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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Strategic Resources and Performance Meeting</b>
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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 (now Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews).
- 1.2 This is an update from the previous report to this forum, dated March 2019.

### **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**

- 4.1 Below is a summary of the current status of Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case Reviews (now known as Safeguarding Practice Reviews) which either had an outstanding action or has been commissioned since the last report in March 2019.
- 4.2 Domestic Homicide Reviews

<b>Operation name</b>	<b>Review status</b>
AIS	<p>Review concluded. Incident happened 11/11/2017. One recommendation for the Police;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nottinghamshire Police need to evaluate the use of voluntary attendance of a suspect for interview in respect of domestic abuse flagged crime.</li> </ul>

	<b>On-going (see below 4.4).</b>
Chapaeu	Review on-going. Incident date 13/07/2018.
Hade	Review on-going. Incident date 05/11/2018.
Hanover	Review on-going. Incident date 02/08/2019.
Haslock	Review on-going. Incident date 16/08/2017. No previous police involvement.
Hedgehog	<p>Review concluded. Incident date 29/07/2015. Three recommendations for the Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration should always be given to creating a NICHE intelligence entry following police interaction with individuals suffering from mental health issues.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Mandatory use of body worn footage in all domestic abuse cases</li> </ul> <p><b>All now completed as per recommendation.</b></p>
Helios	Review completed. Incident date 29/01/2018. No police recommendations.
Helsinki	Review on-going. Incident date 29/01/2018.
Hexad	Review on-going. Incident date 28/08/2018.
Hind	<p>Review completed. Incident date 25/10/2016. All agency recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All agencies to raise awareness of coercive and controlling behaviour</li> </ul> <p><b>Completed. 1200 front line officers and staff have been trained in coercive/control behaviour in Autumn 2019.</b></p>
Hoff	Review on-going Incident date 30/07/2018.
Hornet	Review on-going Incident date 18/02/2018.

Highwire	Review on-going Incident date 24/04/2018.
Headway	<p>Review completed 2013. One recommendation for the Police;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul> <p><b>Completed. All restraining orders are now linked via Niche to victims and perpetrators. In 2019 an audit was conducted on 50 restraining order cases. There was 100% compliance.</b></p>
Headscarf	Review completed. Incident date 05/06/2017. No recommendations for police.
Loam	Review on-going. Incident date 29/05/2019.

#### 4.3 Serious Case Reviews

N	<p>Review complete. Police recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek assurance from Nottinghamshire Police that there is an appropriate level of awareness of learning disabilities amongst officers/staff</li> </ul> <p><b>On-going.</b> DCI Dean to provide an ILOR (impact of learning on outcomes review) in relation to the above.</p>
QN17	Review complete. No recommendations for police.
M	Review complete. No recommendations for police.
RN19	Review on-going.

#### 4.4 Update on Domestic Homicide Recommendations

AIS - ongoing	<p><b>Recommendation –</b></p> <p><b>The force to evaluate use of Voluntary Attendance (VA) in respect of Domestic Abuse</b></p> <p>Falling arrests rates and the use of VA is a national issue</p>
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	<p>for almost all forces.</p> <p>The appropriateness of using VA for cases of Domestic Abuse is a recurring theme on all our force 'vulnerability briefings' when the requirement for positive action is reiterated.</p> <p>The force has invested in Domestic Abuse Matters training for staff. All frontline officers have received this training (completed November 2019). The full days training was delivered by commissioned services in order to equip staff to recognise and deal with all DA investigations effectively.</p> <p>The falling arrest rate and use of VA is subject of an on-going audit regime within Public Protection. The focus is on medium and low risk offences as no high risk should ever be dealt with by VA. The audit also examines the use of bail conditions for DA offences.</p> <p>The first audit was conducted in July 2019 on domestic abuse. As a result, a pilot was authorised to provide stronger supervisory input in the decision making process to arrest or voluntary interview domestic abuse perpetrators. The pilot commenced Dec 2019 in two areas, Ashfield and Broxtowe.</p> <p>The review date for the pilot is March 2020. Following this review a decision will be made whether or not to adopt the practice force-wide.</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 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. These are scrutinised by the Deputy Chief Constable.

## **12. Appendices**

12. None.