

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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Organisation name: Home Office

Team/Department: Crime and Policing Analysis, Home Office Science

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Provisional title for project:

Enhancing our understanding of child sexual abuse using secondary data analysis.

Abstracts:

Enhanced data collection at the police force level over the last few years on **Child Sexual Abuse** is improving our ability to understand this crime. This project involves analysis to enhance our understanding of the demographic and spatial characteristics of victims and perpetrators, and relationships between victims and perpetrators – particularly enhancing our understanding of familial abuse.

Data sources: The **Home Office Data Hub** contains record level crime and victim data from police forces. It is an extremely rich data source, and further analysis is required in order to maximise its benefits.

Some **large scale surveys** contain underutilised data on violence and sexual abuse – eg Crime Survey for England and Wales, Psychiatric Morbidity Survey, Millennium Cohort Study, and others. And cohort studies, such as the E-risk twin, Edinburgh Youth, and Cambridge Delinquency Studies, are rich sources of data on the behaviour of young people.

Key words:

Child sexual abuse; child safeguarding; risky and negative behaviours; police administrative data; Crime Survey for England and Wales; crime trends.

Essential and desirable skills:

- Essential skills: good quantitative skills (eg SPSS, STATA, R) gained from analysis of both administrative and survey data. Strong problem solving skills. Good communication skills (written and oral).
- Desirable skills: experience in presenting complex data visually.

Where the work would be carried out:

London

Selection method:

Interview, location to be confirmed.

Support and training offered by the organisation:

During the placement the student will be assigned to an experienced researcher as their line manager. The line manager will have regular meetings with the student and will be responsible for setting and reviewing work objectives, and ensuring the student maximises development opportunities available through the placement. For the duration of the placement the student will be treated as a full member of Crime and Policing Analysis in the Home Office. Relevant job specific training will be offered where necessary.

Supporting information:

Successful applicants will need to pass standard Home Office Security Clearance arrangements. Due to this, we will not be able to accept anyone who has lived outside of Great Britain for three months or more within the last five years.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation:

Subsistence expenses to cover any work required away from the London office.