

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_337\_22

### You asked:

For the purpose of the following questions, we define adult sexual exploitation (ASE) as occurring when someone is coerced, forced, or manipulated into engaging in sexual activities by a third party, or out of necessity to finance basic needs. This is also known as 'prostitution', 'survival sex' and includes 'sex for rent' agreements. Examples of this can include: being trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation, involvement in street-based sex work. Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is defined as per the statutory definition. In line with statutory guidance, a child/young person is anyone under the age of 18, and an adult is defined as anyone aged 18 years and over.

1. How many adults did you support during the last 3 financial years who have experienced sexual exploitation?
2. How many adults did you support during the last 3 financial years who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?
3. How many children and young people did you support during the last 3 financial years who have experienced sexual exploitation?
4. How many children and young people did you support during the last 3 financial years who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?
5. For Questions 1-4, do you collect data on those who have experienced sexual exploitation disaggregated across protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation? Please provide the answers to Questions 1-4 for each characteristic listed if so.
6. Do you provide direct support for survivors to exit adult exploitation? If so, how many survivors have you supported in the last 3 financial years through this support?
7. How much funding was committed during the last 3 financial years towards projects that support adults at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation?
8. How much funding was committed during the last 3 financial years towards projects that support children and young people at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation?
9. The names of any specific projects dedicated to supporting adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation, the length of the contracts, and the length of support provided.
10. The names of any specific projects dedicated to supporting children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation, the length of the contracts, and the length of support provided.
11. How are the needs of adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation assessed?
12. How are the needs of children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation assessed?
13. Do you have a dedicated strategy for supporting adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?
14. Do you have a dedicated strategy for supporting children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?
15. How does strategic decision making around adult sexual exploitation link up with strategic decision making about VAWDASV in your organisation?
16. How does strategic decision making around child sexual exploitation link up with strategic decision making about VAWDASV in your organisation?

17. Have you consulted directly with survivors of sexual exploitation in any strategic, policy, or support planning?

**Our response:**

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) do not currently record any data in respect of how many patients are supported, who have experienced sexual exploitation. Many people who have experienced sexual exploitation would only be known to health services if they had a physical or mental health condition.

Support from health would often be provided through multi-agency arrangements such as adult and child safeguarding processes. CTMUHB services are encouraged to use the CSERQ child sexual exploitation assessment tool to aid in the recognition and appropriate response to identifying those at risk of harm. The health needs of children and adults identified as having experience sexual exploitation are assessed through services as part of a wider holistic assessment.

Support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation is often provided by services such as New Pathways, Barnados and Local authority.

Health are a partner of the [Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board](#) (CTMSB) and frequently attend the multi-agency child sexual exploitation group on a monthly basis. CTMUHB are working with partners within CTMSB to develop a CTM sexual exploitation strategy.

Whilst CTMUHB do not have a specific policy in relation to exploitation, it is included within its Safeguarding Policy and will be included in the revised Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) policy. Going forward, we will look at collecting exploitation referral data by health within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.