

ESSEX CONTROL STRATEGY  
**HIGH PRIORITY STRATEGIC THEMES**

### CHILD ABUSE & EXPLOITATION

The most common reasons for children to be trafficked are sexual exploitation and criminal exploitation.

Source: Home Office, Home Office, Home Office

#### CSE TRENDS

- The production, distribution and possession of indecent images of children with live-streaming of child abuse for payment an emerging trend
- Online child sexual exploitation and abuse:
- Contact sexual abuse of children in the UK by lone (non-familial) offenders, groups or gangs. The abuse by urban street gangs of girl gang members/associates is under-reported but recognised as a threat which has become part of street culture in mainly metropolitan forces.

Over **2,400** children were victims of sexual exploitation in gangs and groups from August 2010 to October 2011

Source: SOCA




### IMMIGRATION/ MODERN SLAVERY

Most victims of labour exploitation in the UK come from Eastern Europe (Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic and Hungary).

More victims exploited by **Travellers** have been referred through the NRM than any other victim type.

Improved intelligence submissions have been experienced since the month of action in October 2014

Business trafficking for street exploitation within Essex is also experienced under the leadership of businesses such as carwashes, restaurants and takeaways, and those in the beauty industry.

**OCTOBER**








### DOMESTIC ABUSE

**1 in 4** Women in UK experience domestic abuse

It's estimated that domestic violence costs the UK **£15 billion**

Source: National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

#### INTELLIGENCE GAPS

- Young women involved in and affected by gangs
- Under-reporting from minority groups and from men as victims
- Force marriage beyond traditional focus of Asian countries.

#### Peak Times

Summer, Xmas & weekends periods peak period for domestic violence

#### Domestic violence Priority for 93%

of Police and Crime Commissioners

#### Home Office definition of domestic violence and abuse

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional.






### URBAN STREET GANG RELATED VIOLENCE & VULNERABILITY

On the current Gangs matrix there are **70** individuals, representing **33** different gangs

**OPERATION RAPTOR** was formed in June 2013

#### INTELLIGENCE GAPS

Vulnerable Children e.g. mispers

Intelligence shows a strong presence of 'county lines' travelling out of London to Essex in order to sell drugs, usually class A's.

#### Cuckooing

Gangs exploit vulnerable people, such as youngsters, addicts or adults with other vulnerabilities e.g. mental health problems.




### OCG CRIMINALITY

There are **134** mapped OCGs across Essex and East of England

**59** in Essex

**75** in East of England

Drugs criminality remains as the most common crime type associated with OCGs across Essex and continues to expand. **The importation and supply of Class A drugs remains the biggest threat.**

#### Child sexual exploitation (CSE) and modern-day slavery

are national threats and OCGs are being identified that are engaged in this crime type

#### INTELLIGENCE GAPS

Digital Crime Training to prevent and detect digital crime would be advantageous to allow for the identification of OCGs involved in digital criminality





### COUNTER TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

Identifying community intelligence and open source intelligence, particularly around officer safety (Operation Javelin).

Other priority areas include:

- Digital Crime
- Criminal use of firearms
- Dwelling Burglary



