	CIN	13/09/2016	0/0
F	14	Corby	Corby Technical School	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 7	CIN	17/05/2016	0/0
F	14	Wellingborough	Fairlawn School	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 2	ICO	27/07/2015	0/0
F	16	Daventry	Danetre School	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 7	CIN	09/08/2016	0/0
F	12	Kettering	Elective Home Education	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 2	CP	23/03/2016	0/3
F	17	Wellingborough	Tresham Institute	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 4	CP	26/07/2016	0/1
F	16	Northampton	Moulton College	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 5	CIN	12/01/2016	0/0
F	12	Wellingborough	Weavers Academy	Safeguarding & Care Planning North 2	CIN	27/09/2016	0/0
F	15	Milton Keynes	Not listed	Safeguarding & Care Planning South 8	CIN	27/09/2016	0/0
M	15	Northampton	Daventry UTC	First Response Team 2	CIN	27/09/2016	0/1

KEY:	
CP	SUBJECT TO CHILD PROTECTION PLAN
CIN	CHILD IN NEED PLAN
ICO	INTERIM CARE ORDER
S20	VOLUNTARY ACCOMMODATED
S31	CARE ORDER
LC	LEAVING CARE

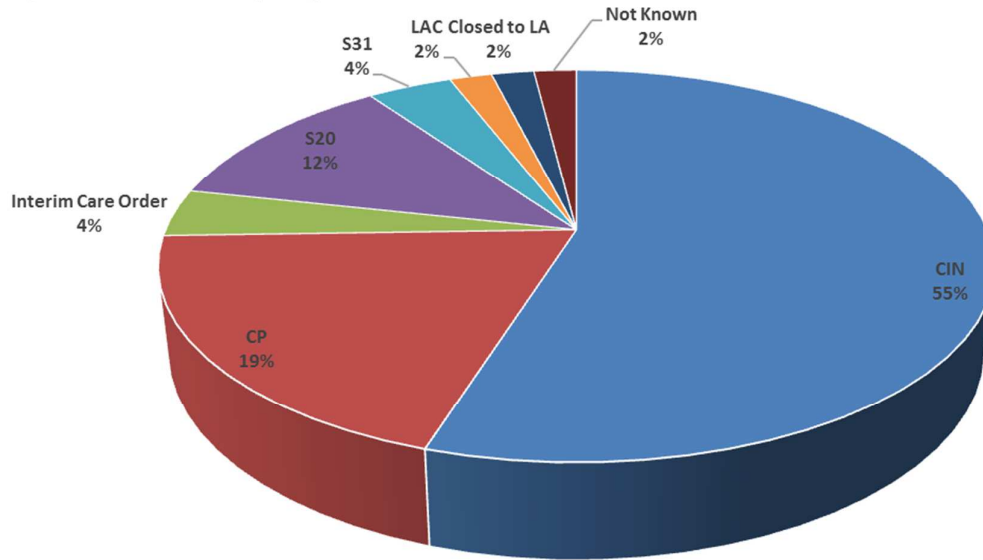
Multi Agency engagement meetings

Total number of engagement meetings with young people in September 2016			
1:1 meetings completed	1:1 meetings attempted	Professional meetings attended	Parent/Carer meetings attended
91	36	23	2

Statistics



Open RISE Cases by Legal Status



Year to Date Statistics

2015/2016	Arrests (RISE Police)	Total new referrals received	Closed Cases	Open Cases to RISE Team	Engagement meetings
April	4	12	9	34	-
May	6	14	3	37	63
June	8	19	9	42	100
July	5	18	4	42	68
August	4	21	4	46	77
September	4	15	5	50	79
October	5	20	6	49	94
November	2	25	3	44	101
December	3	20	7	48	58
January	4	21	5	49	73
February	3	23	2	53	91
March	5	21	6	53	86
April	3	12	3	50	118
May	7	19	6	49	105
June	8	10	6	49	109
July	4	13	5	49	106
August	6	15	12	45	90
September	11	13	0	51	91

Missing Children in Northamptonshire Statistics

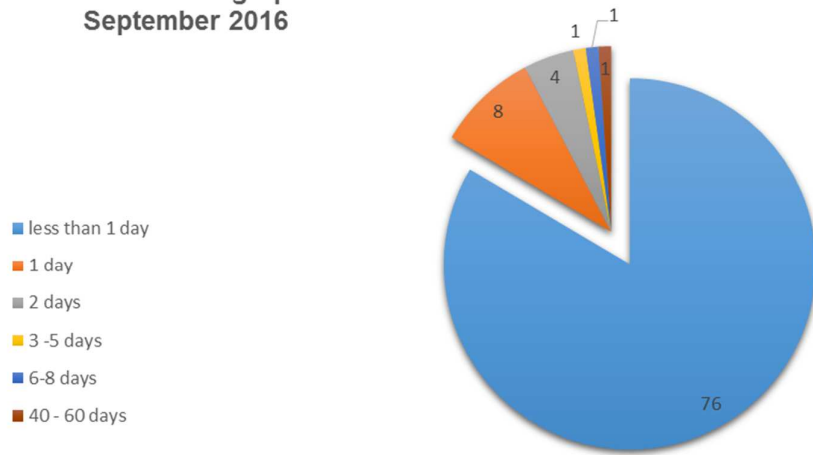
2015/2016	Total No. of Missing/ Absent Incidents	No. of Absent Incidents	No. of Missing Incidents	Return Interviews Completed	Return Interviews Completed within 72 hrs	% Completed within 72 hrs
April	160	119	41	33	16	55.00
May	144	106	38	34	16	68.18
June	178	123	55	48	32	74.29
July	176	98	78	69	47	68.10
August	139	64	75	43	28	65.11
September	168	64	104	64	50	78.19
October	162	71	91	48	34	70.80
November	144	53	86	38	27	71.10
December	127	70	57	33	17	51.50
January	165	51	114	53	36	67.90
February	180	58	122	45	34	75.60
March	174	67	107	46	37	80.04
April	145	55	90	50	42	84.00

Please note that missing figures are now calculated differently due to more accurate reporting.

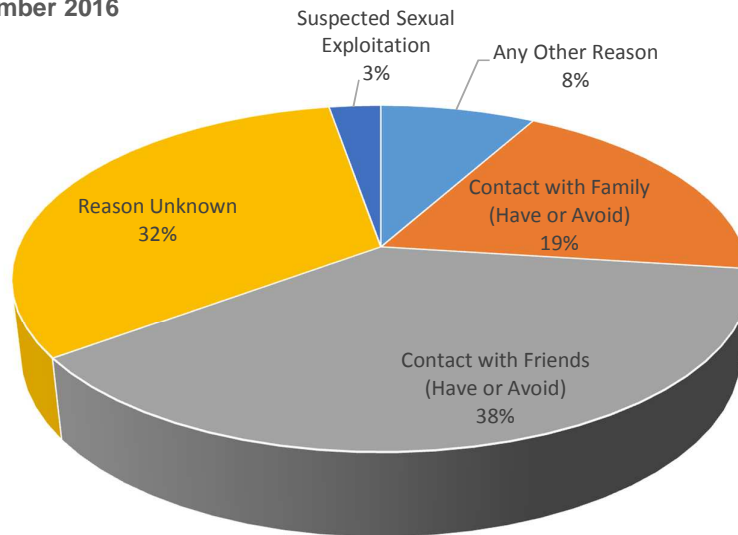
2016	Total No. of Missing/ Absent Incidents	No. of Absent Incidents	No. of Missing Incidents	IRI's assigned	IRI's engaged with and completed	IRI's successfully completed within 72 hrs	% of completed IRI's conducted within 72 hrs	% of assigned IRI's completed within 72 hrs
May	195	72	123	113	84	58	69.00	51.00
June	187	94	93	83	55	38	69.10	45.70
July	157	49	108	93	60	52	86.06	55.90
August	168	64	103	88	56	47	83.93	53.40
September	198	94	104	87	62	44	71.00	50.57

Analysis of Missing Data September 2016 with a Specific Focus on Looked After Children

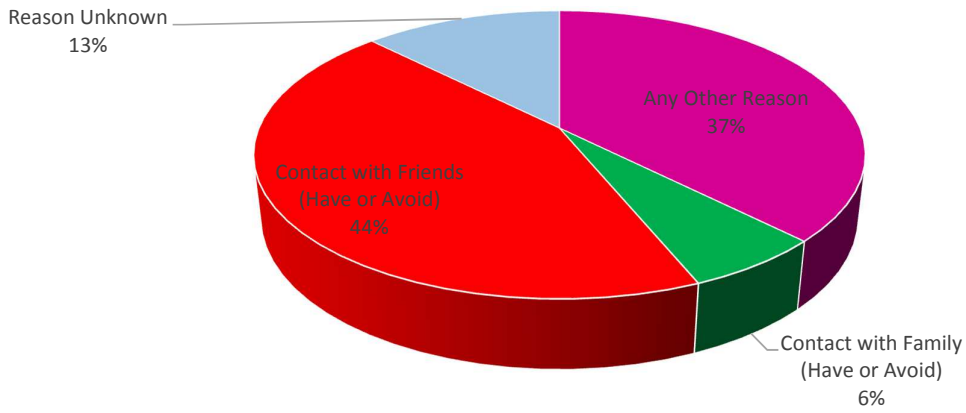
**Duration of Missing Episodes
September 2016**



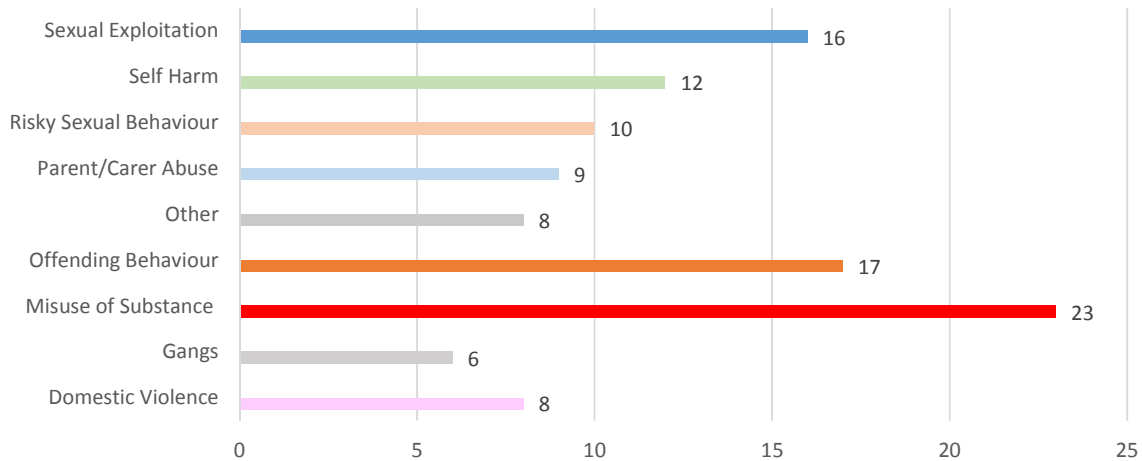
**Non Looked After Children
Most Prominent Reason for Missing Episodes
September 2016**



**Looked After Children (LAC)
Most Prominent Reason for Missing Episodes
September 2016**



Risks Identified through Independent Return Interviews



Arrests/Interviews

Date	Suspect	Offence	OIC	Outcome
09/09/16	1	Inciting a child to commit sexual activity	DC Kate Robinson	Bailed
09/09/16	2	Child Abduction	PC Steve Knight	Charged and remanded
16/09/16	3	Sexual activity with child	PC Mark Abbott	Bailed
16/09/16	4	Inciting a child to commit sexual activity	DC Kate Robinson	Bailed
Various dates	5	7 x arrests for Operation Hames (4 of the arrests took place in August 2016). This is an investigation into the circumstances surrounding a 15 year old missing school child from Kettering area.	DC Sam Kelley	5 x NFA 2 remain on Police bail
16/09/16	6	Sexual assault of a child	DC Ollie McNally (MOSOVO)	Reg. sex offender Charged and remanded
23/09/16	7	Rape of a child, and administering substance	DC Ruth Banyard	Bailed
28/09/16	8	Possession of Indecent Images Of Children	DC Kate Robinson	Bailed
30/09/16	9	Sexual assault	DC Kate Robinson	Bailed

Strategy Meetings and Achieving Best Evidence Interviews attended

Police Officer	Strat Meetings attended	ABE Interviews/ Assessments completed
PC Louisa Dyer	0	0
PC Mark Abbott	0	0
DS Helena Congreve	0	0
DC Ruth Banyard	4	1
DC Kate Robinson	0	1
DI Richard Tompkins	2	0
PC Kate Smith/PC Steve Knight	1	0

Investigations of Note

On 09th September a 22 year old male from Corby was re-arrested in relation to suspected child abduction and his exploitation of a 15 year old female. The arrest was necessitated by information suggesting the perpetrator was continuing a sexual relationship with the victim including spending time with her during a missing episode. This was despite police bail conditions and a Child Abduction notice being issued to him. The male was charged with 4 counts of sexual activity against the victim. Information had also emerged that the same male had sexually offended against another 13 year old female in the area and he was also charged with this. The male was remanded in custody and is to re-appear at Northampton Crown Court on 11th October 2016. Both victims are now being supported by RISE engagement work.

Following disclosures by a 13 year old female open to the RISE team two males have been arrested in unrelated incidents within East Northants. A 19 year old male was interviewed on 09th September in relation to suspected sexual activity (his second arrest relating to this child) and an 18 year old male was arrested by the same RISE officer a week later following on suspicion of inciting a child to commit sexual activity. Both have both given conditional police bail.

A 23 year old male from the Daventry rural area was arrested for inciting a child under 16 to commit sexual activity. This followed a 15 year old female, open the RISE team, confirming she had had sent indecent images of herself having been requested to do so by the offender. The male has admitted the activity and a file is being prepared for the CPS, seeking authority to charge.

On 23rd September 2016 a 25 year old male from Corby was arrested on suspicion of rape, sexual activity with a child and administering a substance with intent to commit a sexual offence. This follows an investigation into events that occurred in Corby in June this year during a missing episode of a 15 year old female who is now engaged with the RISE team. The male has been given conditional police bail until 5th November 2016.

Following a protracted enquiry a RISE investigator arrested and interviewed a 30 year old male on the Isle of Wight on 30th September 2016, after the ship he had sailed within to the UK docked. The male was arrested on suspicion of the sexual touching of a 13 year old female, this offence having taken place 2 years ago on Tristan de Cunha, a small, isolated British Territorial island in the South Atlantic, some 5000 miles from the UK. The case is now being managed by a detective sergeant based in the South Atlantic territories who co-ordinated the arrest of an adult male on Tristan De Cunha at the same time. This followed a disclosure from a female formerly open to the RISE team. The suspects were bailed.

Proactive Safeguarding Team

RISE

The Proactive Safeguarding Team conducted enquiries into the continued contact between a 15 year old girl and a 19 year old male who had previously been served a CAWN and was also on Police bail with conditions preventing this contact. A statement was taken evidencing these breaches and the suspect was arrested on suspicion of Child Abduction.

The suspect admitted to being in a sexual relationship with this particular child but also admitted to engaging in sexual activity with a 13 year old girl and was therefore charged and subsequently remanded.

A male was arrested for causing/inciting a child into sexual activity who was already on Police bail for sexual offences relating to the same child who is an open case to RISE. A second male was also identified and arrested for Meeting a Child following Grooming in respect of this same child.

A vulnerable CSE victim placed within Northants from Norfolk began to cause concerns in relation to missing episodes and some proactive work is ongoing in respect of her phone which has been seized.

Concerns were identified regarding a group of girls who were repeatedly going missing together and one of them was the victim of sexual offences whilst they were attending a party in Northampton. The circumstance around these parties has been the subject of extensive enquiries to identify who is responsible for organising them and this work is still ongoing.

Two boys were visited in relation to concerns raised regarding their association with an older male however no disclosures were forthcoming from either child.

The Proactive Safeguarding Team have been completing enquiries into the circumstances of a 17 year old girl from Coventry travelling to Northampton to meet with a male she had met online. She is a looked after child from London and the work undertaken has resulted in her disclosing an offence of rape. This is currently being investigated jointly by the team and RISE.

A male was arrested for the rape of a child relating to a disclosure obtained following a missing episode. RISE is investigating this offence and support was provided by the Proactive Safeguarding Team in terms of the ABE, arrest, statements and subsequent interview. This male remains on Police pre charge bail.

A significant amount of time was taken up with a high profile missing person. The 15 year old was located on 9th September 2016, the team have retained ownership of the investigation that was generated throughout the period that she was missing.

The Police return home visit was conducted together with her Social Worker at her foster placement. Whilst the young person was engaging she refused to provide any information regarding whom she had associated with throughout this time stating that she had remained with the male she was found with for most of it and considered him to be her boyfriend. She did not make any disclosures of offences.

Throughout the investigation a total of seven people were arrested in relation to the contact they were known to have had with the young person during the time that she remained missing. Five of these have now been refused charge in relation to any offences and the remaining two are still due to answer bail. However in light of there being no disclosures from the young person it is unlikely that any charges will be made in relation to either.

As a direct result of the arrests extensive searches were completed at each address associated to those arrested and the process of returning or authorising the destruction of property seized is still ongoing.

The paperwork generated throughout the investigation is still being scheduled and filed appropriately so that all information generated is readily accessible for any future review or audit of this case.

Paedophile Online Investigation Team (POLIT)

Three warrants were executed in support of POLIT colleagues this month with arrests made at each and searches conducted of the associated premises.

Domestic Violence

One High Risk Domestic Violence victim was seen and her safety ensured but she declined any follow up contact from the Sunflower Centre.

Missing

The Proactive Safeguarding Team conducted enquiries into concerns that had been identified around a looked after child from Northants associating with males known to the Police during a missing episode from her placement out of county. Statements were obtained in support of issuing CAWN's to these associates. However whilst still trying to locate the missing person one of these males was seen driving a van and was circulated as wanted for an offence of burglary. This person was arrested as were other males two of which have subsequently been remanded into custody. CAWN's will be served on them upon release if still appropriate.

The team located another missing person with CSE concerns and Police protected her. A meeting was in progress with professionals and the child's mother and she was therefore taken to the meeting and left in the care of her mother.

POLIT (On Line CSE Team)

4 warrants executed

2 child protection referrals made

1 suspect arrested

The following people were convicted/sentenced:

- MALE – sentenced 23/09/16 for offences of: 1 x assault a girl under 13 by touching and 6 x making indecent images of children (IIOC). Received 8 years imprisonment and an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO). Sex Offender Register (SOR) for life.
- MALE – convicted and sentenced 07/09/16 for offences of: 3 x making IIOC and 1 x possession of an extreme pornographic image. Received 4 months imprisonment suspended for 24 months. 7 year SHPO. SOR 7 years.
- MALE – convicted 01/09/16 for offences of: 2 x making IIOC. Sentenced 22/09/16 to a 2 year community order and an indefinite SHPO. SOR for life.
- MALE – convicted 16/09/16 for offences of: 3 x making IIOC, 1 x distributing IIOC, 1 x possession of an extreme image, 1 x possession of a prohibited image and 1 x attempting to arrange or facilitate commission of a child sex offence. Remanded in custody pending sentence. He has been placed on the sex offender register however the length of time on the register will be determined by the sentence received.
- MALE – convicted 19/09/16 for offences of: 3 x making IIOC, 3 x distributing IIOC and 5 x possession of extreme pornographic images. Remanded in custody pending sentence. He has been placed on the sex offender register however the length of time on the register will be determined by the sentence received.

- MALE – convicted 15/09/16 for offences of: 1 x incite a female aged 13 to engage in sexual activity and 1 x possession of an extreme pornographic image. Remanded on bail pending sentence. He has been placed on the sex offender register however the length of time on the register will be determined by the sentence received.

POLIT are currently working with Cambs Police POLIT to try and identify 24 potential children that may have been a victim/witness of an adult male who has been on the ooVoo video chat and instant messaging application portraying himself to be a female aged between 12 -14 years old. He has been in a chat room of victims aged between 8-11 and uploaded a video of a male masturbating. He has also privately messaged an 8 year old female and tried to incite her into engaging in sexual activity online and made threats towards her if she did not comply. This investigation is ongoing and the POLIT teams from both forces are working together in order to put the appropriate safeguarding measures in place.

Further to August's report, POLIT is still working on the two protracted investigations as previously mentioned:

- The first is linked to a large scale paedophile ring which has now gone global; so far 3 suspects have been remanded in custody pending court appearances - two are in force and have been convicted and have been placed on the sex offender register, both awaiting sentence. The other suspect is out of force and is awaiting a court appearance. Enquiries ongoing which includes numerous secondary investigations.
- Another investigation surrounds fake social media accounts whereby an adult male has posed as a 14 year old female online and has incited young males into engaging in sexual activity online. This has identified possibly up to 75 victims and work is ongoing to try and identify the victims in order for safeguarding measures to be put in place.

Health

The Specialist Nurse in the RISE team has continued to liaise with health staff, update health records, and give advice and support to health staff working with vulnerable children/young people at risk of CSE.

The Specialist Nurse has met with one school nurse to provide safeguarding children supervision about sexual exploitation cases.

The first '*Midlands CSE Nurses Health Meeting*' took place at the RISE offices on 8th September – the purpose of this is for CSE Nurses in CSE teams within the West and East Midlands to meet up to share best practice and for peer support. This is being led by the Specialist Nurse in the RISE team.

This month, the CSE Nurse has met with RISE team engagement workers to discuss the health needs of each child/young person open to the team.

The Specialist Nurse has met with Dr James Finlay, Designated Safeguarding General Practitioner for Northamptonshire, to provide guidance on child sexual abuse and exploitation as part of his ongoing work to develop a guide for General Practitioners.

Peer support took place with a Safeguarding Named Nurse from Warwickshire.

Ongoing Health representation at CSE and Young Persons Missing Forum at Police HQ was by the Specialist Nurse on 2nd September. This was sharing of information about vulnerable children and updating health records and liaising with relevant health professionals after the meeting.

Client contact by CSE Specialist Nurse:

Date	Purpose of client contact
01/09/16	Assess emotional wellbeing
12/09/16	Discussion about pregnancy

Number of clients pregnant:	3
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Bereavement and Emotional Support

There were a total of 44 referrals received by RISE through the period July 2016 to September 2016. Analysis of the referral forms, supported by information from other sources has taken place to establish how many of the young persons referred had experienced bereavement. The bereavement experienced by the young people were from significant family members including a parent, grandparent, sibling or another significant adult role model in their lives. This is documented in the below table.

BEREAVEMENT/LOSS	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Yes	8	5	6
No	4	11	6
Not Known	1	3	0

The statistics indicate that 41% of young persons referred into RISE (18/44) had experienced bereavement.

The RISE specialist nurse, Paula Swain, has been unable to locate published research and documented links between bereavement and CSE but comments:

Research suggests that bereaved children may experience psychological problems, behavioural and somatic problems, problems in school performance and peer relationships. There is limited evidence about what works for children/young people who are bereaved with scant specialist bereavement services, which makes them more vulnerable. Therefore, I would say that bereavement and significant loss are 'push factors' for CSE.

Statistics published by the Childhood bereavement network ,a charity offering support when a child faces bereavement, indicate that 111 children each day in the UK lose a parent, and that 1 in 29 school children has been bereaved of a parent or sibling – effectively a child in every school class.

The nurse has recently raised the issue with the Commissioners for health services, highlighting a need for effective specialist bereavement care for children and young people. She also intends to discuss the issue at the next Midlands CSE nurse network meetings (a new forum she established that met for the first time last month at the RISE offices)

A new plan to assess the emotional wellbeing of all the young people open to RISE is being put in place. *The RISE specialist nurse has meet with the Child and Adolescent mental Health Service (CAMHS) service manager and is developing a process to assess the emotional well-being of the RISE cohort of young people. She will not be assessing mental health but looking at emotional needs, with bereavement, anxiety etc as a focus and referring each young person where necessary to the appropriate service. Every young person, even if they are working with CAMHS, will be assessed to gain a better understanding within the RISE team about each young person's emotional wellbeing and who is working to support that young person.*

CSE Awareness raising delivered by RISE Team

DATE	Delivered by	Training/presentation delivered	Venue	Number of practitioners
01/09/16	Richard Tompkins	30 minute Input to Rectory Farm Primary school.	Rectory Farm Primary School	25 teachers
06/09/16	Richard Tompkins	45 minute Input to Bench Probation service Wellingborough	Probation Service, Wellingborough	8
14/09/16	Paula Swain	RISE team and CSE Specialist Nurse role	NWG Network in Derby	12
27/09/16	Paula Swain	CSE awareness for health practitioners	Northampton General Hospital	16
27/09/16	Abbie Conway	Training to Foster Carers	Collingtree Village	22
28/09/16	Richard Tompkins	30 min presentation to Licensing committee forum, East Northants council plus Q&A session (1930 x 2130).	East Northants Council, Thrapston	30
29/06/16	Abbie Conway	CSE awareness to Foster Carers	Nene White Water Centre	20

Comments and Recommendations

- 1) The number of open cases to RISE has exceeded 50 for the first time in six months (accurate as of 5th October 2016), this follows the acceptance of six new cases in the last month.
- 2) Numbers of absent children episodes sharply increased in September to 94, some 30% above the long term average. The reasons for this are not clear especially as missing episodes remained static. Looked After Children accounted for 54% of all missing children.
- 3) Analysis of referrals into RISE over the preceding 3 months reveal that nearly half (48.6%) of the young persons referred had experienced bereavement of a close family member. The RISE specialist nurse has frequently highlighted the strong link between bereavement and vulnerability to CSE due to the significant emotional impact this causes, effectively acting as a 'push' factor. Improved emotional support for young person's open to RISE is being developed by the nurse who will now seek to meet with each new young person accepted into RISE to assess their emotional well-being.
- 4) Capacity of the RISE Investigation team is limited throughout October due to abstraction of two members of the team and as well as a vacancy (for which a recruitment process is under way). The Safeguarding Proactive Team will provide support in order to minimise the impact on operational effectiveness.