Police files reveal vast child protection scandal

Exclusive Confidential papers show a decade of abuse in South Yorkshire

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Confidential police reports and intelligence files that reveal a hidden truth about the sale and extensive use of English children for sex are exposed today.

They show that for more than a decade organised groups of men were able to groom, pimp and traffic girls across the country with virtual impunity. Offenders were identified to police but not prosecuted.

A child welfare expert, speaking under condition of anonymity, said that agencies’ reluctance to tackle such street-grooming networks was “the biggest child protection scandal of our time.”

The Times has published several articles about a pattern of crimes across northern England and the Midlands involving groups of men, largely of Pakistani heritage, and the sexual abuse of white girls aged from 12 to 16.

We can now reveal evidence from more than 200 restricted-access documents which show that, in one area, police and child protection agencies have held extensive knowledge of this crime model for ten years, yet have never publicly acknowledged its existence.

The internal police and social services correspondence, research papers, intelligence reports and case files are a detailed history of alleged child sexual exploitation in South Yorkshire since 2000, focusing on Rotherham. They include a confidential 2010 report by the police intelligence bureau warning that thousands of such crimes were committed in the county each year.

It contains explosive details about the men responsible for the most serious, co-ordinated abuse. “Possibly the most shocking threat is the existence of substantial and organised offender networks that groom and exploit victims on a worrying scale,” the report says. “Practitioners throughout the force state there is a problem with networks of Asian offenders both locally and nationally. This was particularly stressed in Sheffield and even more so in Rotherham, where there appears to be a significant problem with networks of Asian males exploiting young white females.” Such groups are said to have trafficked South Yorkshire child victims “to many other cities, including Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham, Bradford and Dover.”

Another confidential 2010 report, for the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Board, noted that such crimes had “cultural characteristics…which are locally sensitive in terms of diversity.”

It said: “There are sensitivities of ethnicity with potential to endanger the harmony of community relationships. Care great will be taken in drafting…this report to ensure that its findings embrace Rotherham’s qualities of diversity. It is imperative that suggestions of a wider cultural phenomenon are avoided.”

Alleged crimes for which no one was prosecuted include:

• Fifty-four Rotherham children were linked to sexual exploitation by three brothers from one British Pakistani family, 18 identifying one brother as their “boyfriend” and several allegedly made pregnant by him.
• A 14-year-old girl from a loving, supportive family was allegedly held in a flat and forced to perform sex acts on five men, four of them Pakistani, plus

Town where girls were betrayed, twice

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This girl identified the five men who allegedly abused her to South Yorkshire police. No one was then prosecuted
Town where girls were betrayed first by groomers, then by the police

A school warned parents, paperwork was filed, and yet six victims were treated like bad girls, says Andrew Norfolk

A 14-year-old was found under a bed, drugged. She was not even the worst of her kind. The girls were members of one of Asia’s new extreme prostitution syndicates — the ‘gangs’ of children, drugged and chemically induced to seduce the victims in addresses to Rutherglen and further afield. Takeaway shops frequented ‘gays’ who were excluded from outside, were the sites of a brothel, a ‘dolphins’ bar’ and a ‘baccarat’ gangroom.

There was a group of girls considering the activities of these men’s ‘net’ that we named the ‘bad girls’ as they were about to use a wallet, all the money we could make.

Change in Rutherglen, it seemed that some of the children were not going to be treated like this. So some parents were brought in to the children, and they were told that they were going to be treated with respect. They were going to be treated with respect. The children were going to be treated with respect.

JULY 2007: independent inquiries were being made to safeguard children. Child protection was being investigated in the area of South Yorkshire. The police were being investigated in the area of South Yorkshire. They were being investigated in the area of South Yorkshire.

At any time, the police might see something wrong with the way the police were treating the children. They were going to be treated with respect.

Files reveal scandal of failed child protection

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In the small town of Rutherglen, the area the police informed the adults, there were more than 2,500 girls who had never been seen. A police officer was seen to be suffering a broken arm. There were no girls in Sight.

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