

Newcastle grooming gangs were allowed to abuse 700 girls because police blamed the victims, review finds

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[But a shocking report has revealed that the actual number of those targeted was at least 700](#), as gangs of men from a range of backgrounds plied victims with drugs before raping and forcing them into prostitution.

[“In fact he](#) didn’t accept that he’d done anything wrong... He felt the victims were responsible for their own abuse.”

The report continued: “If convicted for rape in his home country, he would be beheaded or buried up to the neck and stoned. He was asked about what he thought about the United Kingdom and influences in his education. He said you can get anything here – any sex, drugs, alcohol. There is no control. He spoke in a derogatory way about lack of morals in British girls and did not go with Muslim girls because there are not many of them.”

The report also noted that Newcastle was notably different from other high-profile cases of sexual exploitation, because victims also included many vulnerable adults. . . The report recommended: “The Government should urgently issue guidance or advice on addressing sexual exploitation of vulnerable adults.”

Other findings included:

- The national compensation scheme for victims of violent crime “discriminates particularly unfairly” against

victims of sexual exploitation who can be denied compensation because of involvement in other crimes that may be the result of the abuse they have experienced

- If authorities do not recognise the sexual exploitation of children and vulnerable adults in their area “it is because they are not looking hard enough”