

The Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service

dealt with

710

individual cases



Level of concern as per Brook's traffic light tool



Number of cases

* cases of harmful sexual behaviour reported to the service were categorised using the Brook traffic light tool and Hackett continuum

What the service also produced

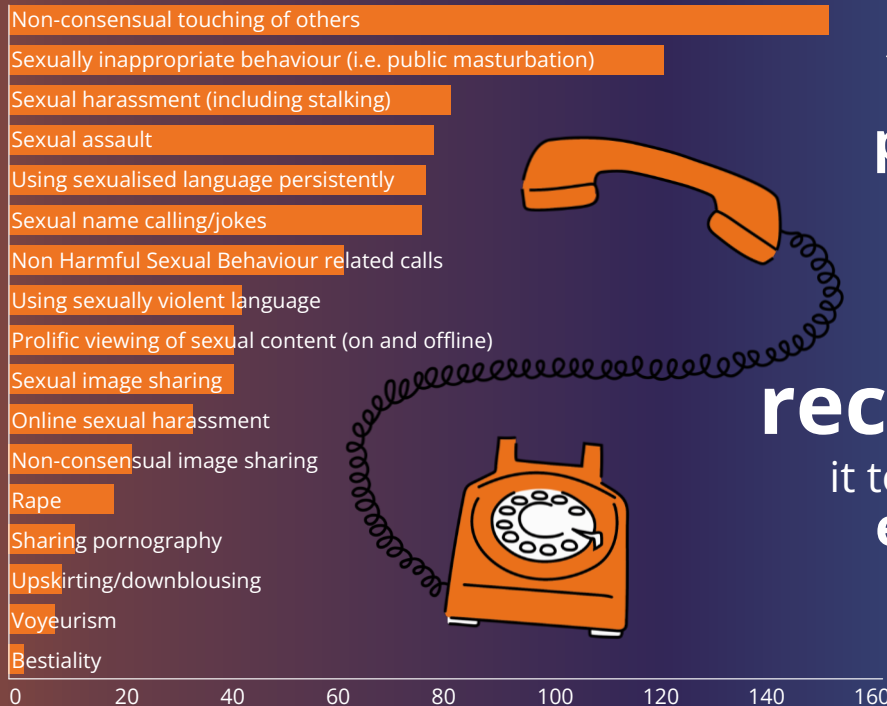
Drawing on insights from this pilot, resources have been developed by SWGfL and the Marie Collins Foundation to help professionals identify and respond to harmful sexual behaviour.

Callers' Profession

Number of cases (where recorded)

DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)	155
Teacher	58
School staff	40
Head teacher	39
Social worker	38
Social care	31
Medical professional	11
Charitable sector	7
Other Harmful Sexual Behaviour service	7
Parent	7

Type of harmful sexual behaviour reported to the service



Number of cases

100% of professionals contacting the service

(that responded to our survey)

would recommend it to someone else



Harmful Sexual Behaviour Template School Policy

A good practice example for schools to create a good foundation for understanding, recognising, and responding to incidents of Harmful Sexual Behaviour.

Risk Assessment template

A good practice example template to assist schools and other children's organisations to carry out a risk assessment when responding to incidents of Harmful Sexual Behaviour.

Making an effective referral template

A good practice example to aid schools and other organisations (such as care facilities) in writing effective referrals to their local Children's Social Services.

FAQs

Based on cases reported to the Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service, provides some guidance on what to do should professionals encounter similar scenarios.

Key Learnings:

Professionals have indicated that they would benefit from a clearer definition of Harmful Sexual Behaviour and comprehensive guidance on how to suitably respond and support children and young people displaying lower-level behaviours.

There is a need for a more consistent multi-agency approach which is understood by all professionals locally.

Holistic early intervention services are needed to suitably support children and young people locally.

SEND-specific resources and tool kits will help professionals with their Harmful Sexual Behaviour response.

Over half of the contacts to the Support Service were in relation to harmful sexual behaviour incidents, over 25% were general enquiries relating to Harmful Sexual Behaviour and over 20% were requests for resources and materials.