



Vulnerability Knowledge
& Practice Programme

Stakeholder Bulletin



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The VKPP - Improving and coordinating the police service response to vulnerability.

Welcome to the second edition of The Stakeholder Bulletin from the VKPP – a new bulletin from the Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme (VKPP) designed to keep stakeholders and partners updated with our work.

We are a multi-disciplinary team, working to understand current approaches and characteristics of vulnerability demand, identify gaps and innovation, to shape evidence-based practice improvements across policing in England and Wales.

Working with the National Police Chiefs' Council's (NPCC), the Violence and Public Protection (VPP) lead and funded by the Home Office, the VKPP undertake a range of direct engagement with forces and key partners to understand current practice, identify promising practice, gaps and share knowledge and shape future responses with emphasis on the 14 strands of public protection. Our work also directly supports critical workstreams within policing, such as Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).



Voice of the Victim 2, Child Safeguarding Arrangements Briefing, Domestic Abuse Project and Horizon Scanning Report

Voice of the Victim 2 (VoV2)

Research shows that incorporating the voice of the victim in service design can benefit victims and enhance policing. This VKPP project aims to map the current landscape, leading to recommendations for future research and practice in this area. The findings will provide a picture of the ways in which forces and national working groups are prioritising victim's voices to shape the ways in which the police service is delivered to meet victims' needs.

The VoV2 team's local practice mapping continues, currently in three forces and the fourth began at the end of May. The documentary review report that has been completed is already influencing and informing the Violence Against Women and Girls taskforce engagement work.

Dr Debbie Allnock, temporary Head of Research and Review at the VKPP, has been invited to speak at the VAWG taskforce '5 Nation' meeting to help influence practice more widely.

To learn more about the project please visit [Voice of the Victim in Service Design - VKPP Work](#)

Local Child Safeguarding Arrangements (England) Briefing

The VKPP are delivering a significant project related to Local Safeguarding Children's Partnerships intended, through stronger cross agency leadership, to deliver local arrangements that ensure children and their families receive targeted services to meet their needs that are coordinated between and across agencies.

A new local and national framework in England related to local arrangements for children has now been implemented. It requires Chief Constables to take on enhanced responsibilities as one of three local safeguarding partners, replacing the previous system of Safeguarding Children's Boards and Independent Chairs.

As system leaders, they should demonstrate they are prioritising, coordinating, and making decisions which progress local activities that really do benefit children, young people and families.

The VKPP briefing here is intended to keep you up to date about the progress of post-implementation activity and includes initial reflections on the Artur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson practice reviews. Lorraine Parker at the VKPP is the National Facilitator for Safeguarding Children Reform and leads on this work and can be contacted by email at vkpp@norfolk.police.uk

To read the briefing click this link to our website

[Child Safeguarding Arrangements Reform Briefing June 2022](#)

A project considering the part Independent Scrutiny plays in Local Child Safeguarding Arrangements across England will describe innovative approaches emerging across partnerships as well as drawing attention to opportunities for future developments, in particular the role of children and young people in that scrutiny. The report is expected to be published in August 2022.

Domestic Abuse Project

A new Spotlight Briefing on Ethnicity has been published, sharing new evidence around domestic homicides and ethnicity and discussing implications for risk assessment and practice.

To read in full please visit [VKPP Publications](#) on our website

VKPP Horizon Scanning Report

The Horizon Scanning Report has been developed by the VKPP to scan for the latest literature (academic and grey) that relates to vulnerability and policing, and within it you will find abstracts and links to the material.

The latest report April -June will is also available on our website [Latest Literature - Horizon Scanning Report | Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme \(vkpp.org.uk\)](#)



VKPP Vacancies

The VKPP have secured Home Office funding to significantly expand our team and our work. From practitioners, researchers and analysts to senior managers, we are seeking committed, passionate people who want to use their experience and skills in a national policing programme, turning insight into meaningful action.

Some vacancies are available as short term secondments and others are offered on a fixed term basis. The VKPP is a great, passionate and supportive team. To find out more about the roles available please visit the Join Us section of the VKPP's website www.vkpp.org.uk

Current Vacancies

[Deputy Director of VKPP](#)

[Senior Practice Advisor](#)

[Research Assistant](#)



VKPP Team News

We are delighted to announce that **Rachel Hurcombe** has joined the VKPP as a Research Fellow, picking up the VoV2 research strand. Her most recent role was with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, leading on the quantitative data strand of the Truth Project and also leading on a qualitative project into child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities for IICSA.



Learning Events

Tackling Child Exploitation - Consultation event: Developing a shared path through complexity: Practice Principles for child exploitation and extrafamilial harm (police focus)

You are invited you to join the TCE programme team for an online consultation event on **21 July from 11am-1pm**, to share your expertise and thoughts as we develop Practice Principles for child exploitation and extrafamilial harm.

This event is part of a series of focus groups, open-access events and interviews taking place nationally. Police colleagues are vital to multiagency partnership efforts to better safeguard children and young people at risk of, or experiencing child exploitation and extrafamilial harm. Please register for the event [here](#).

PIER22: Child Sexual Abuse: Instigating change in practice, partnership and protection

The [Policing Institute for the Eastern Region](#) (PIER)'s annual conference online took place on 14 & 15 June, bringing together national leads in areas including violence against women and girls, the voice of the victim and multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

The VKPP's Gareth Edwards and Debbie Allnock presented a fantastic session on the Voice of Victim. Following this, *Policing Insight* have published a comprehensive feature on the VKPP's work in this space entitled *Research highlights need to improve victims' voices in police investigations and service delivery*.

To read in full please follow this link <https://policinginsight.com/features/analysis/research-highlights-need-to-improve-victims-voices-in-police-investigations-and-service-delivery/> or see here.

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Stakeholder/Partner News

Operation Hydrant – Annual Report 2021

The Annual Report offers analysis and a national picture of the reporting of allegations of non-recent child sexual abuse within the Operation Hydrant criteria for the calendar year 2021. It also gives an overview of the work the team has completed with partners and stakeholders during the year.

For the first time, Operation Hydrant's Annual Report is not protectively marked. This is because the information within the Report may be useful in informing the work of key partners and stakeholders, please do share with those you feel would benefit from the insight the Report provides.

[Operation Hydrant - Annual Report 2021](#)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch at operation.hydrant@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Tackling Organised Exploitation Programme (TOEX) – launch of new e-magazine

The TOEX Programme has launched its new quarterly online e-magazine. The publication provides key partners and stakeholders with operational updates of interest as well as includes feature pieces on some of the fantastic national and regional collaborative work being undertaken and opportunities for innovation and good practice in the arena of data, all in the fight against organised exploitation.

Read the first edition here: [TOEX Launch New E-Magazine | TOEX \(toexprogramme.co.uk\)](#)



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