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Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)/Serious Case Review (SCR) Update

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide members of the Police and Crime Commissioner with an updated position in relation to Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case Reviews.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner notes the force's position and response to all recommendations from these reviews.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to fulfil their scrutiny obligations with regard to the effectiveness of Nottinghamshire Police's response to Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case Reviews.

4. Summary of Key Points

Current Status of Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case Reviews

4.1 Domestic Homicide Reviews

AIS	<p>Review has been written but not yet submitted to the National Panel. Incident happened 11/11/2017. One recommendation for the Police;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nottinghamshire Police need to evaluate the use of voluntary attendance of a suspect for interview in respect of domestic abuse flagged crime.
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Globated	Review concluded. Incident happened 08/02/2016 No recommendations for the force.
Hade	Review on-going. Incident happened 05/11/2018.
Handbrake	Review concluded. Incident happened July 2016. DHR completed Dec 2017. No recommendations for the force.
Haslock	Review ongoing. Incident happened on 16/08/2017. No previous police involvement.
Hedghog	<p>Review concluded. Incident happened on 29/07/2015. Three recommendations for the Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration should always be given to creating a NICHE intelligence entry following police interaction with individuals suffering from mental health issues. • Consideration should be given to reviewing risk levels for standard / medium risk repeat victims during a 12-month period to ascertain if risk levels have been elevated and agency referrals are required. • Mandatory use of body worn footage in all domestic abuse cases <p>DHR not yet published</p>
Helios	Review on-going. Incident happened on 29/01/2018.
Helsinki	Review on-going Incident happened on 29/01/2018.
Hexad	Review on-going Incident happened on 28/08/2018.
Hind	Review on-going Incident happened on 25/10/2016. DHR final meeting was 24/01/2019 prior to publication.
Hoff	Review on-going Incident happened on 30/07/2018.
Honey	Review concluded. Incident happened on 03/08/2016. DHR recommendations July 2018. No recommendations for the force
Hornet	Review on-going Incident happened on 18/02/2018.

Highwire	Review on-going Incident happened on 24/04/2018.
Headway	Initial review completed 2013, Incident happened on 15/10/2011. DHR Overview report completed 16/01/2019 second review now concluded. One recommendation for the Police; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nottinghamshire Police should undertake an audit to establish whether restraining orders are appropriately recorded on police information systems e.g. on both the perpetrator's and the victim's records
Headscarf	Review on-going. Incident happened on 05/06/2017.

4.2 Serious Case Reviews

KN15	Review signed off. Not published awaiting completion of coroner's inquest
KN16	Review signed off. Not published as awaiting feedback
KN17	Review signed off. Publication to be considered after coroner's inquest. No recommendations for the Police
KN18	Review signed off. Two recommendations for the Police

4.3 Update on Domestic Homicide Recommendations

AIS - COMPLETE	<p>Recommendation –</p> <p>The force to evaluate use of Voluntary Attendance (VA) in respect of Domestic Abuse</p> <p>Falling arrests rates (and hence VA) is a national issue for almost all forces with many causes including the necessity test, demand and custody suites.</p>
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	<p>Nottinghamshire Domestic Abuse (DA) policy directs positive action for all domestic abuse. The importance of arrest for DA was re-invigorated in September 2018 by Public Protection (PP) Senior Management Team (SMT) at the Vulnerability briefings that every front line officer received personally. Victim/survivor perceptions, bail conditions and consequential court issues were all discussed in these briefings.</p> <p>A discussion forum took place with key interested parties (including local policing Chief Superintendent, Head of PP, DA leads in both local policing and PP, custody lead) to discuss this issue. All pledged support and to take this issue back to their teams.</p> <p>Legal advice has been taken with respect to providing formal advice for officers regarding arrests for DA (similar to the knife crime advice) but at this stage legal services are not supportive of the wording and this is ongoing.</p> <p>A crime audit is planned by PP staff, assessing the appropriateness of VAs, with a plan to feedback to supervisors. Dependent on this audit, consideration may be given to dictate sergeant pre-authorisation to be recorded on Niche for VA for domestic abuse.</p> <p>Work is also underway to remind officers and staff of the Positive Action policy on arrest, and use of bail conditions, for domestic abuse cases. This will involve briefings and aide memoires for frontline staff as well as custody staff.</p> <p>A review is scheduled in approximately 6-12 months' time to judge whether the learning has been successful.</p>
<p>Hedghog ONE RECOMMENDATION COMPLETE, TWO ON- GOING</p>	<p>Recommendations -</p> <p>Mandatory use of Body Worn Video (BWV) in all cases of Domestic Abuse (DA) attended by Police</p> <p>BWV is now considered mandatory in DA incidents and is part of the supporting evidence in prosecutions whether evidence led or survivor supported. All front line staff have been briefed by Public Protection Senior Leadership Team on issues surrounding vulnerability (Know it / Spot it / Stop it campaign) throughout 2017 and this was re-communicated in 2018. To complement this, the Force Domestic Abuse policy has been updated to include mandatory use of BWV in DA cases.</p>

A Deep Dive Project on Managing Domestic Abuse Cases involving the CPS, College of Policing and HM Courts and Tribunals Service advised since redrafting our local domestic abuse policy and introducing mandatory body worn video there has been an increase in evidence led convictions in Nottinghamshire.

Consideration to creating a NICHE intelligence entry (or PPN - Public protection Notice) following officer interactions with those suffering mental health issues

PPN notices have been created and rolled out across the NICHE system.

The Force Vulnerability campaign (Know it, Spot it, Stop It) was developed and delivered force wide in briefings, videos and wider corporate communications message - throughout 2017 and this reinvigorated the purpose of PPN notices.

There is also now, training input for new recruits on mental health, Domestic Abuse and vulnerability.

A bite sized video on vulnerability and use of PPN / NICHE was produced and sent to every organisational employee, and this was supported by the Public Protection news bulletin and Keeping you informed.

The recording of Section 135 and Section 136 detentions in Niche is an ongoing piece of work which was initiated in August 2018. The anticipated delivery date for completion of this work is April 2019. At this point the learning will be reported on.

Consideration to be given to increasing/reviewing risk levels for repeat victims of domestic abuse during a 12 month period

Specific posts have been created and funded following a departmental review in March 2017 to deal with repeat victims.

Public Protection Organisations Performance Review now identifies the number and frequency of repeat victims of DA for review and consideration.

This recommendation is on-going.

Headway – ON-GOING	<p>Recommendation –</p> <p>Nottinghamshire Police should undertake an audit to establish whether restraining orders are appropriately recorded on police information systems e.g. on both the perpetrator's and the victim's records</p> <p>Restraining orders and non-molestation orders are all recorded on the Police National Computer system. Any incident occurrence is created on NICHE with all details of the perpetrator and victim. End dates are attached/recorded.</p> <p>Dip tests have been undertaken. The results of this have been shared with the author. The compliance rate was 100%.</p>
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4.4 Update on Serious Case Review Recommendations

KN18	<p>Recommendations -</p> <p>Work to be undertake between the Police, CPS and Independent Chair to establish a formal framework for this information to be effectively, legally and appropriately shared and stored on Children’s social care case files</p> <p>A meeting was held with Chris Cook (Independent Chair of LCSB), DCI Clare Dean (SCRSP chair) and Janine Smith (Chief Crown Prosecutor) in Sept 2018. The police indicated they were willing to share the information that they own. However the decision to charge or not (the rear of the MG3) is material owned by CPS. CPS held the view that the material could not be disclosed however JS agreed to take this issue to a national level within CPS for guidance. The Chair of the SCRSP has chased this on two occasions but as yet there has been no guidance provided nationally.</p> <p>Work to be undertake between the Police, CPS and Independent Chair to establish a formal framework for involvement of the CPS in any Future SCR Panel, where they have had a decision making role</p> <p>Following the above meeting, CPS agreed that for future cases where CPS representation was required, they would supply a representative. The SCRSP would formally contact the CCP who would allocate an attendee for the meetings.</p>
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5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 If financial implications arise from recommendations raised from Domestic Homicide or Serious Case Reviews, these implications are considered accordingly. Where an action cannot be delivered within budget provision, approval will be sought through the appropriate means.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct HR implications as a result of this report. HR implications resulting from reviews will be managed on a case by case basis.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct equality implications as a result of this report. Equality implications resulting from specific reviews will be managed on a case by case basis.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 Some reviews may involve the completion of formal reviews of specific business areas. It is possible that some or all of these reviews will identify and evaluate significant risks, which will then be incorporated into the Force's risk management process.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 Any policy implications will be subject to current policy development process.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

- 10.1 There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

- 11.1 All Domestic Review and Serious Case Review recommendations are added to the action planning system, 4Action, to ensure the force holds the corporate memory in relation to action taken to address these issues and any learning outcomes obtained by the force.

12. Appendices

12. None.