Metropolitan Police Service

SCD5 - Child Abuse Investigation Command

Preventing paedophiles operating on the internet

Aim

- The Command Structure
- Current Picture
- Police Response
- Challenges

The Command

Largest dedicated team of Child Abuse Investigators in the World

- Intra-familial Child Abuse
- Targeting of predatory paedophiles
- Suspicious Child Death within the family
- Child Abuse on the internet
- Child Abuse in distinct Communities
- International Child Trafficking
- Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infants

Current Picture

- Affordability, Accessibility, Anonymity
- Diversification of Internet offending is a principal threat for the command
- 2 distinct behaviours on-line;

  1. On-line grooming and contact abuse
  2. Image offences

- Internet related offences dealt with by the Command have risen dramatically in the past 2 years

The response

- The Command continues to work pro-actively in relation to all aspects of on-line offending;

1. On-line Grooming
   - Covert Operations
2. Image Offending
   - Working with partners
   - Use of new technologies
3. Paedophile Networks
   - Research and Analysis of offenders, the internet and on-line networks
   - Partnership with IWF and CEOP

Challenges

- Prevention
- Partnership & International Networks
- New technologies
- Volume & Priorities