



The Brief



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

Welcome to the October edition of The Brief from the VKPP – a bulletin from the Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme (VKPP) designed to keep force SPOCs updated with our work.



Workstreams Update

MAPPA Serious Case Reviews

The Review Team at VKPP has been working on the analysis of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Serious Case Reviews. The study was conducted concurrently with wider MAPPA research study lead by PIER (Policing Institute of Eastern Region) at Anglia Ruskin University. The analysis is now completed and the Review Team is expecting to release full MAPPA Study Report at the same time as the launch of PIER study findings. The publication of full report will be followed by dissemination of three thematic Spotlight Briefing which will cover the areas of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), Perpetrator Vulnerabilities and Mental Health in MAPPA. All publications will be available at the VKPP website and can be expected to appear in public domain in the next two months.

The Review Team, as a wider activity, is currently mapping the statutory reviews landscape and building review database. As a part of this activity we are working on expanding our network of professionals, academics and practitioners.

If you are interested or you know someone who would like to be involved and has knowledge and interest in the review field, please get them in touch with the Review Team. You can contact us by emailing vkpp@norfolk.police.uk, or via our Twitter account [@TheVKPP](https://twitter.com/TheVKPP)



Opportunities to get involved

NVAP Impact Team - Call for help!

The VKPP believe that *'mental health can impact across all forms of vulnerability'* and we need your input to help inform a new toolkit that will assist forces.

Our work to support police forces in their implementation of the National Vulnerability Action Plan (NVAP) and to both understand and measure the impact, continues. The NVAP Impact Team are developing Impact Toolkits to help forces identify the steps they could take to implement the key actions. We are also identifying the positive impacts to forces of embedding the action and suggest possible ways to measure them.

We are currently developing the toolkit for the NVAP action 2.1.2 – Mental Health - and would like to consult with forces for their thoughts and feedback. Consultations will take approximately 1.5 hours via Microsoft Teams and take place in November.

If you are, or know of someone, who may have relative expertise in this area and are interested in being involved in the development of the toolkits, please contact Dr Melanie-Jane Stoneman at melanie-jane.stoneman@norfolk.police.uk. We are particularly interested in speaking to strategic leads covering control rooms, mental health leads and response teams, as well as Public Protection for a more holistic approach.

Officer Norms and Wellbeing 'Steps to Good' Webinar - Monday 7 November at 11:00am

Caroline Adams, Dr Melanie-Jane Stoneman and Charlotte Brimer from the VKPP are hosting a webinar to give an overview on how the National Vulnerability Action Plan (NVAP) can support supervisors and leaders in managing and improving officer wellbeing. Packed full of up to date research, the NVAP is a useful framework that helps leaders ask the right questions and develop meaningful interventions to support their teams.

The webinar is part of the Oscar Kilo Investigator Wellbeing Week of Action 2022 Monday 7th November – Friday 11th November. Developed and facilitated by the NPCC Recruitment Retention and Wellbeing of Investigators Portfolio, the week of action will involve a variety of daily webinars to share best practice and encourage national debate. Much of this work is included or aligned to the Investigator Wellbeing Toolkit, which is republished with updated guidance and interventions.

To book a space on the webinars across the week, please visit [Investigator Wellbeing Week of Action | Eventbrite](#)

Bookings close at 12 noon the day before each session, with an exception of those taking place on the 7th November which will close at noon on 4th November.

The social media hashtag used through the week will be **#InvestigatorWellbeing**

VKPP Annual Conference 2023 - 15 March 2023

Springing forward, the VKPP will be holding their remote annual conference on Wednesday 15 March 2023. So - plenty of time to save the date! More details to follow soon.



Partner/Stakeholder News

Intra-familial child sexual abuse learning week – Centre of Expertise on CSA

The CSA are working with the Association of Child Protection Professionals (AoCPP) to deliver the UK's first ever online learning week focusing on intra-familial child sexual abuse. Right now, the vast majority of children experiencing sexual abuse will never come to the attention of services, this learning week aims to help you to change this - helping professionals build on their existing knowledge, skills and confidence, to identify and respond to concerns of child sexual abuse in a family setting.

Individual sessions are available to book for just £30 per person, with the series of five lunchtime sessions beginning 3 October. To book or to see more information please visit [Home - CSA Centre](#)

Learning Together Survey from Safer Young Lives Research Centre

The 'Learning Together' survey is now live! The project seeks to support researchers to safely and ethically involve children and young people in sexual abuse research and explore what the support needs of researchers are to help them to do this.

As a first step, the SYLRC are undertaking an online survey to understand the key challenges faced by researchers when involving (or seeking to involve) children in sexual abuse research. This will inform the areas and activities in subsequent phases of the work.

The survey should take 10-20 minutes to complete and responses are anonymous. For more information about the project and to access the survey, please visit our website [here](#)

The SYLRC would be very grateful if you could spare the time to complete the survey, and also distribute the information with your own contacts/networks as relevant. Please share the information sheet attached rather than just the survey links.



Learning Together
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The survey will be open until midnight on 24th October 2022. To receive news and updates about this project moving forward, you can subscribe to the mailing list [here](#)

Multi-agency safeguarding and domestic abuse - Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel paper setting out key findings from local child safeguarding practice reviews where domestic abuse featured. Findings include: a lack of understanding of domestic abuse; the need for increased awareness around how domestic abuse impacts children; and a lack of consideration for children's opinions and lived experiences. The recommendations include: a whole-system response with child safeguarding partners being central; a domestic-abuse informed response across all safeguarding partners; and the need for reviews to record the protected characteristics of each family member to ensure identification of diverse needs.

To read in full [Multi-agency safeguarding and domestic abuse paper](#)

[Second E-Magazine Published | TOEX \(toexprogramme.co.uk\)](#) The latest edition of the **TOEX E-Magazine** is now published. It's another packed edition, with some interesting articles highlighting the work being done across law enforcement and stakeholders to tackle VAWG.



VKPP vacancies and new team members

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 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/

Secondment Opportunity - Business Analyst Manager

The VKPP are offering a paid secondment opportunity to police staff to join our **Analytical Capability workstream**. VKPP's Analytical Capability workstream encapsulates a range of activity designed to support continued improvements in the use of vulnerability-focused analytical resources in policing.

Details of the vacancy were circulated to force SPOCs by email on Monday 3 October. Applications close at midday on 14 October. For more information please email vkpp@norfolk.police.uk

[Staff Vacancies - Communications Officer Graphic Design and Creative Content](#)

New vacancy for a Communications Officer Graphic Design and Creative Content to join the VKPP. This is an excellent opportunity for a graphic designer with a keen eye for detail who can make the complex simple and understood, alongside the skills to professionalise a resource and customise it to the needs of a diverse range of audiences.

The post will be advertised externally from 28 September and applications close on 14 October. Do share amongst your networks.

We're delighted to formally welcome three new starters to the programme; Jeffrey Moore and Sarah Derry who have joined the peer review team as senior practice advisors and come with a wealth of experience in relation to policing and bring with them knowledge in relation to public protection, safeguarding, domestic abuse and neighbourhood policing. Also welcome to Hannah Davis who has joined the team as a Research Assistant, working on the Voice of the Victim project.



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