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“A protocol and Phase-1 test of the impact on repeat domestic abuse callouts of a focused deterrence strategy targeting prolific domestic abuse offenders.”
7% of women & 5% men experienced domestic abuse in the last year

1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse in their lives

80% of trans people experience domestic abuse

Domestic abuse costs UK Businesses £1.9b a year

Domestic abuse accounts for 18% of all violent crime

76% of all incidents are repeat

70% of children on “At Risk” registers are from homes where domestic abuse occurs.

19% of women have experienced stalking since the age of 16

70% of domestic incidents result in injury

75% of victims are targeted at work

12% of under 11s, 18% of 11-17s and 24% of 18-24s had been exposed to domestic abuse between adults in their homes during childhood.

Girls aged between 16 and 19 are at the highest risk of sexual assault (7.9 per cent), stalking (8.5 per cent) and domestic abuse (12.7 per cent)

Women experience an average of 35 incidents of domestic violence before reporting an incident to the police

The total cost of domestic abuse to services (the criminal justice system, health, social services, housing and civil legal) amounts to £3.8 billion per year
A New Approach - Why?

- PCC & HMIC
- DA accounts for 5.3% of ‘all recorded crime’, 19% of all serious assaults, 30% of assault with injury, 57% of all harassment
- 4.95% of all incidents (84, 416) of which 14,807 are DV
- 2002 active MARAC cases – 49% high risk
- 4500 crimes, 3500 perpetrators but........... ‘top 200’ are responsible for 12% of crimes & 9% of incidents
- 240 perpetrators in the 2 groups
- Need for a systematic approach to the ‘power few’
The Concept

• Deterrence Theory
• Focussed deterrence - ‘Pulling Levers’ (Kennedy, 1994)
• Killingbeck, 1994
• Little other identified & evaluated UK good practice – ‘too hard to do…’
• “High Point” Model
The Plan

• Build/ free capacity through continuous improvement
• Develop capability (police & partners)
• Develop connectivity – realigned partnerships through SDVG
• Ensure a consistent pan-Merseyside approach
• Full and meaningful contribution across CJ partners, 3rd sector and other agencies
The Plan

- Extensive consultation but never quite enough!
- Focused deterrence strategy to DA perpetrators
- 3 phases
- 2 or more cohorts in the RCT
- Very real concerns over risk
- A test of nerves
The ‘Dry Run’

• First attempt failed completely!
• 3 BCU’s, 28 perpetrators
• 2 removed during pilot due to increased victim risk
• Only 1 case of known reoffending (breach restraining order) in remaining intimate relationship cohort
• Positive innovation, lessons learned, some promise
• But................
The Learning

• Real issues with officer engagement – cultures need changing
• Capacity issues
• Ownership
• Selection bias
• Clear need for a corporate process – too much wiggle room given
• Needed broader command engagement
• Consistency needed in targeting plans
The Critical Bits

- Standard risk assessment, oversight & management (DMM)
- Scripted mandatory notification
- Local panels
- IOM weighting & scoring enhancement
- Rapidity of interventions
- Dosage – phased targeted interventions
- Capability building
- Buy-in!
Risk Management

- MARAC
- IDVA MEETS WITH VICTIM
- VICTIM COOPERATING
- SAFETY PLAN
- RISK ASSESSMENT
- YES
- NO
- VICTIM CONTACT
- MONITOR OUTCOMES
- NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFENDER PLAN
- TACTICAL OPTIONS DEPLOYED
- VICTIM CONTACT
- MONTHLY REVIEW MEETING, CHAIRED BY DINSP FCIU. DSGT DVU TO ATTEND, FSU MANAGER TO ATTEND, NEIGHBOURHOOD TO ATTEND
- IDVA MEETS WITH VICTIM
- IDENTIFY SUITABLE COUPLE TO WORK WITH
- IDENTIFY SPOC NEIGHBOURHOOD SPOC DVU & IDVA
- RISK ASSESSMENT
- PPU - LIST OF REPEAT PROTECT VICTIMS
- HIGH RISK
- SUITABLE COUPLE TO WORK WITH
- IDENTIFY SPOC NEIGHBOURHOOD SPOC DVU & IDVA
- RISK ASSESSMENT
- REVIEW RISK ASSESSMENT
Risk Management

- DV Safety Plan
- Dedicated IDVA
- DV LOI marker, PNC, Niche flag ‘notify if’
- Weekly victim review
- MARAC review
- Other agency flags
- CORVUS management site, briefing tool
- DMM review daily
Disclosure

Initial Risk Assessment &/or Incident details

Multi-Agency Daily Domestic Abuse Conference Call

- 360° Review of partner data
- Holistic Risk Assessment Agreed
- Agreed Interventions & Action
- Monitoring, Review and Outcome

High Risk booked in MARAC

Partner agencies

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Police
Social Services
Health
3rd Sector
Housing
Probation
Schools

Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit

Incident / crime management, (Victims & Offenders), Investigation & Safeguarding
Outcome Measures

• Decrease in reported offending rate based on offending rate 12-months prior to engagement, during participation and following exit
• Decrease in severity of offending based on weighted scoring system
• Decrease in reported DA incidents, referrals, callouts
• Decrease in victim-perceived risk
Questions?