

63320 Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Inter-agency Referral Discussions (IRDs) 2024

You kindly provided the number of Inter-agency Referral Discussions (IRDs) recorded under the alleged abuse category of Child Sexual Exploitation from 2019 onwards. I note the significant increase in 2024 (71 IRDs) compared with previous years.

I would now like to request the following additional information specifically for the calendar year 2024:

A breakdown of the 71 CSE IRDs by outcome (e.g. how many progressed to Child Protection Planning Meetings, how many resulted in further investigation, how many were closed with no further action, or any other outcome categories you record).

Please refer to the table below.

IRD Outcome	Number of Children
Child Protection Planning Meeting Required	11
No further action – Proceed to Closure	23
No further CP action - Continue case work	13
Pre-developed categories - No CP Planning Meeting Required	24

If held, a breakdown by age group of the children involved (e.g. under 12, 12–15, 16–17, or any other age bands you use).

Please refer to the table below.

Age Range	Number of Children
Under 12	36
12 to 15	27
16 to 17	8

If held, whether any of the 2024 CSE IRDs were recorded as involving group-based, organised, or multi-perpetrator exploitation (as opposed to individual offenders).

If held, any summary information or internal notes explaining the increase in CSE IRDs in 2024 compared with previous years.

This detailed information is not collated in our current electronic data systems.