Students at risk of sexual harassment and violence

56% of UK university students have experienced unwanted sexual behaviours such as inappropriate touching, explicit messages, being cat called, followed and/or being forced into sex or sexual acts.

However, only 15% believe they are victims of sexual harassment.

And only 8% have reported an offence.

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(25%) of students who were forced into having sex reported it.

49% of women said they were inappropriately touched but only 5% reported it.

26% of women were sent sexually explicit messages but only 3% reported it.

53% of incidents were perpetrated by another student.

30% of incidents took place on campus.

Only 52% of students understand that it is not possible to give consent if you are drunk.

The online survey was conducted by Absolute Research, on behalf of Dig-In. It was emailed out via the Dig-In database to thousands of students across the UK. A total of 5,649 responses were received between 10th January and 18th January 2019.