

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

## POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Report Of	<b>POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER</b>
Subject	<b>DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b>
Date	<b>THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.</b>
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide an update on the Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse (DSVA) recommissioning project and provide some insight in relation to the role that alcohol abuse plays within this area of crime.

### **Background**

2. Existing commissioning arrangements are such that the PCC alongside Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council co-fund and manage a contract with United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) to provide:
  - A helpline for domestic and sexual violence and abuse victims
  - Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVAs) and Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVAs) for domestic abuse victims and sexual violence victims respectively
  - An outreach team to provide wider support including group work to DSVA victims
  - Access to a limited amount of therapeutic support
3. The existing contract expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and the above partners have been working to recommission this and wider provision that they fund individually so as to create a new service system of provision to both support DSVA victims and also to challenge perpetrators behaviour.

### **New model of provision**

4. The new model of provision is set out in a series of figures within Appendix 1 and in brief will provide from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022:
  - An Enhanced Helpline and Engagement service operating as the front door for the rest of the Service System

- Domestic Abuse Locality Services (One for the city and 1 for Leicestershire and Rutland)
  - A Sexual Violence and Abuse Service serving the whole force area and co-located within the Leicestershire Sexual Abuse Referral Centre
  - DSVAs Accommodation Related Support Services (3 services within the city (Refuge, BME Refuge and Dispersed Accommodation) and a Refuge in the County)
  - Domestic Violence/Abuse Perpetrator interventions (Framework from which there is one call off for Leicester City with the potential for further call offs for County/Rutland)
  - Domestic Abuse Children and Young People (city contract only)
5. The new model of provision is expected to reduce re-victimisation and improve outcomes for victims.
  6. A large procurement process has recently been undertaken and we received compliant bids for all bar the Dispersed Accommodation lot. We will shortly be in a position to award these contracts (indeed they will have been awarded come the day of this meeting).
  7. A project board chaired by the Head of Strategy and Commissioning has overseen the commissioning process thus far and will continue to implement and manage the new Service System collectively alongside single agency contract management processes.

### **PCC investment**

8. The four partners investment is mutually assured through a Joint Working Agreement covering the procurement processes, implementation of services and also the management of the new provision.
9. The PCC is funding those elements of the Service System that the police most interact with. This is the Helpline and Engagement Service and Sexual Violence and Abuse Service both of which are fully funded by the PCC.
10. The PCC is also providing part funding to the Domestic Violence/Abuse Perpetrator Interventions but initially this is just in the city as to be viable it requires local authority funding as well and this is yet to be secured from first and second tier authorities in the county/Rutland.
11. The PCC is continuing to work with LLR partners on the Domestic Abuse Perpetrators project that was instigated with Home Office funding secured by the PCC's office. Match funding already secured from across the partnership will be sustaining this provision through until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and it is hoped that thereafter, partnership funding (including from the PCC) can be secured in the longer term to enable perpetrator provision across the whole area. The PCC is working with partners and the provider of this service (FreeVA) to build the evidence base in support of this.

### **Domestic and alcohol abuse – Presentation to be delivered on the day of the meeting.**

## **Implications**

### **Financial**

N/A to this report

### **Legal:**

N/A to this report

**Equality Impact Assessment:** N/A to this report

### **Risks and Impact:**

N/A to this report

### **Link to Police and Crime Plan:**

This relates to the support of victims.

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## Appendix 1 – The DSVA Service System

Figure 1. New Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services Service System

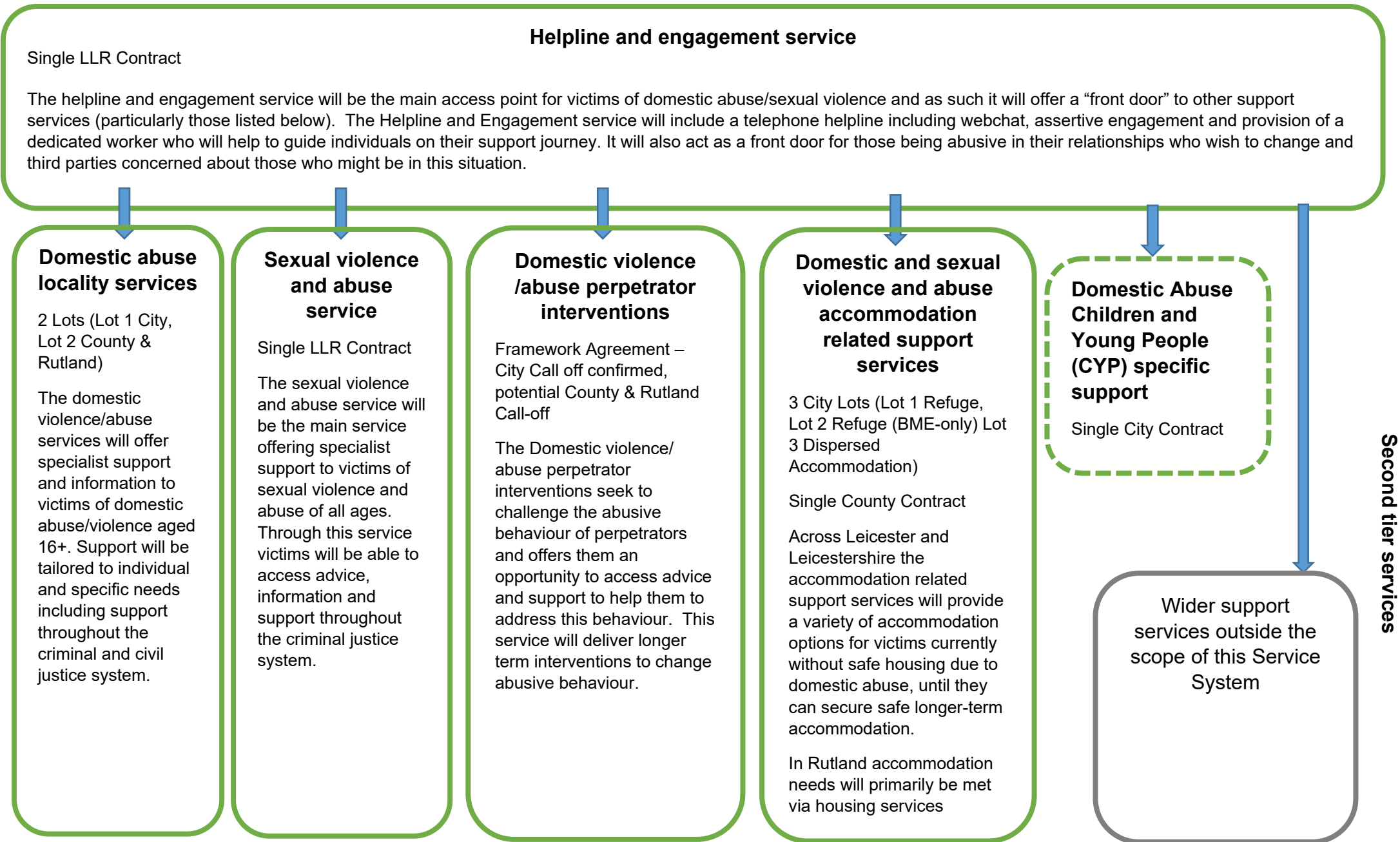


Figure 2. The place of the “Service System” within the wider overall DSVA system

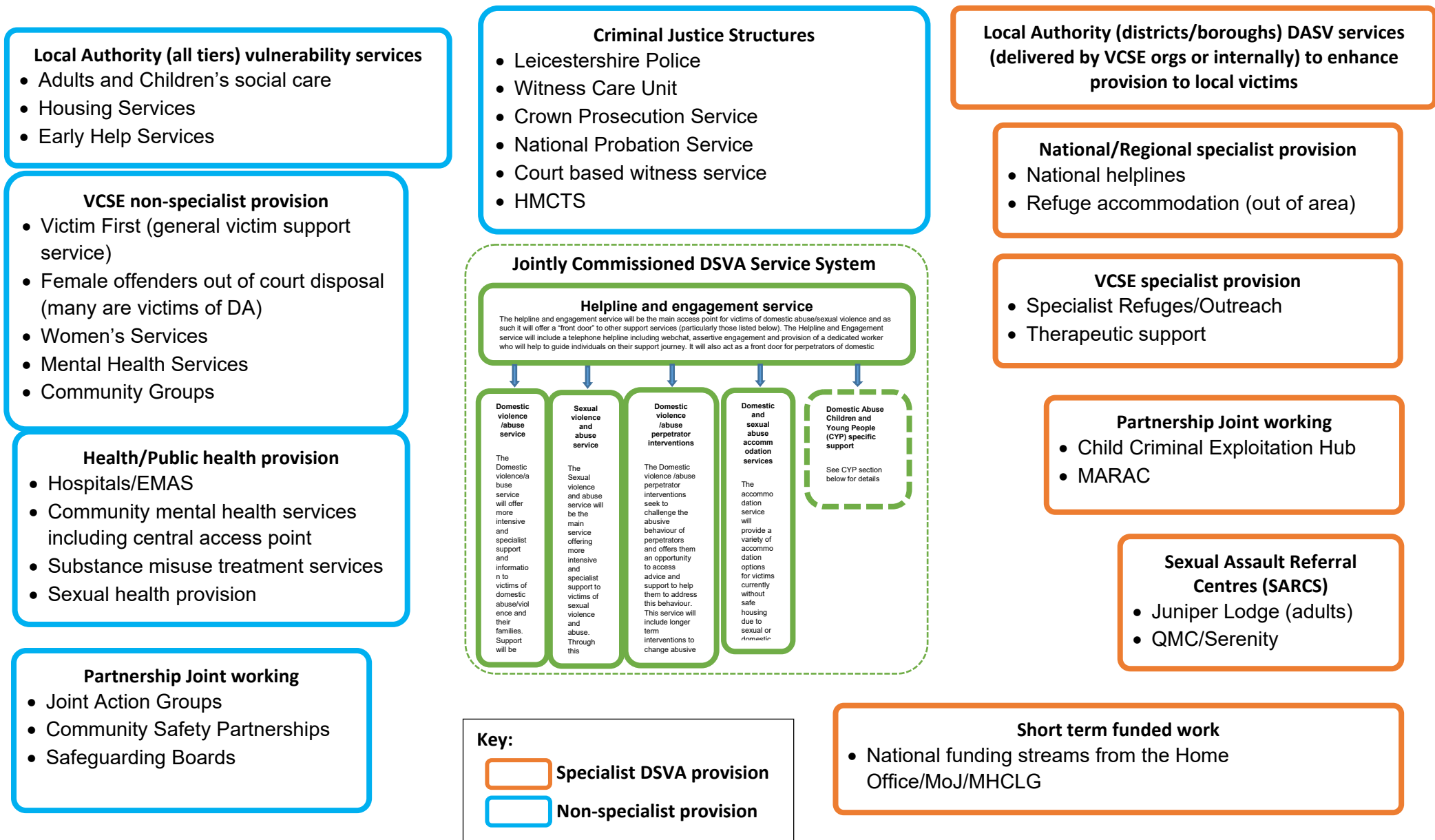


Figure 3. Victim and perpetrator flow through the Service System (see CYP section below which sets out which service elements are relevant to children)

