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The Prevalence of Voyeurism Amongst Men in the UK

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1 in 3
community men
have engaged in
voyeurism
without
consent



What is voyeurism?

Non-consensual viewing of others during private activities for sexual pleasure (Sexual Offences Act, 2003)

Introduction

- Professionals urging for research
- 8-42% *non-UK* prevalence rates but conviction rates are low (Langström & Seto, 2006; MoJ, 2018)

Aim

Investigate the prevalence of sexual arousal, engagement and proclivity towards voyeurism amongst UK men

Method

- 501 community men
 - UK residents >18
- Amended paraphilia questionnaire:
1. Proclivity (desire to engage)
 2. Previous engagement
 3. Sexual arousal

Results

- 56.1% had some sexual arousal
- 61.5% had proclivity to engage
- 32.5% have engaged lifetime
- Relationships with other paraphilias

Conclusions

- More prevalent than expected; low detection rate?
- To become a **prison service crisis**
- Electronic ≠ in-person voyeurism