

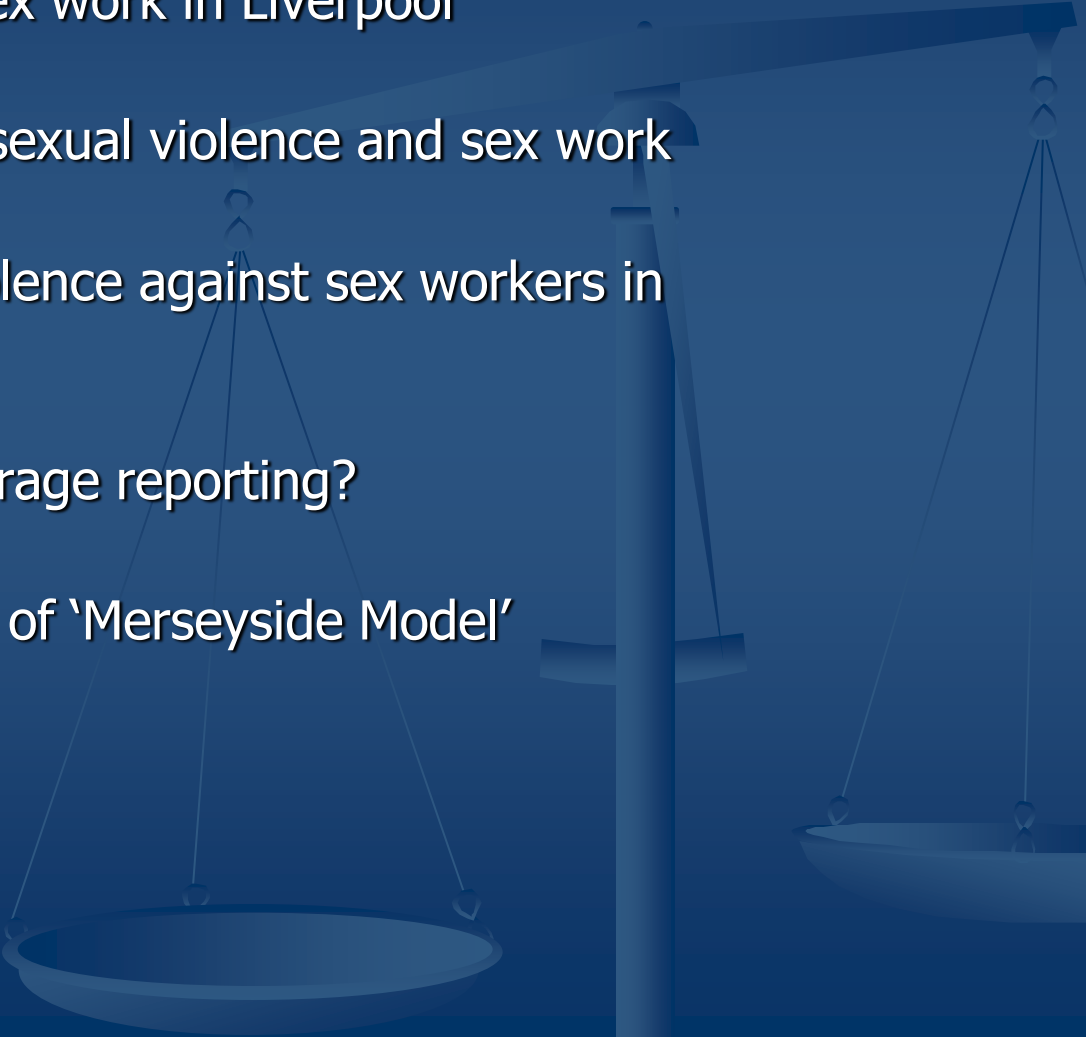
Hate Crime, Harm Reduction & Social Inclusion: Addressing Violence Against Sex Workers in Merseyside

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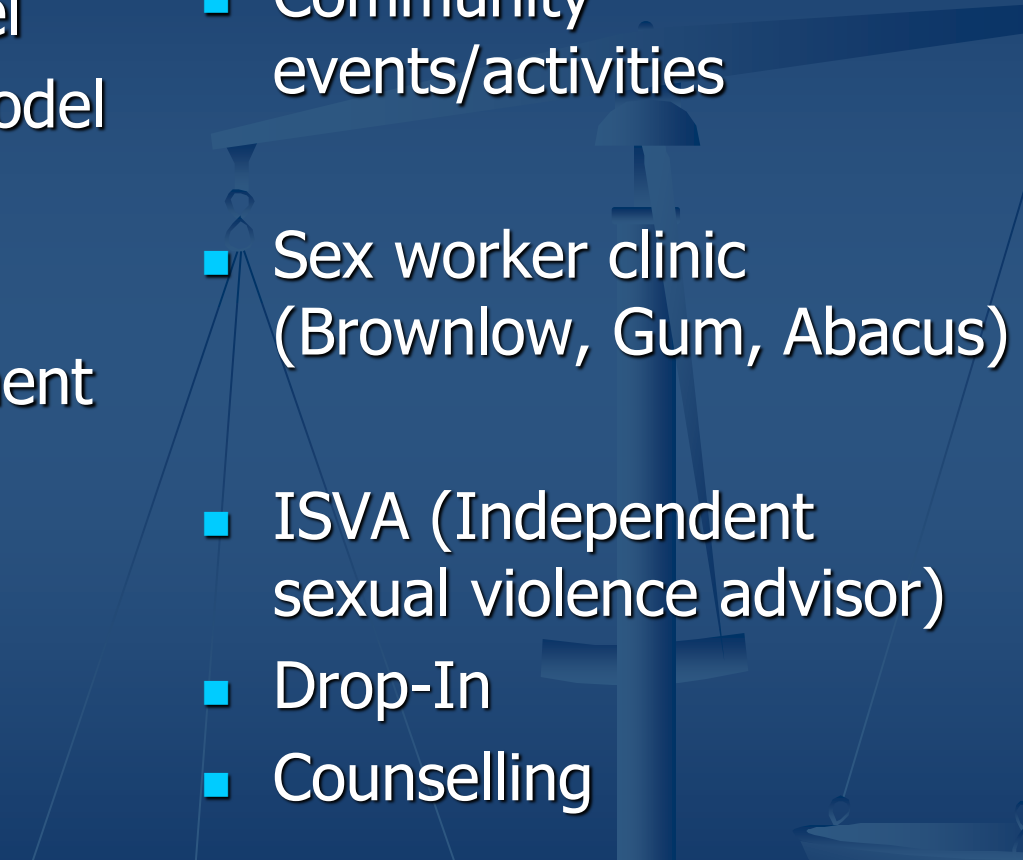
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Aims of this presentation

- Brief overview of street sex work in Liverpool
 - Explore myths related to sexual violence and sex work
 - Look at prevalence of violence against sex workers in Liverpool
 - What can we do to encourage reporting?
 - Has it worked? Outcomes of 'Merseyside Model'
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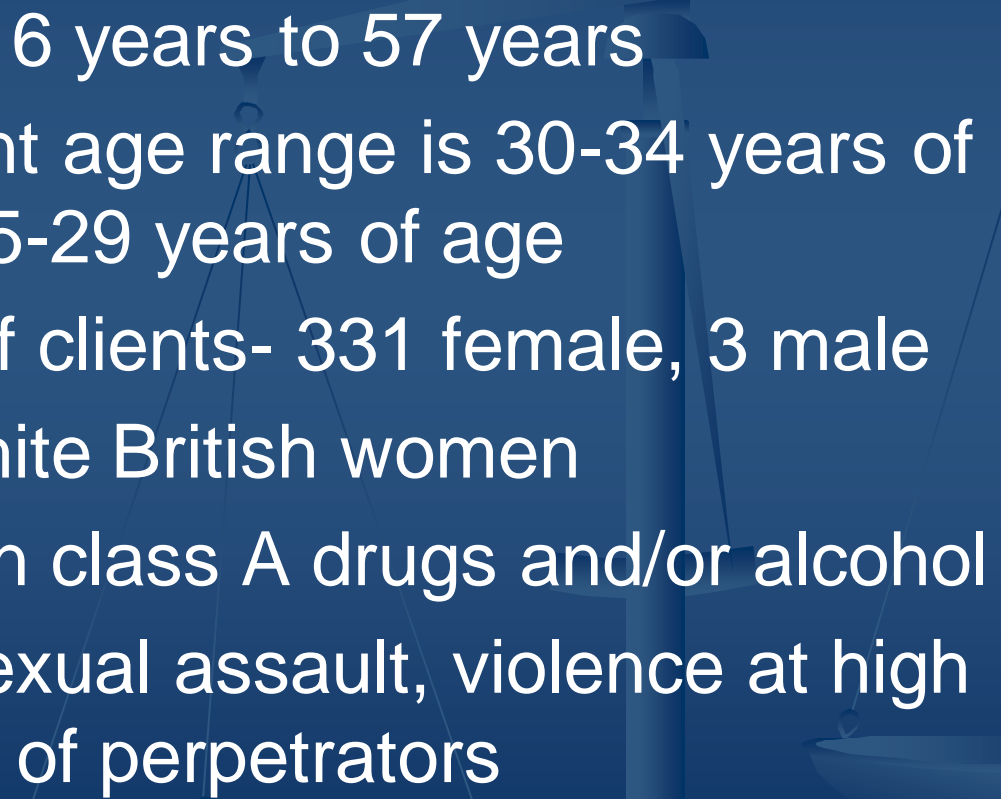
Elements of Armistead street

- Harm reduction model
 - Assertive outreach model
 - Referral
 - Fast track into treatment /detox
 - Crisis intervention
 - One to one support
 - Community events/activities
 - Sex worker clinic (Brownlow, Gum, Abacus)
 - ISVA (Independent sexual violence advisor)
 - Drop-In
 - Counselling
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On the 'Beat'- Liverpool, 2005



Who are the clients in Liverpool?

- Age profile from 16 years to 57 years
 - The most prevalent age range is 30-34 years of age followed by 25-29 years of age
 - Gender balance of clients- 331 female, 3 male
 - Predominately White British women
 - 98% dependent on class A drugs and/or alcohol
 - Victims of rape, sexual assault, violence at high levels, from range of perpetrators
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The Liverpool Experience

Year	Clients Seen	Ugly Mug reports taken	Number of Sexual Violence reports	Number of Rapes	Sexual Violence as a % of Crimes Reported to Project
2005-2006	471	43	12	8	28%
2006-2007	417	83	25	18	30%
2007-2008	358	65	30	20 & 1 assault by penetration	46%
2008-2009	334	36	16	10	44%

Merseyside Police rates for rape & Project rates for rape

Merseyside Police

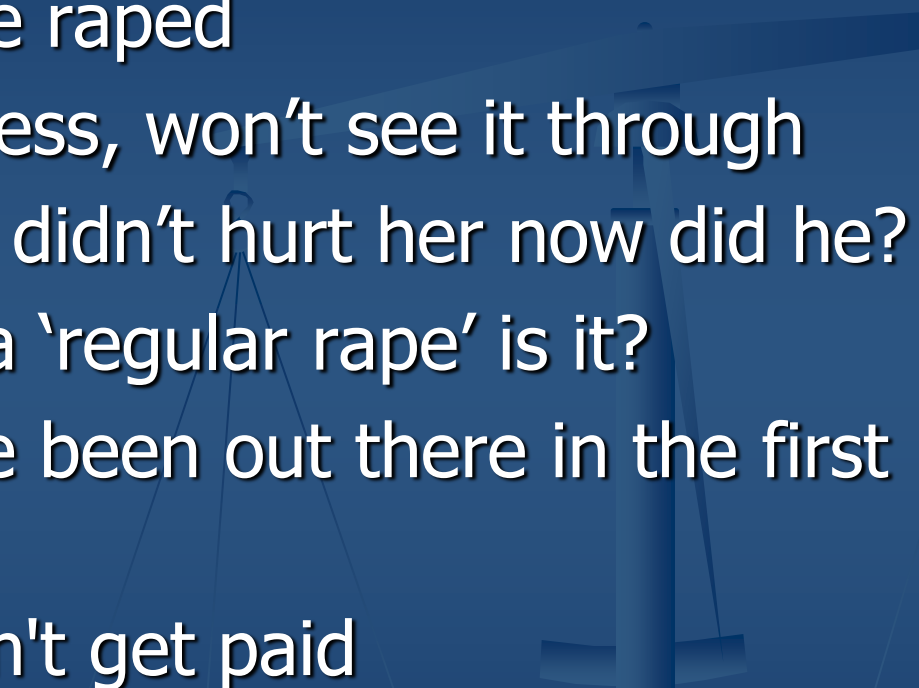
Liverpool North-general rapes

- 2005/2006 97 rapes
- 2006/2007 111 rapes
- 2007/2008 91 rapes
- 2008/2009 86 rapes

Project data-sex worker rapes

- 2005/2006 8 rapes = 8%
- 2006/2007 18 rapes = 16%
- 2007/2008 21 rapes = 22%
- 2008/2009 10 rapes = 12%

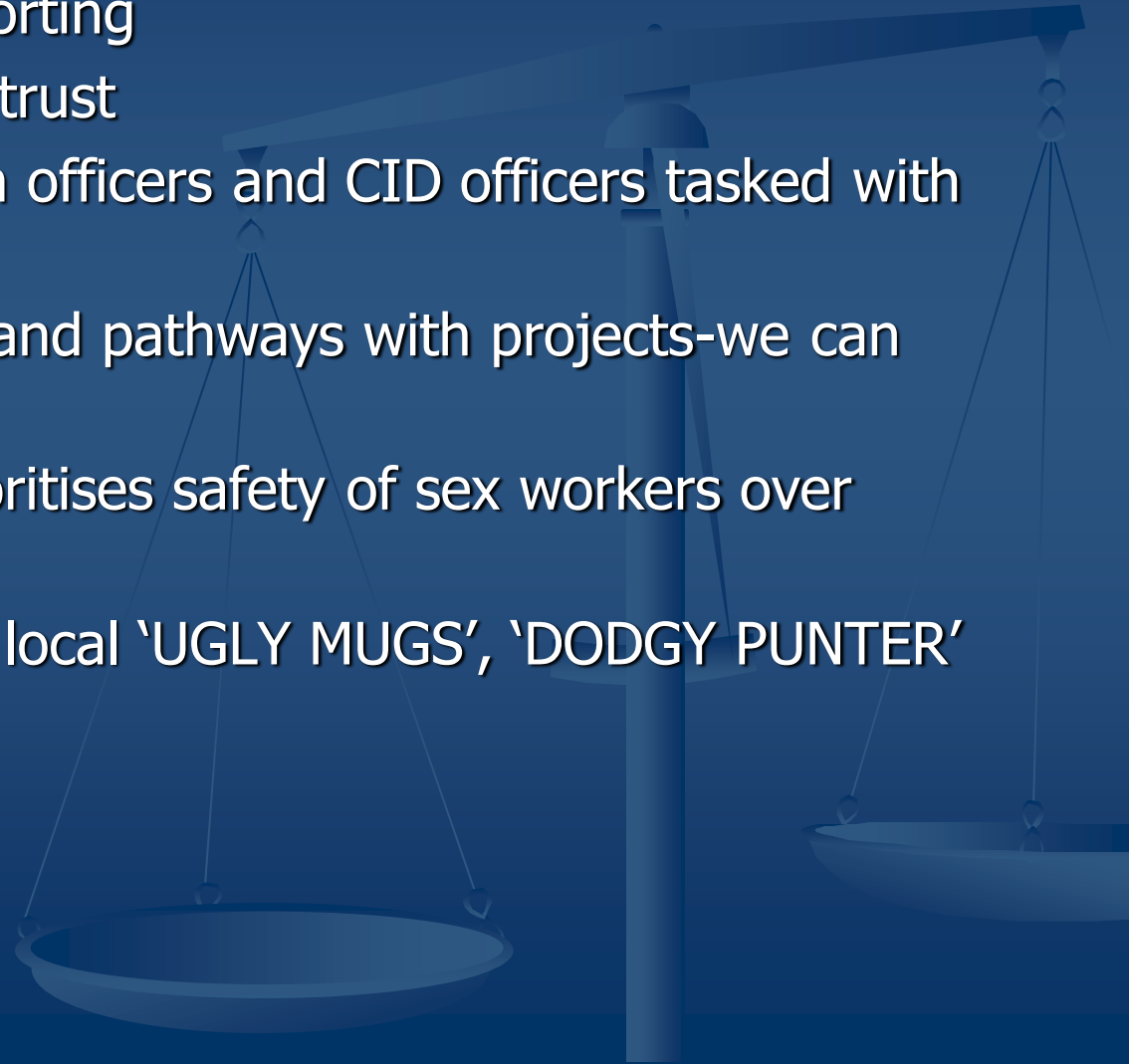
Assumptions about violence against sex workers which are UNTRUE

- Prostitutes can't be raped
 - Not a reliable witness, won't see it through
 - No harm done, he didn't hurt her now did he?
 - Not as serious as a 'regular rape' is it?
 - She shouldn't have been out there in the first place
 - You mean she didn't get paid
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Learning from 'Best Practice'

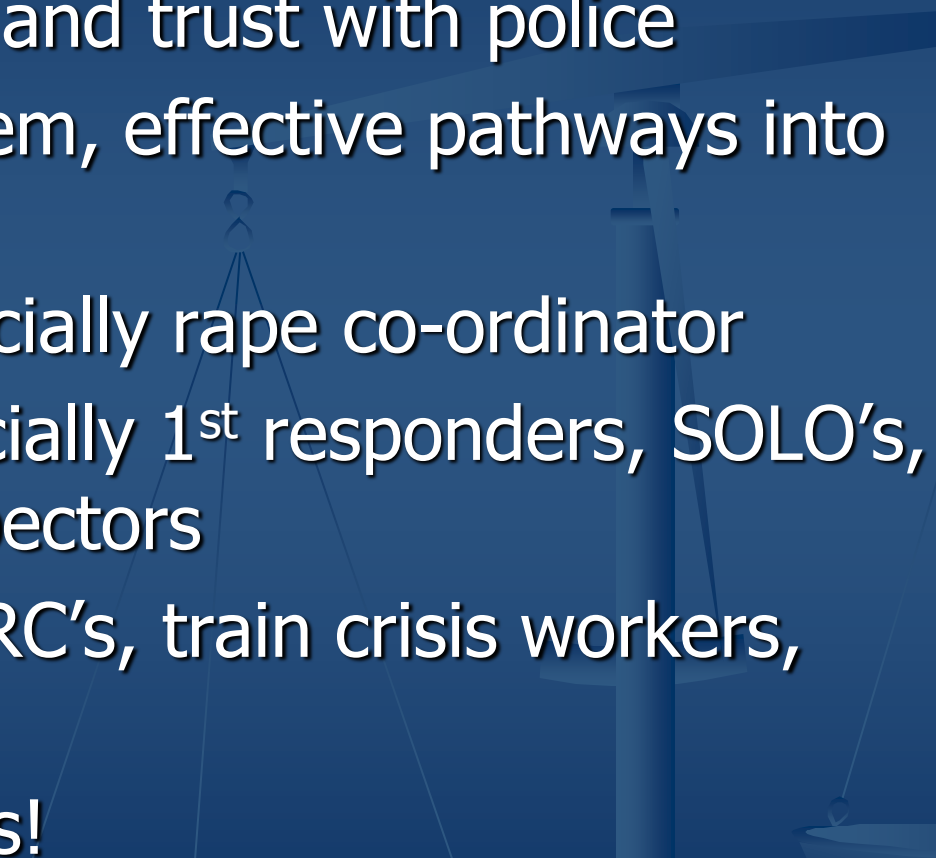
What Works? Police/CPS

- Believe the person reporting
- Culture of respect and trust
- Dedicated police liaison officers and CID officers tasked with investigation
- Establish partnerships and pathways with projects-we can help!
- Policing policy that prioritises safety of sex workers over enforcement
- Get onboard with your local 'UGLY MUGS', 'DODGY PUNTER' schemes
- HATE CRIME MODEL



Learning from 'Best Practice'

What Works? Projects

- Culture of respect and trust with police
 - 'UGLY MUGS' system, effective pathways into police
 - Engage CPS, especially rape co-ordinator
 - Train police, especially 1st responders, SOLO's, CID and Area Inspectors
 - Pathways with SARC's, train crisis workers, ISVA's and IDVA's
 - Sell it to the clients!
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Victim Centred Methods

- Early evidence taken by project? (in conjunction with 'UGLY MUG'-good evidence)
- Only 1st account at incident
- ABE –video interview client, at a neutral venue if possible (use mobile video interview equipment)
- Apply early for special measures
- Work with court to ensure minimal 'hanging about'
- Straight on to give evidence if possible
- If scripted, liaise to collect before court
- Provide accommodation if homeless, night before and day of appearance

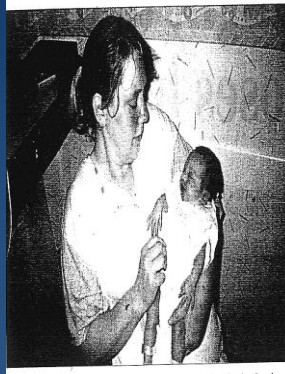
Lost Lives



Linda Donaldson,
murdered 1988-
case unsolved



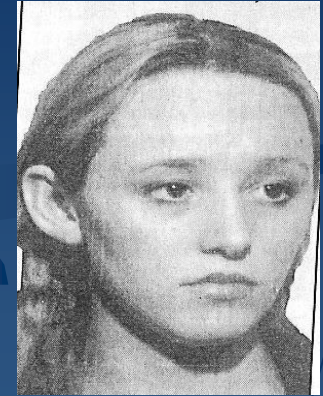
Julie Finley,
murdered 1994-
case unsolved



Sharon Lynch,
murdered 1997-
was solved but
conviction was then
found to be unsafe
so now unsolved



Suzanne Kelly,
murdered 2000-
case unsolved



Victoria Gerard,
murdered 2000- case
solved



Hanane Parry, murdered 2003 along
with Pauline Stephen-case solved
Pauline Stephen, murdered 2003 with
Hanane Parry-case solved



Chantelle Taylor,
murdered 2004,
case solved



Anne-Marie Foy,
murdered 2005- case
unsolved

Results of partnership?

- ❑ The conviction rate for crimes against sex workers in Merseyside for the period 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2009 is an astonishing 90%!
- ❑ The detection rates for rapes upon sex workers for the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 is an equally astonishing 40%!
- ❑ Since the SARC and RSU opened, in 98% of all sexual offences committed against sex workers, clients have gone to the SARC for full forensic medical examination!

The Results?

2005-2010

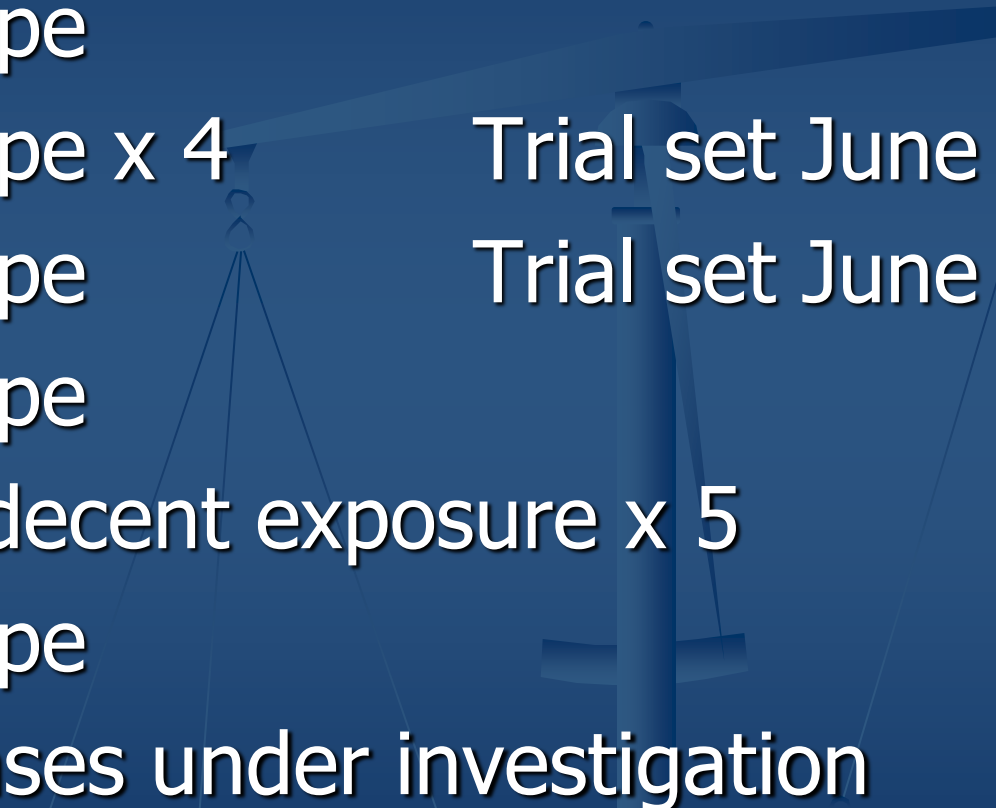
- Tyler- Robbery- 5 years
- Chubb- Rape x 2-IPP 12 years
- Kiara-Rape & false imprisonment 8 years
- Kinsella-Section 47 & robbery- 18mth community order
- Lau-Section 47 18mth community order under Insanity Act
- Mr K-possession of an offensive weapon-£80 fine
- Wilcox-Section 47 2 years
- Kelly-Section 18 (DA) 16mths
- Molyneux-Rape x 2 IPP (4 years)
- Mr C-Theft by finding Police Caution
- Mr A-Historical child abuse (17 years)
- Byrne-IPP, 3 ½ years


Liverpool charity boss from Wirral Matthew Byrne jailed indefinitely for sadistic sex attack on prostitutes

- Admitted four “sadistic” sex attacks on prostitutes (initially charged relating to 6 women)
- He would tie up and gag the helpless women before strangling and repeatedly beating them with a cane while he satisfied himself sexually.
- In one attack he whipped the woman up to 40 times until her blood sprayed 6ft up his bedroom walls. He then used a plastic bag to suffocate the vice worker until she saw black spots in front of her eyes and believed she was going to die
- Also in possession of 9,000 indecent images of children
- Made 2 x level 3, 2 x level 4 images
- Committed a lewd act/outraging public decency
(Liverpool Echo 22/4/10)

The Results?

2010 Cases Pending

- Mr X Rape
 - Mr D Rape x 4 Trial set June
 - Mr P Rape Trial set June
 - Mr K Rape
 - Mr R Indecent exposure x 5
 - Mr S Rape
 - Several other cases under investigation
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