

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 19th October 2016

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE SCRUTINY

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Executive Summary

This report outlines the process for the whole Panel scrutiny of the Protecting Vulnerable People priority.

Recommendation

The Panel is asked to make recommendations relating to the Protecting Vulnerable People Priority following discussions at the Panel meeting today (19th October 2016).

Background and Advice

Following discussions by the Panel at recent meetings on the Forward Plan for the Panel, it was agreed that the whole Panel would undertake scrutiny of the Commissioner's Protecting Vulnerable People priority.

Panel Members were given the opportunity to submit questions in advance in order that the Commissioner's office could prepare responses for the meeting, and a number of relevant documents were submitted to the Panel.

The following questions were received by the deadline of 19th September 2016:

On CSE –

The 'What If' programme delivered in S Ribble by Double R Arts seems to have some valuable content on the dangers of being on line, bullying and CSE. Was it considered successful and if so could it be delivered in other areas?

On Domestic Abuse –

1a) One of the difficult areas must be to decide whether a case is high medium or low risk. Is every initial assessment re-examined and by whom is this done locally or referred to say MASH?

1b) Is there any evidence of pressure to downgrade a case to reduce the workload of MARACs?

1c) The reports highlight the importance of detailed victim statements has there been a review to check this is being carried out, are there resources and staff to achieve this given the detailed incidents and abuse time spans usually involved?

2) *Is there any feedback either locally or to Hutton how medium and low risk cases have been resolved and outcomes.*

3) *It is presumed a perpetrator programme will be part of the new delivery in 2017. To which areas of Lancashire is the existing programme delivered and how successful has it been?*

4) *It is assumed that the findings of Domestic Homicide Review Cases are carefully considered and recommendations put into effect. Could an Executive Summary made available to the Panel in appropriate cases so that we are made aware of any key findings that we should know about which affect police performance?*

Members of the Panel are invited to ask further questions at the meeting and consider any next steps as appropriate.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

N/A

Legal Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Risk management

N/A

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

None.

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Reasons for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A