



Violence Against Women and Girls Conference 2016

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Domestic Abuse: It's everyone's business

Context: Types of Abuse



Power and Control

Mutuality

Understanding is the key to problem-solving

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Context: Coercive Control

The offence addresses behaviour on behalf of the perpetrator which takes place **'repeatedly or continuously'** between a victim and alleged perpetrator who are **'personally connected'** at the time the behaviour takes place. The behaviour must have had a **'serious effect'** on the victim, meaning that it has caused the victim to fear violence will be used against them on **'at least two occasions'** or it has had a **'substantial adverse effect on the victims'** day to day activities. The alleged perpetrator must have known that their behaviour would have a serious effect on the victim, or the behaviour must have been such that he or she **'ought to have known'** it would have that effect.

Controlling

Intimidating

Humiliating

Isolating

Violence

Threats

Sexual
Coercion

Exploiting



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Context: The Importance of Gaining Trust

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Hope that
"Things will be
different now"

Cultural Factors

Fear

Financial concerns

Lack of options

Pressure
from their
social network

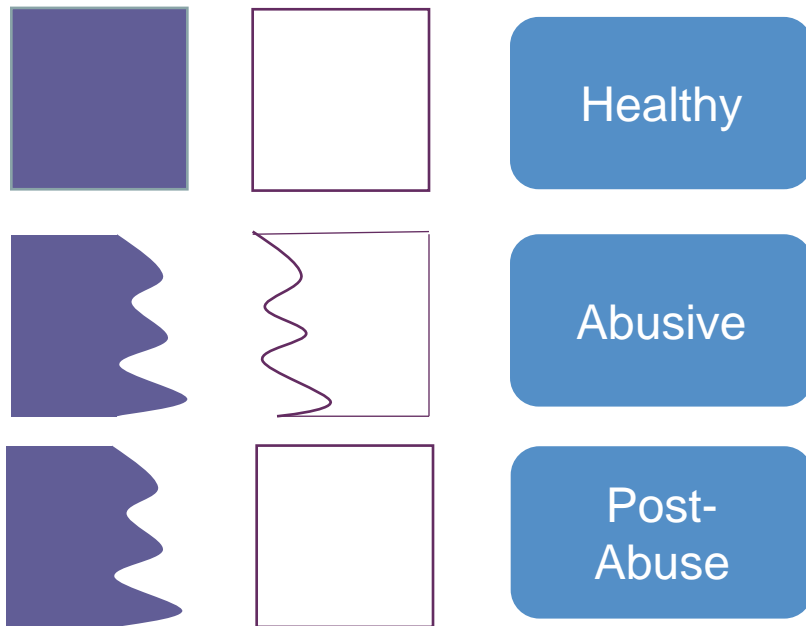
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Context: Why Don't They Just Leave?

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“ Although the victim may disclose the abuse, the trauma bond means that the victim may also wish to receive comfort from the very person who abused them



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Performance: Arrest Analysis

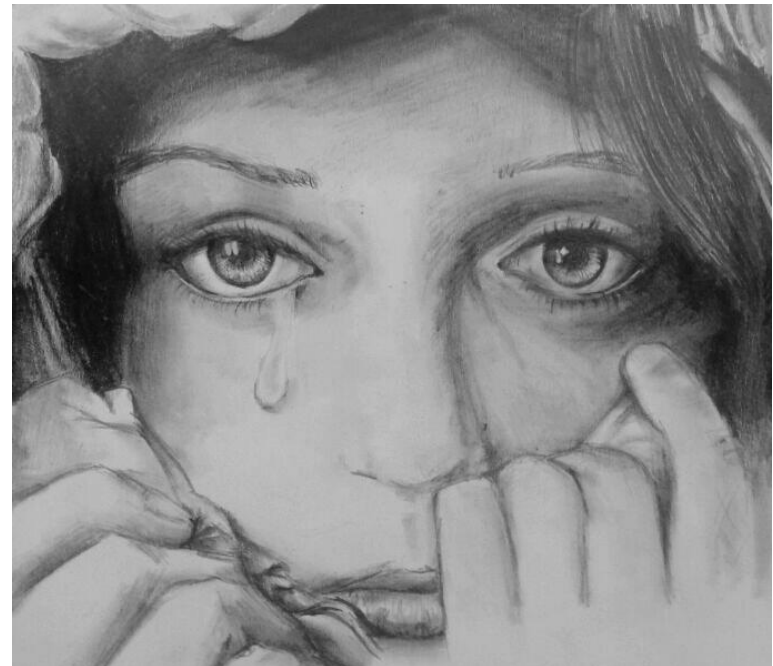
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“There were cases where the victim's wish for ‘no formal action’ should not have been accepted and many cases where the victim's wish for NFA was accepted without question or auditable documentation. Some of these will have been motivated by fear.”

Focus on Outcomes:

In the last year over **1,200** crimes have been filed as Victim Not Supporting/Withdrawn Support.

To maximise formal outcomes we need to be sure that this assessment is correctly identified, genuine and fully informed.

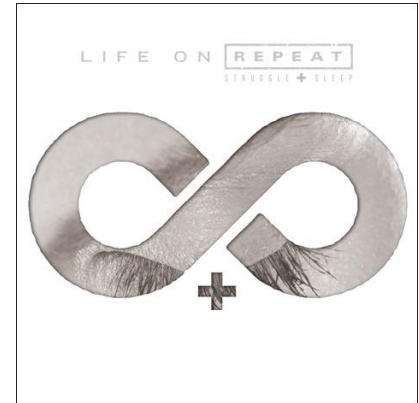
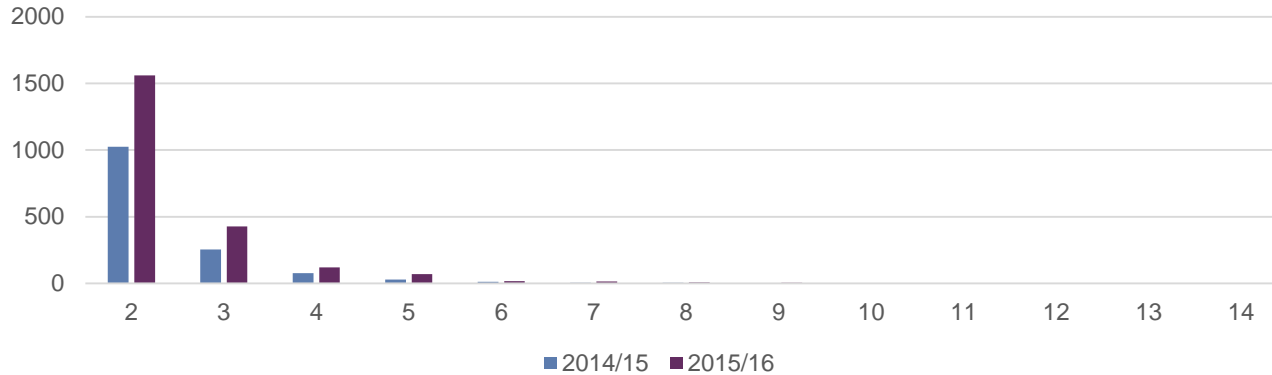


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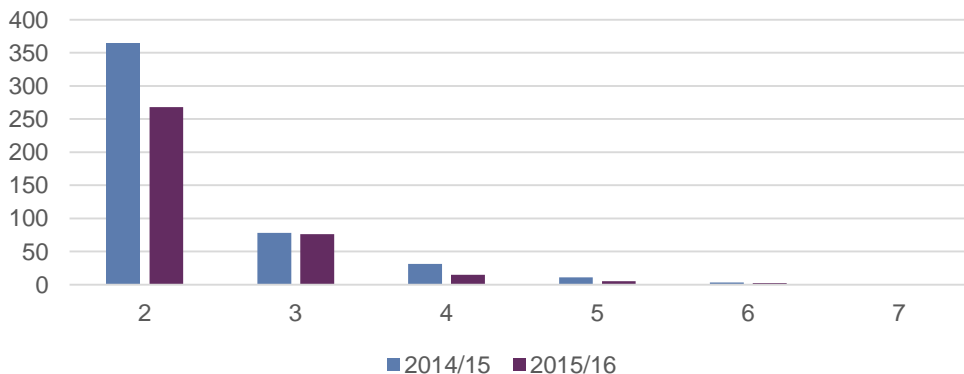
Performance: Repeats

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Repeat Domestic Violence Victims
Year on Year



Repeat Domestic Abuse Perpetrators
Year on Year

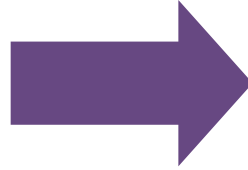


Over the last year there have been significant developments in reducing reoffending in Domestic Abuse (OM Hub, Cara, Domestic Abuse Priority Perpetrator Scheme),

However there has been a rise in repeat victimisation – this could indicate that victims are moving between abusive partners, indicating a need for longer-term safeguarding and use of Claire's law.

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Strategic National Direction...



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- The Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Department of Health and SafeLives are talking about moving from a “*risk-based approach*” to a “*needs-based approach*”.
- This would need to be a whole public-service / Voluntary & Community Sector change and cannot be achieved by the Police alone. In Hampshire we already have a lot to be proud of in this respect. In particular:
 - The training received within the Resolution Centre (and the SafeLives recommendation to embed IDAAs if approved);
 - The use of perpetrator programmes to reduce reoffending;
 - Support to medium-risk victims of DA
 - The Domestic Abuse Cars project.
- **QUESTION: Is “success” preventing homicide or should we be more ambitious about rescuing victims from abuse?**



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Performance: Victim Satisfaction

A word of caution: This data is taken from the first report back from the survey and is based on a small sample size. It should not be used as a comparative baseline.

Q: Are you satisfied, dissatisfied or neither with the way in which your initial report was dealt with?

92% Satisfied 4% Neutral 4% Dissatisfied

Q: Did the officers who attended listen to you?

90% Yes 7% No 3% NA

Q: Are you satisfied, dissatisfied or neither with the investigation carried out by the police?

78% Satisfied 8% Neutral 14% Dissatisfied

Q: Are you satisfied, dissatisfied or neither with the way that officers and other police personnel have treated you throughout the period of the investigation?

90% Satisfied 5% Neutral 4% Dissatisfied

Q: As a result of this experience has your opinion of the police changed?

41% A better opinion 14% A worse opinion 46% No change

"They listened to me and made me feel safe, interested in all my issues"

"I was just told everything that was going on and they kept me informed"

"I left messages and texts saying please can someone contact me, I heard absolutely nothing. I had to make all the phone calls."

"They were amazing"



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Victim Satisfaction: Arrest vs non-arrest

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Based on a sample of 109 interviews between July and October 2016



% Satisfied % Neutral % Dissatisfied

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Action: Effective Responding

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Domestic Abuse

1 in 4 Women

1 in 7 Men

will be a victim of Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse Destroys Lives...

Emotionally and physically the effect on those involved is devastating and has a massive impact on any children present.

- ▶ Every Call Matters...
- ▶ Every call might be our last chance to protect a vulnerable victim, to stop further abuse or to prevent a murder.

What Can I Do?

1 Understand the Risks

Take time to listen to the victim and understand what's really happened...

The AD232 risk assessment is a vital tool for partners and other police teams to understand the risks and to protect the victim. It needs to contain enough detail that anyone reading it can make decisions on how much support is needed.

The questions have been designed to highlight incidents where the victim is in danger. Take the time to go through it with them in person and check the form reflects what they've told you.

It's important when doing this not to judge the victim. They are the only person who really knows what their life is like and sometimes obvious solutions for us aren't at all easy for someone with children to support, nowhere to go or no income to live off.

2 Arrest?

Arrest if you're concerned someone could be physically or emotionally harmed.

Arrest should be the starting position if someone is suspected of violence, threats of violence, sexual offences or coercive control.

Arrest gives support agencies vital time to work with the victim and any children to keep them safe. If someone is in custody we can also apply for a Domestic Violence Prevention Notice. If you decide not to arrest you need to record your rationale using the NDM.

Arrest is often necessary to protect children or vulnerable adults. (part of the necessity test)

3 Make the Victim Safe

Think what you can do to make the victim and their family safer

We all have a part to play in keeping victims of Domestic Abuse safe. That might be giving them advice about how to create a safe space at their address, making sure they keep their mobile phone charged or helping them ask neighbours or friends to look out for them.

It might be checking there aren't any firearms at the address and removing them if there are.

Sometimes we might even need to move them out of their home for a while.

Don't leave it to another team - it might be too late by then. Take action and document what you've done.

THINK: What have I done to make this victim safe?

For more information please see the Domestic Abuse pages on the Intranet

Safeguarding is Everyone's Business



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Action: PIC Focus

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Safeguarding

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Effective
Investigation

Professionalism

Interoperability

Staff Welfare and
Wellbeing



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Action: Future Strategic Directions

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Vulnerability training

Operation encompass

MARAC review

CRM capability for
compiling case history

Domestic Abuse in the
MASH

Risk Vs needs based
approach

Review of arrest
effectiveness

Combined
DASH/CYP/CA12 forms





**YOU
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OUR COMMUNITIES**

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