



# WE NEED TO TALK...

TALK Hong Kong is a peer led NGO addressing child sexual abuse . We exist to support adult survivors and shine a light on the scale of child sexual abuse through research, public awareness, and prevention training.

# WHY WE EXIST

In Hong Kong we are not doing what's essential to prevent child sexual abuse.

It is...

- **Undocumented**
- **Unsupported**
- **Unprepared**
- **Unprevented**



# WE ARE ON A MISSION

we TALK

2019

## TALK PEER SUPPORT

TALK to find support  
TALK to make sense of what happened  
TALK to realize our trauma does not define us  
TALK. No guilt. No self-blame.  
TALK to create a safer world

and we need to be HEARD

2022

## RESEARCH

We let the data speak for us!

## POLICY & LEGAL REFORM

Suggest improvements to current laws

## PUBLIC AWARENESS

TEDx TALK: 'Who Does Silence Help?'

and EVOLVE

2023

## CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

pending government approval

## BOARD FORMATION

STRATEGY EXPANSION into education and prevention

GROW through PARTNERSHIPS and STAKEHOLDER engagement

for BIGGER IMPACT

2024+

## PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

*Because prevention is the ultimate cure*



TEDx Talk: <https://youtu.be/xf-OWEmlzu8>

# OUR RESEARCH

**To drive change we need the facts.**

Our groundbreaking report provides **data and insights** on child sexual abuse in Hong Kong to help stakeholders including the public, educational institutions, government law enforcement, judiciaries, and other NGOs **make evidence-informed responses that protect children from sexual abuse.**

**REPORT**

## **MAGNITUDE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN HONG KONG: REVIEW OF EVIDENCE 2010-2021**



# A snapshot of child sexual abuse

Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse



# WE DON'T KNOW MUCH

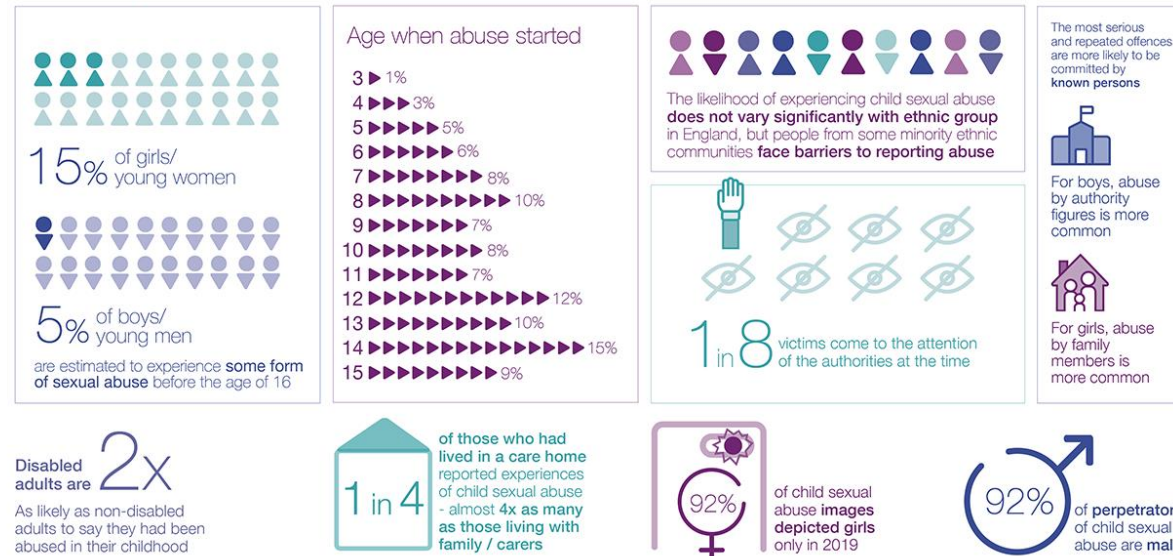
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OVERVIEW

# WE SHOULD KNOW (UK)

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SOURCE: Karsna, Kairika, and Liz Kelly. 2021. The scale and nature of child sexual abuse: Review of evidence. United Kingdom: Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse.

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# WHAT WE DO KNOW

- ~**12% of children suffer** from some kind of sexual abuse before they're 18
- ~**96% of it goes unreported**
- **72% in reported child sexual abuse cases knew their abuser**
- **85% of known victims** were girls
- **93% of known perpetrators** were boys & men

# WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

**Silence makes us sick.**

- **242 times more likely to have a history of suicide attempt**
- **18 times more likely to have a history of injury**
- **12 times more likely to have mental health problems**



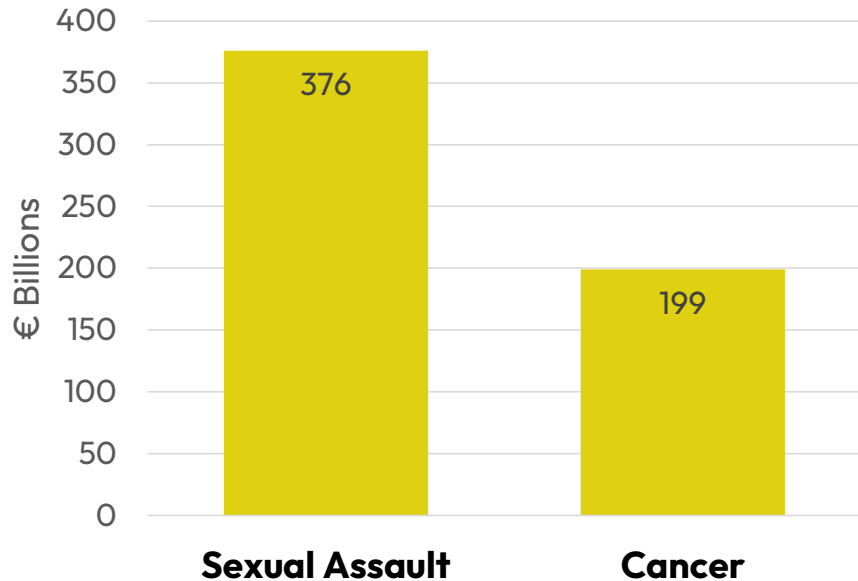
**Child sexual abuse victims compared to Hong Kong general population**

SOURCE: Ip, Patrick. 2013. *Epidemiology of Child Abuse and Its Geographic Distribution in Hong Kong: An Important Social Indicator of Different Districts and Communities (A Central Policy Unit Commissioned Report)*. Hong Kong: Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong.

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## Silence costs us \$\$\$\$.

Indicative Est. Cost in Europe 2018



SOURCE:

*The Cost of Sexual Assault – European CEO; 23 Oct 2018; [The cost of sexual assault – European CEO](#)  
*The Cost of Cancer in Europe in 2018; European Journal of Cancer, Volume 129, April 2020, pages 41-49*  
 Note – Comparison is indicative; the methodology used, cost allocation and derived estimates are not fully comparable*

for reference

- The estimated **cost of sexual assault** was **~2% of EU GDP** in 2018, equivalent to **€376bn**.
- For context, the **cost of cancer** was **€199bn** in 2018; about half was outside the health-care system.
- It's time to face reality: sexual assault is not 'just' emotional trauma; the economic cost is **a problem too big to ignore**.

Not yet available for Hong Kong



**WHAT DOES  
THAT MEAN?**

**We have a public  
health crisis.**

**More needs to be  
done and we can  
do it together!**



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about how  
you can help!