

Child Sexual Abuse



Working Towards Change

Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) is taking place across South Asian communities living in the UK right now. Very little is known about the scale of this and about the victims of this abuse.

The Department of Education's child protection statistics reflect lower than expected CSA cases from these communities.

Academic research often refers to limited knowledge about South Asian cases of CSA. Why is this the case?

'Cultural barriers' are often mentioned but what are these and how can they be better examined in terms of their significance?

How can we work towards possibly minimising or removing them?

My name is Vanisha Jassal and I have worked in Child Protection in some capacity or another for over 15 years. Currently I am a lecturer at the University of Kent, teaching child protection.



I recently decided to focus my 5 year research project on child sexual abuse within South Asian communities so that children and young people, and their families, can be better supported.

With your help, I am aiming to work towards this change.
I will be speaking with those interested in this research during March - June 2019, so if you meet one of the below categories, you may wish to contact me soon.

If you are a female survivor of child sexual abuse, aged 21 or over and from either the Bangladeshi, Indian or Pakistani communities, I would be very interested in hearing from you.

If you are a professional, supporting women survivors of child sexual abuse from these communities, I would also be interested in hearing from you.

Please contact me on **sacsauk@gmail.com** or **07958 558 193**.
I can then provide more information about the research.

This research is governed by the University of Kent ethics committee and the research will be conducted with the strictest confidentiality and anonymity.