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The same but different?

A consideration of connections between domestic abuse, gender, harmful sexual behaviour by children and child sexual exploitation.



**ZOOM
WEBINAR
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This presentation discusses findings from analysis of administrative referral data for 1550 children and young people with experiences of child sexual exploitation ($n = 1319$) or who are displaying harmful sexual behaviours (HSB) ($n = 231$). Data were collected from two recently merged services operating across Wales: one working with children and young people who are at risk of, or abused through, sexual exploitation; and the other providing assessment and intervention services for children and young people displaying HSB. The research provided an opportunity for a comparative analysis of key demographic characteristics and abuse histories of two separate cohorts of children and young people. Clear differences exist across the two cohorts in terms of gender. However, analysis revealed similar patterns in relation to their experiences of abuse, and the prevalence of a family history of domestic violence is near identical. The presentation considers how these findings speak to a need to understand the role of gender, and to recognise potential gendered understandings of abuse and gendered trajectories of harm for children. Findings also indicate the importance of directing attention to the wellbeing needs of children and young people who have experienced trauma, regardless of the presenting issues of concern

Dr Sophie Hallett is a senior lecturer at Cardiff University and is currently working on a secondment to the Connect Centre for 6 months. Sophie's work connects to youth, care and welfare, focussing on child sexual exploitation and other forms of harm, exploring lived experience and policy and practice responses. Her work is participative and she is keen to translate academic research findings into meaningful messages and resources. Examples of her work can be found here: www.checkyourthinking.org.

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