## Nottingham men jailed for abusing vulnerable teenage girls

From <u>West Bridgeford Wire</u>. These trials only really get reported in the local press these days. And then only the barest fact of conviction and sentence.

Two men have been jailed for grooming and sexually abusing three vulnerable teenage girls. The female victims, both of whom were in the care system, were aged between 13 and 15 when they were groomed, sexually exploited and abused between February 2017 and January 2019.

Mohammed Saeed Ahmed, (below right) 22, had admitted three charges and Waqas Akhtar, (below left) 26, was convicted at trial.



Mohammed Saeed Ahmed, 22, of Vale Crescent South,
Nottingham, previously admitted engaging in sexual

communication with a child, causing or inciting a girl under 16 to engage in sexual activity and sexual activity with a girl under 16. He was jailed for three years and given a restraining order against the girls

• Waqas Akhtar, 26, of Glentworth Road, Nottingham, was found guilty of sexual activity with a girl under 16, penetrative sexual activity with a girl under 16, two counts of engaging in sexual communication with a child, and meeting a girl under 16 years of age following grooming. He was jailed for seven years and six months

Nottinghamshire Police started investigating after concerns were raised by agencies supporting two of the girls, who later entered the care system. Officers found "significant evidence of grooming and abuse" on the men's phones not only against the two girls, but against a third who had not been previously mentioned.

A third man, Hamza Shazad, 27, of Ewart Road, Forest Fields, admitted to three counts of making indecent images of children, three counts of distributing indecent images of a child and another charge of possessing extreme pornographic images.

He will be sentenced on 7 April.