

Barriers and benefits-does disclosure protect children?

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Childhood Sexual Abuse prevalence



**NSPCC (2000) Child maltreatment
survey 16% = 2m in UK**

**NSPCC (2011) 16.5% OF 11-
17year olds reported CSA**

Cardiff and Vale SARC

- Seamless service for victims all needs met in one place
- Multi agency management and information sharing intelligence gathering
- Over 450 cases a year
- 80% referrals CYP by Police
 - 43% <18 year olds and of these
 - 47% children aged <13 years
 - 53% children aged 13-17 years



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Does this work for Children and young People?

Service specification for the medical assessment of children and young people who may have been sexually abused PHW 2010

Managed Clinical network

UNCRC

Provision

Article 3: All services must work for what is best for children and young people..

Protection

Article 2: right to be treated fairly

Participation

Article 12: CYP views heard

Article 13: right to information



Risks

- Sex Offenders go underground
- Overloads stretched MAPPA and monitoring systems
- Gives a false reassurance -We know where 'they' all are
- Reinforces the difference between them and us

Benefits

- More transparency
- Empower victims current and future
- Not reliant on MAPPA deciding to disclose
- SCR have shown someone knew or suspected
- Increases intelligence sources
- Makes us all more responsible safeguarding being every bodies business
- SO stop being a stereotype



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- **More training for Police, teachers and Social Workers on CSA**
- **More services for young people at their pace**
- **More convictions of offenders**
- **More campaigns get it out in the open**
- **More education for all from a young age**