

CPS VAWG Work Plan 2015-16

VAWG Overall

Governance: cross government (IMG held in May 2016, officials group to be convened in June), external (ECG and CAF ongoing) and internal (VAWG coordinator roundtable meeting held in April and regular telekits with RASSO heads)
Oversight: Through the VAWG assurance bi-annually and the APR at each alternative quarter - currently undertaking Q3/Q4 15/16 VAWG assurance.

VAWG Data: VAWG Crime Report for 2015-16 and developments to the Common IT Platform – currently preparing VAWG report and aim to publish in autumn 2016.

Best practice: VAWG Casework Hub and VAWG Newsletter. First information input onto the knowledge hub. Sections available for each of the VAWG strands.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Development and implementation of two mandatory e-learning modules: one on Coercive Control and the other on evidence-led prosecutions.

Monitoring and compliance: Case file review of cases being referred and prosecuted under the new offence.

Support development of communications package on controlling or coercive behaviour.

Respond to recommendations related to domestic abuse within HMCPSI Witness Summons Audit Report

Domestic Abuse Deep Dive exercise: CPS led exercise across the CJS exploring domestic abuse best practice including the use and impact of new technologies on DA cases and the brigading and clustering of DA cases.

Review of Specialist DV Courts – letters written to SDVCs and LCJBs updating them on the outcomes of the SDVC review.

Consultation undertaken with SDVCs with regards to their compliance against the twelve components within the SDVC resource manual.

SDVC Resource Manual – this will be updated and consulted on as part of Deep Dive exercise, summer to winter 2017.

Restorative justice issues - ensure consistency of Government Departments, follow up with MoJ and after Justice Select Committee.

Out of court disposal pilots – awaiting proposals from MoJ re roll out and any implications re DA.

RAPE AND SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES (RASSO)

<p>Implementation of rape training strategy (consent and allegedly false rape allegations completed in all Areas, regional workshops completed, RASSO induction training completed and rolling programme for rest of year for new prosecutors, refresher RASSO training plans completed roll out currently for completion by early summer; e-learning and youth training prepare by summer; advocate induction training refresher September)</p> <p>The VAWG Team and CPS Change Team continue to map out the large volume of work on rape following the various reviews e.g. Dame Elish and HMCPSI.</p> <p>The recruitment campaign to recruit additional prosecutors has seen 83 new prosecutors appointed. A further tranche of recruitment to bring these appointments up to 105 new prosecutors, to meet the resourcing levels identified by the Optimum resourcing model, has commenced.</p> <p>The police have published revised guidance to officers on the content and structure of Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interviews.</p> <p>In January there was a further meeting with representatives from Ministry of Justice (MoJ), police, home office and other stakeholders to progress revisions to the MoJ guidance on ABE.</p> <p>Work to embed and progress implementation of the new guidance to officers on video recorded interviews will come within the work of the RASSO Delivery Board.</p> <p>Update rape legal guidance and policy – drafts being prepared.</p> <p>Cross-Government Groups: representation on Police National and Regional Rape Working Groups (Marion Langford) and Rape Monitoring Group (support release of data across CJS- planned for autumn 2016)</p> <p>CPS London review</p> <p>CSE AND CSA</p> <p>Tbc</p> <p>FORCED MARRIAGE AND HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE</p> <p>Developed CPS Action Plans on both agendas including consideration of implementation of new offence following consultation</p>
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with Areas, SWOT analysis and data analysis.
Following the HMCPSI inspection development of a Joint NPCC and CPS Protocol on the appropriate handling of HBV and FM offences.
STALKING
Development of stalking training material following approval at the CPS Tools and Skills for the Jobs Board.
Review CPS Stalking and Cyber Stalking elearning by July 2016
FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION
Monthly DPP-led meetings to chase up progress on cases reported and identify failings
Introduce strengthened reporting procedures for CPS Areas
Develop new guidance on public interest factors in relation to cosmetic surgery and genital piercings
Continue to support and monitor implementation of new offence
MODERN SLAVERY
Monitoring use of new powers
Consider the impact of Modern Slavery Act, including potential misuse, on the drugs and the gangs & guns portfolio
Contribute to external EU evaluation of implementation of directives and commitments
PROSTITUTION
Revised CPS Prostitution policy has now been cleared and we are awaiting this to be uploaded online, this reflects the updated NPCC strategy.

