

I never knew I was the subject of abusive imagery

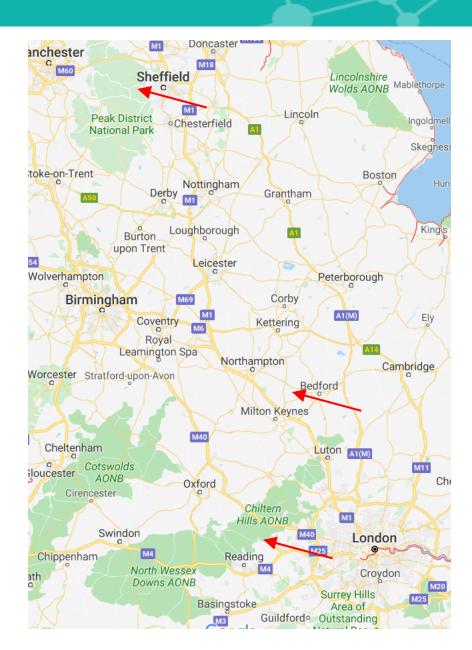
**Emma** 

# Visit to my parents house

# First Contact: Police turn up at my parents house

- Spoke to my dad and brother
- Looking for a youngish girl
- Historical crime involving images "Not indecent"
- Meeting arranged at my house

How was I supposed to react?



#### Laptop seized containing images of me:

- Images from a secondary source
- Some images were indecent
- Multiple victims
- Offender had a record
- Part of a much larger ongoing investigation

Was this man violent?
What did he do to the other women?
How did they get hold of these images?
Who was he?



#### In the 15 -20 pictures shown to me:

- Photos of my parents house
- Me outside my house
- Me at my bedroom window (decent)
- Me at my bedroom window (less decent)

#### From the pictures I could see:

- Impossible for them to be taken over a period of less than 13 months
- I'm between 14 and 18 (2008 -2012)



Images made it easy to identify who took the photos

For each image I was asked:

- To describe what I saw
- How old I thought I was
- What I was doing
- Anything that stood out to me

I was asked to go through my physical development



#### In this initial meeting (3 hours) they wanted:

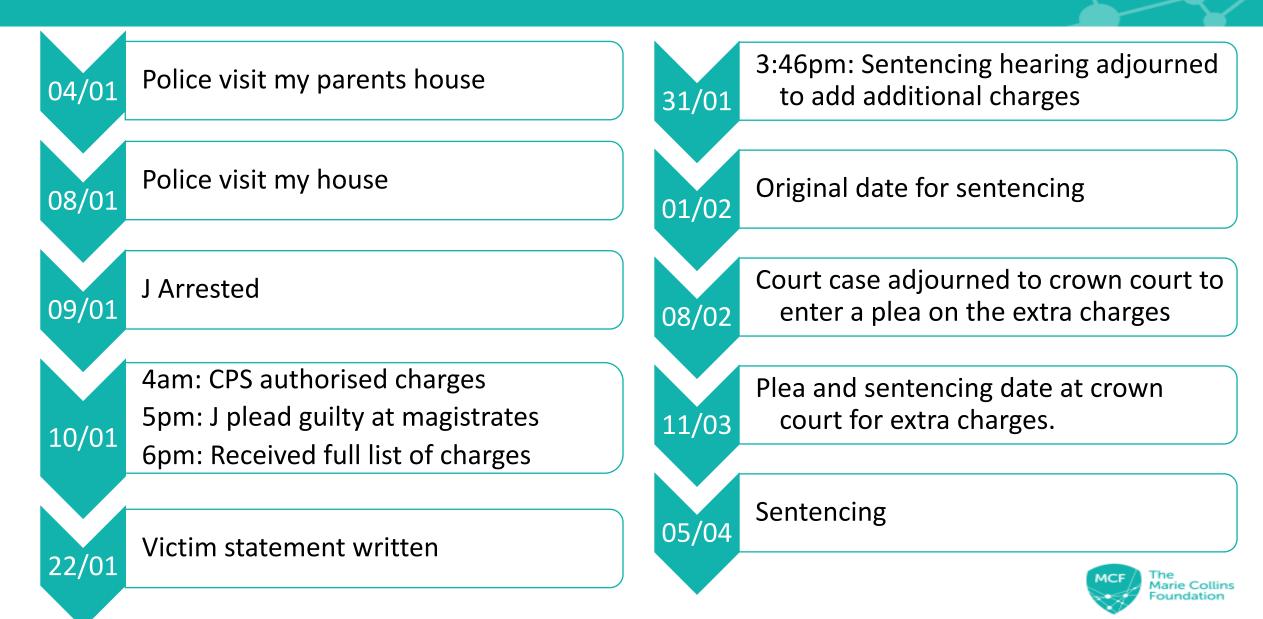
- Factual statement
- Victim statement
- Commitment to testify

#### They left me with:

- Victim support number
- The "hope I'd just be angry in a week"
- Suggestion to see a doctor if I was struggling
- The promise to update me after the arrest
- Parents anxious to know what was going on



#### **Events Timeline**



# Help and Recovery

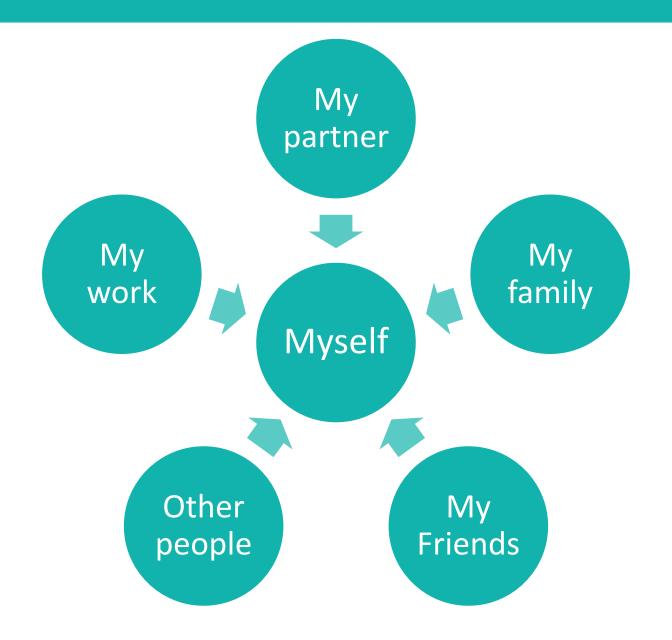








# Consequences: Relationships





# Consequences: Physical Aspects





# Consequences: Emotional and Psychological

Obsessiveness

Loss of Control

Constantly tested

Relearning



# Impact of the Criminal Justice System

- 1. They invaded my privacy
- 2. They expect too much too fast
- 3. They gave me no real support
- 4. They haven't achieved anything
- 5. They were quicker to speak to the press than to me
- 6. They had no concept of the consequences of their actions



### **Final Words**

What should have been done differently?



"The Offender Management Unit at Bedfordshire Police is very proactive and we carry out unannounced home visits.

"On this occasion we identified that Holloman, a sex offender under management within the community, had been re-offending, with numerous images on his electronic devices, including those he had admitted filming of women and teenage girls living nearby.

"I am pleased that Holloman has now been put behind bars, and the location of his offending taken away from him with the court order to move away within six months of his release. This is an extremely rare court order.

"Within the Offender Management Unit, we will continue to work to reduce reoffending, but will always tackle criminality where it exists."