

Gangs

Vulnerability
and
Exploitation



**BACKGROUND
AND CONTEXT**



**HOW GANGS EXPLOIT
THE VULNERABLE**



GANGS HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR HISTORY FOR MORE THAN 2000 YEARS

Cicero complained about being harrassed by street gangs in Ancient Rome

Even thieves have their own laws

~ Marcus Tullius Cicero ~



There are records of criminal gangs throughout British and European history during the Dark Ages and Medieval period.



The Forty Elephants
all women shoplifting gang
from London
(1700s-1950s)



Birmingham's Peaky Blinders

BACKGROUND



House of Commons
Home Affairs Committee

Gangs and youth crime

Thirteenth Report of Session 2014-15

Distribution of organised crime groups across the UK (June 2013)*



Key facts

- The London Metropolitan Police Service reported in 2012, that they had identified 259 violent youth gangs and 4,800 'gang-nominals' in 19 gang-affected boroughs. Also in 2012, Greater Manchester Police identified 66 Urban Street Gangs and estimated the total number of gang members across Greater Manchester to be 886.
- The Office of the Children's Commissioner's 2013 inquiry into child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups found that 2,409 children and young people were subject to sexual exploitation in gangs and a further 16,500 children at risk, using a survey period of August 2010-October 2011.
- 21 police forces in England identified that they had criminally active gangs operating in their area. In total, individual forces reported 323 gangs as being criminally active, with 16 being associated with child sexual exploitation.

This is an extensive and complex problem found across the UK encompassing many social issues.

OBJECTIVES

Understand the problem from a national perspective

Understand what might be going on locally

Understand who to contact and how to register/
report concerns