

Damning Bradford child abuse report reveals victim was raped by dozens of men, forced into Islamic marriage aged 15 and was put into 'domestic slavery' while pregnant

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A survivor of child sexual exploitation (CSE) has told an independent review how social workers condoned her Islamic marriage to one of her abusers at the age of 15 and left her with his family in a state of 'domestic slavery'.

The review was commissioned in the wake of the sentencing of nine men in 2019 following the sexual exploitation of a child in the care of Bradford Council.

The report featured the stories of five children including a girl referred to as Anna who was placed in residential care as a teenager but went missing more than 70 times.

Anna disclosed sexual abuse and coercion, including rapes, to a specialist project working with her but none of this was passed on to police or social workers due to client confidentiality, the review said.

When Anna was 15, she told the project worker she converted to Islam and married her older Asian 'boyfriend' in a Sharia law ceremony.

The report said: 'It appears that there was collusion with

this by her Children's Social Care (CSC) social worker who allegedly attended the ceremony and assessed that her marriage was likely to reduce the risks incurred when Anna was missing.' *Read that again. **A social worker colluded in an under-age girl entering into a ritual to facilitate under-age sexual activity.***

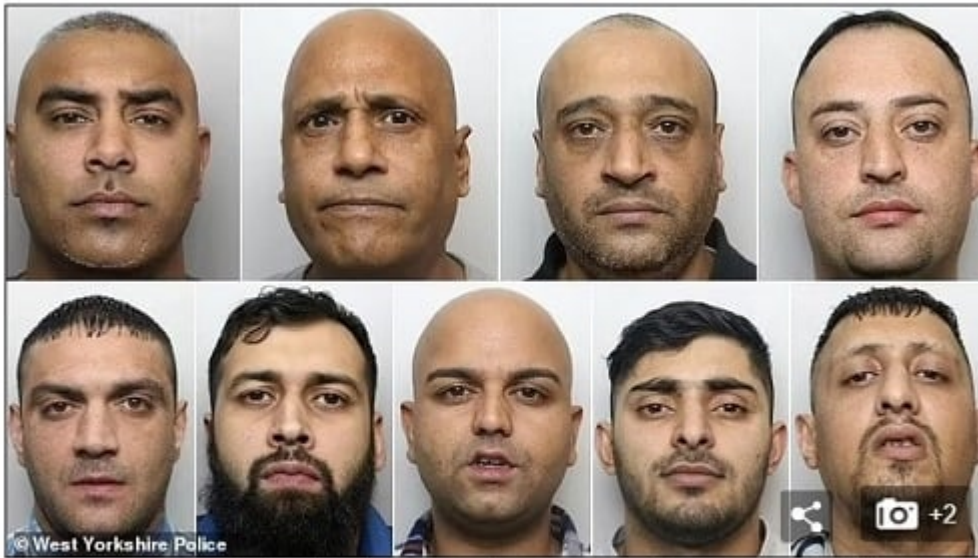
Anna then became pregnant and was placed with the family of her 'husband' as a foster child.

The review said: 'This placement did not protect Anna from harm but did in fact place her at greater risk and made her entirely dependent on them. Whilst in the 'care' of these adults she was subjected to further sexual abuse and exploitation, domestic abuse [carried out by Professor Alexis Jay into abuse in Rotherham](#).

Ms Goddard said: "This review talks about five people, but what about the hundreds of others who deserve the same apology and to see the failings written down in black and white?"

Nazir Afzal, the former chief crown prosecutor in the Rochdale grooming gang cases, said the new report's findings were "deeply depressing but unsurprising". He said while a full inquiry would reveal the true scale of the problem in Bradford he would rather "we get on with fixing the problem".

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