# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

## **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Report Of	POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
Subject	DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Date	THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
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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 colocated within the Leicestershire Sexual Abuse Referral Centre
- DSVA 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

## Helpline and engagement service

#### Single LLR Contract

The helpline and engagement service will be the main access point for victims of domestic abuse/sexual violence and as such it will offer a "front door" to other support services (particularly those listed below). The Helpline and Engagement service will include a telephone helpline including webchat, assertive engagement and provision of a dedicated worker who will help to guide individuals on their support journey. It will also act as a front door for those being abusive in their relationships who wish to change and third parties concerned about those who might be in this situation.

Domestic abuse locality services	Sexual violence and abuse service Single LLR Contract The sexual violence and abuse service will be the main service offering specialist support to victims of sexual violence and abuse of all ages. Through this service victims will be able to access advice, information and support throughout the criminal justice system.	<section-header></section-header>	Domestic and sexual violence and abuse accommodation related support services 3 City Lots (Lot 1 Refuge, Lot 2 Refuge (BME-only) Lot 3 Dispersed Accommodation) Single County Contract Across Leicester and Leicestershire the accommodation related support services will provide a variety of accommodation options for victims currently without safe housing due to domestic abuse, until they can secure safe longer-term accommodation.	Domestic Abuse   Children and   Young People   (CYP) specific   support   Single City Contract   Vider support   services outside the   scope of this Service   System
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#### Figure 2. The place of the "Service System" within the wider overall DSVA system

Local Authority (all tiers) vulnerability services

- Adults and Children's social care
- Housing Services
- Early Help Services

## **VCSE non-specialist provision**

- Victim First (general victim support service)
- Female offenders out of court disposal (many are victims of DA)
- Women's Services
- Mental Health Services
- Community Groups

#### Health/Public health provision

- Hospitals/EMAS
- Community mental health services including central access point
- Substance misuse treatment services
- Sexual health provision

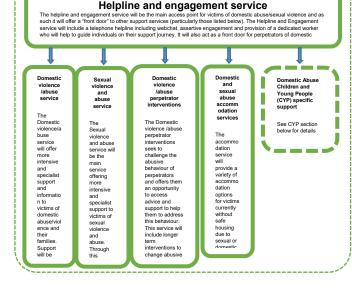
#### Partnership Joint working

- Joint Action Groups
- Community Safety Partnerships
- Safeguarding Boards

#### Criminal Justice Structures

- Leicestershire Police
- Witness Care Unit
- Crown Prosecution Service
- National Probation Service
- · Court based witness service
- HMCTS

#### Jointly Commissioned DSVA Service System





Local Authority (districts/boroughs) DASV services (delivered by VCSE orgs or internally) to enhance provision to local victims

## National/Regional specialist provision

- National helplines
- Refuge accommodation (out of area)

#### VCSE specialist provision

- Specialist Refuges/Outreach
- Therapeutic support

## Partnership Joint working

- Child Criminal Exploitation Hub
- MARAC

## Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCS)

- Juniper Lodge (adults)
- QMC/Serenity

#### Short term funded work

 National funding streams from the Home Office/MoJ/MHCLG

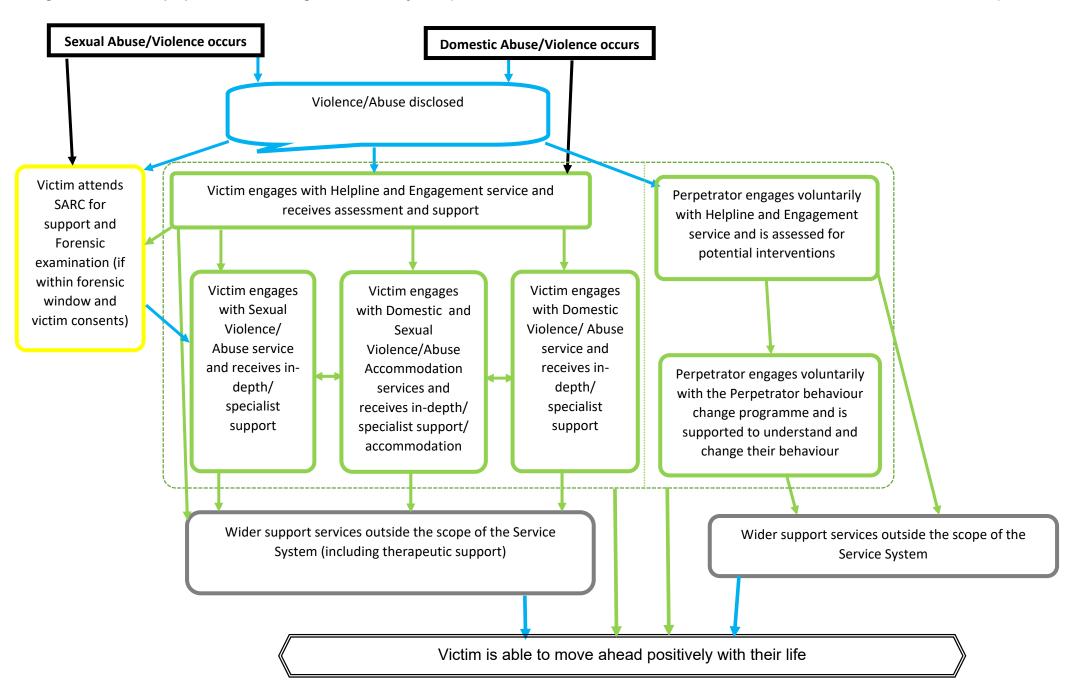


Figure 3. Victim and perpetrator flow through the Service System (see CYP section below which sets out which service elements are relevant to children)