

## Grooming/Rape Gang Victims — How Many?

Rotherham population: 258,450 (mid 2012) — of which approximately 10,000 are females between the ages of 10 to 15 (Census figures for 2001 and 2011).

### Demographics:

Native English	239,278	92.6%
'Asian':	8,500	3.3%
'Black':	1,200	0.5%
Pakistani:	7,609 (2011 Census)	3.0%
Black African:	(2011 Census)	0.6%
Arab	581	0.2%
Kashmiri	293	0.1%
Muslim	9,800 (2011 Census)	3.8%

The most conservative estimate for total number of victims (England and Wales) for the period from 1997 to 2013 (i.e. 17 years, inclusive) — based on Rotherham data as a 'representative case' — is therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of victims} &= (1,400 / 239,278) \times (0.8279 \times 54,000,000) \\ &= \underline{\underline{262,000.}} \quad 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \end{aligned}$$

If we include the (arguably reliable) numbers of 'unreported' cases, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of victims} &= (2,000 / 239,278) \times (0.8279 \times 54,000,000) \\ &= \underline{\underline{374,000.}} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup> This does not (obviously, by definition) include unreported cases.

<sup>2</sup> Total native English population = 0.8279 x 54,000,000 (2011 Census)

<sup>3</sup> "Taking all these sources together, the Inquiry concluded that at least 1400 children were sexually exploited between 1997 and 2013. This is likely to be a conservative estimate of the true scale of the problem.", 'Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham 1997-2013, Alex Jay OBE, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014, section 4.7

<sup>4</sup> "The investigation also said it had obtained information from the Risky Business community project in Rotherham which said it identified 1,700 victims between 1999 and 2011"; and Professor Alexis Jay referred to a "conservative estimate" of 1,400 victims in Rotherham. Disturbingly, the Rotherham (Labour) MP, Sarah Champion, has stated as recently as last year that the problem of sexual exploitation and grooming is continuing unabated: "The Jay Report said 1,400, but I'm getting new victims coming to me on a weekly basis. ... So I would say it's closer to a couple of thousand people who have been groomed or have been sexually exploited in this little town." 'Rotherham's Abuse "Underestimated"', The Yorkshire Post, source: <http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/main-topics/general-news/rotherham-abuse-underestimated-1-7077348>

<sup>5</sup> No claim has been made by UK Government sources (or by NGOs) that Rotherham was (or is) a 'special case'. Indeed, in many regards, Rotherham is widely considered to be a typical English town.

<sup>6</sup> We know from newspaper reports, and from evidence presented in court, that although the gangs are based locally (in towns and cities across England) they are connected with, and co-operate with, an extensive network of other gangs across the country (especially in regard to the trafficking of the girls and young women). It is on this basis that the estimation of the size of the problem across the whole country, based on the evidence from one locality, is presented as being reliably accurate.