



Vulnerability Knowledge  
& Practice Programme

# Stakeholder Bulletin



December 2022

## **The VKPP - Coordinating and improving and the police service response to vulnerability.**

Welcome to the December edition of The Stakeholder Bulletin from the VKPP – designed to keep stakeholders and partners updated with our work.

This will be our last bulletin of the year, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with our work in 2022 and happy holidays to you all. To see previous editions of the Stakeholder Bulletin do visit our website [www.vkpp.org.uk](http://www.vkpp.org.uk) It also contains all VKPP publications and briefings.

We are finalising plans for our Virtual Annual Conference 2023 taking place on 15 March, so before you log off why not take the opportunity to register to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. Details below.



**VKPP Annual Conference 2023 – Registration now open**

### **Virtual National VKPP Conference 15 March 2023**

The third virtual National Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme (VKPP) Conference will take place on Wednesday 15 March 2023 between 0930-1630. The conference will focus on the priority area of protecting children and adults affected by vulnerability related risk and harm.

The remote conference is free to attend and will focus on how policing is responding to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), discuss the barriers and enablers to listening to the voice

of the victim within police investigations and strategic decision-making, alongside the importance of leadership, partnerships, and culture in driving positive change.

The event will provide policing colleagues and partners an opportunity to come together to explore the latest knowledge, research, and innovation across the vulnerability space. Professionals involved in developing, shaping, and leading safeguarding and public protection are encouraged to attend.

For more details and to register for the conference, please use the following [link](#).

Once you have registered you will be sent a confirmation email. Please check you junk email if you do not receive this.



## Workstreams

### **Domestic Homicide Project - Year 2 Report**

The Year 2 findings from the Domestic Homicide Project - *Domestic Homicides and Suspected Victim Suicides 2021-2022* - has now been published.

The report focusses on how policing can improve its response to domestic abuse and domestic homicide and presents ground-breaking new work on victim suicide after domestic abuse.

To read the report in full please visit [www.vkpp.org.uk/vkpp-work/domestic-homicide-project/](http://www.vkpp.org.uk/vkpp-work/domestic-homicide-project/)

To read NPCC media release follow this link [news.npcc.police.uk](http://news.npcc.police.uk)

### **Domestic Homicide Project – Spotlight Briefing**

VKPP's new Spotlight Briefing on Suspected Victim Suicide following Domestic Abuse is out now, capturing the key learning and practice points for policing from the full Year 2 report above. The briefing summarises our new work on the scale and nature of victim suicide after domestic abuse.

To read the briefing please visit [www.vkpp.org.uk/publications/publications-and-reports/](http://www.vkpp.org.uk/publications/publications-and-reports/)

## **Domestic Homicide Project - Carer Spotlight Briefing**

The Domestic Homicide Project has also published a Carers Spotlight Briefing analysing cases which involved a caring relationship – both victims who were carers for suspects, and suspects who were caring for victims. The analysis shows that 1 in 6 domestic abuse-related deaths involved a caring relationship.

The Briefing considers victim and suspect characteristics, the typology of the death (intimate partner or adult family homicide), the direction of caring relationship, care need (physical health and/or mental health), contact with police and other agencies, and key features of the death. From this research, the Briefing provides key messages and practice points of relevance to the police as well as their multi-agency partners.

To read the briefing please visit [www.vkpp.org.uk/publications/publications-and-reports/](http://www.vkpp.org.uk/publications/publications-and-reports/)



**Lifetime Award for our Head of Communications**



At the Association of Police Communicators (APComm) awards last month, our head of communications, **Jacqui Hanson**, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award, presented in recognition of

**“A lifetime of dedication and achievement to police communications.** Jacqui is awarded for being an inspiration to generations of communications professionals, an incredible advocate for policing, a mentor, trainer and a pivotal long-standing committee member for the Association of Police Communicators.

The award was presented by Chief Constable Gavin Stephens, the newly appointed Chair of the NPCC.

It is not often that Jacqui Hanson is lost for words, but this was one of them!

It is also not often in life that you get a standing ovation.

Always above and beyond - so brilliantly deserved.  
Congratulations Jacqui!



## Partner/Stakeholder News

### [TOEX E-Magazine link](#)

The third e-magazine from the Tackling Organised Exploitation (TOEX) Programme is now out. This edition focuses on the work being done to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking & gives an update on operational activity, effective partnership collaborations and looks ahead to upcoming events in the new year.

## **Crown Prosecution Service – December 2022**

### **1. Revised guidance on Domestic Abuse**

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has published revised guidance on domestic abuse which includes the update confirming children affected by domestic abuse will be recognised as victims of domestic abuse.

To read more please visit [www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/children-classed-domestic-abuse-victims-under-new-guidance](http://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/children-classed-domestic-abuse-victims-under-new-guidance)

### **2. Analysis shows children often present during non-fatal strangulation**

The CPS has also published an analysis of a sample of non-fatal strangulation cases in the UK. The new analysis reveals that in 38% of cases a child was present.

To read more please visit [www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/children-are-often-present-during-non-fatal-strangulation-cps-analysis-shows](http://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/children-are-often-present-during-non-fatal-strangulation-cps-analysis-shows)

### **Logan Mwangi child practice review - Children's Commissioner for Wales**

The Children's Commissioner for Wales has published a response following the publication of the review into tragic the death of five-year-old Logan Mwangi in Wales. The Commissioner highlights the recurrence of ineffective information sharing and calls for a stronger focus on governance and accountability within the child protection system.

To read the Commissioner's response please follow this link [www.childcomwales.org.uk](http://www.childcomwales.org.uk)



### **VKPP vacancies**

If you are interested in finding out more about opportunities to work for the VKPP now or in the future please email [vkpp@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:vkpp@norfolk.police.uk)

Not only are we a great, committed and supportive team, joining us comes with a range of benefits. For details please visit the Join Us section of our website [www.vkpp.org.uk/about-us/join-us/](http://www.vkpp.org.uk/about-us/join-us/)



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