

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

Thursday, 17 September 2015 at 10.00 am

Guthlaxton Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield

Agenda

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8. Operation Nitrox (Legal Highs) Presentation.
Superintendent Mark Newcombe – Leicestershire Police.
9. Victim First Update.
Verbal update from Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
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10 December 2015



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Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board held at County Hall, Glenfield on Thursday, 18 June 2015.

Present

Cllr. J.T. Orson JP	Leicestershire County Council
Bob Bearne	Community Rehabilitation Company for Derby, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland.
Cllr. Lee Breckon	Blaby District Council
Cllr. Chris Boothby	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Cllr. Stephen Corrall	Combined Fire Authority
Cllr. Kevin J. Loydall	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
Cllr. Alan Pearson	Melton Borough Council
Cllr. Trevor Pendleton	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - N. W. Leicestershire District Council
Jane Moore	Head of Supporting Leicestershire Families and Safer Communities
Mina Bhavsar	CCG Hosted Safeguarding Team supporting Clinical Commissioning Groups
Supt Mark Newcombe	Leicestershire Police

Officers

James Fox	Leicestershire County Council
Gurjit Samra-Rai	Leicestershire County Council
Chris Thomas	Leicestershire County Council
Thomas Day	Harborough District Council
David Lingard	Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
Sharon Stacey	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Jane Toman	Blaby District Council
Joe Tasker	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
John Richardson	N. W. Leicestershire District Council
Julie Robinson	Charnwood Borough Council

Others

Chief Inspector Paul McKinder	OPCC
Sam Watson	OPCC

26. Introductions

Mr J. Orson CC welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

27. Appointment of Chairman.

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Mr. J. T. Orson CC JP be elected Chairman of the Board for 2015/16.

Mr J. T. Orson CC JP in the Chair

28. Election of Deputy Chairman.

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Cllr. T. Pendleton be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2015/16.

29. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2015 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

30. Matters arising

Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Group – Update (minute 20)

Jane Moore informed that at the meeting of the ASB Strategy Group the previous week it had been agreed to undertake a review of ASB across the region which would include Sentinel and the ICSB (inter-agency community safety bureau). Progress on this would be reported to the Board.

31. Declarations of interest

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting. The Chairman himself declared a personal interest in all items of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board as he was a member of Melton Borough Council

No other declarations were made.

32. Strategic Partnership Board Update

The Board considered a report from Jane Moore which provided an update on the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB). A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

AGREED:

That the Strategic Partnership Board update be noted.

33. Election of Strategic Partnership Board representative.

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Mr. M. Graham CC be elected to the vacant position of Strategic Partnership Board representative for 2015/16 (alongside the existing representative Mr T.J. Pendleton CC).

34. Prevent Update.

The Board considered a report from Gurjit Samra-Rai providing an update on the work of Prevent in Leicestershire with particular regard to the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 which was due to come into force on 1 July. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

The report highlighted that the Act placed a new Duty on local authorities to work with partners to protect the public, prevent crime and raise awareness of the impacts of radicalisation.

The Board noted that Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council had agreed to jointly fund a Prevent officer to be based at County Hall. This would be different from the role of Prevent Co-ordinator which was currently held by Will Baldet.

The Chairman made members of the Board aware that Will Baldet had offered to provide presentations on Prevent to all district councils in Leicestershire. He also highlighted the importance of district and parish councils being mindful about renting property to people or organisations involved in terrorism related activities.

AGREED:

That the Board noted the progress and development of the work to comply with the new Prevent Duty.

35. Victim First.

The Board received a presentation from Chief Inspector Paul McKinder and Sam Watson of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (OPCC) on the new service for victims and witnesses. A copy of the presentation slides is filed with these notes.

Victim First would be going live in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland on 1 October 2015 and the contract was for 26 months. Whilst the service would report to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) it was planned that external scrutiny would take place. The details of which Board would undertake this scrutiny had yet to be agreed and Chief Inspector McKinder agreed to take this question back to the PCC and provide further information when it was available.

In setting up the Leicestershire model the approach had been to learn from the areas which had been amongst the first to implement the new service such as Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire and borrow elements of good practice. The Board were informed that it would be difficult to compare the performance of the different victim services across the Country given the different models used. However, Bob Bearne stated the Ministry of Justice gave clear criteria of what was required and there should be a way in which outcomes could be measured.

In response to a question regarding the level of pressure on victims to agree to a Restorative Justice disposal, Chief Inspector McKinder agreed that whilst promoting the service was a good thing, care had to be taken not to make the victim feel unduly pressured into going down the Restorative Justice route. In fact this had been part of the feedback provided by the early adoptees of the victim schemes. Victim lead focus groups were taking place and Restorative Justice was on the next agenda.

The Board were informed that additional research was taking place around Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), and when this research was completed the PCC would be making a decision on whether to commission services to assist victims of CSE. At the Victim First hub at Mansfield House Police Station there were individual specialists in CSE.

With regards to Antisocial Behaviour a Pathways meeting was taking place on 23 June to discuss providing information, advice, and practical and emotional support to victims. However, it was confirmed that this was only for High Risk victims of ASB not all victims. Jane Moore informed that a discussion on this subject had taken place at the ASB Strategy Group and the issue of who would be targeted by this service would be discussed again at the Pathways meeting on 23 June.

Chief Inspector McKinder invited all members of the Board to visit the service after it went live in October.

AGREED:

That the progress with implementing the Victim First scheme be noted.

36. Safer Communities Performance - Quarter 4.

The Board considered a report from James Fox, updating the Board regarding Safer Communities' performance for Quarter 4. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

In response to a question James Fox stated that he did have the breakdown for disabled hate crime figures and this could be included in future reports. It was noted that disabled hate crime was underreported and awareness needed to be increased. However, it was acknowledged that raising awareness could initially increase the hate crime figures and investigation would have to take place to ascertain whether hate crime was on the increase.

With regard to theft of tools from vans Mr Pendleton CC suggested that owners of tools could stamp their names on their tools, and Superintendent Mark Newcombe agreed to consider taking this forward. Superintendent Newcombe reported that members of an organised crime group suspected of conducting tool theft were now remanded in custody and this may help reduce the figures.

It was noted that the levels of vehicle crime and theft of tools had spikes due to criminals targeting particular areas and then moving on when those areas became hot spots.

AGREED:

(a) That the Board noted the 2014/15 end of year performance information.

(b) That the Board agreed to continue to monitor performance trends.

(c) That Leicestershire Police be asked to consider further ways to take forward property marking, such as stamping of tools.

37. Community Safety Agreement 2015/16

The Board received a report from James Fox, the purpose of which was to present the Safer Communities Agreement for Leicestershire 2015/16. A copy of the Agreement and the covering report are filed with these minutes.

AGREED:

The Board agreed the Safer Communities Agreement for Leicestershire 2015/16.

38. Domestic Abuse Update.

The Board received a report from James Fox, the purpose of which was to provide an update on progress regarding Domestic Abuse and the work of the Domestic Abuse Partnership. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

It was noted that Detective Chief Inspector Johnny Starbuck was the new Chairman of the Domestic Abuse Partnership and he was invited to attend future meetings of the Safer Communities Strategy Board.

Members expressed the view that positive messages regarding work taking place to tackle Domestic Abuse should be disseminated to the public.

With regard to Project 360 which had been extended to run to the end of November 2015, a question was asked whether a halfway update would be provided to the Board. James Fox was unable to confirm this however he did inform that Project 360 was looking to take on a larger sample of victims of domestic abuse.

AGREED:

(a) That the Board noted the progress of commissioning regarding domestic abuse;

(b) That the Board noted the work and development of the Domestic Abuse Partnership;

(c) That the Board noted the key risks with regard to domestic abuse.

39. Domestic Abuse - Domestic Homicide Reviews

The Board received a report from James Fox, the purpose of which was to outline progress on current Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and proposed developments of the process for carrying out DHRs in Leicestershire. Prior to the meeting the draft Leicestershire & Rutland Domestic Homicide Reviews: Local Procedures had also been circulated. Copies of these documents are filed with these minutes.

Given the late circulation of the Local Procedures it was agreed that members could take this document away and submit comments at a later date.

With regard to DHRs the Board noted that a learning event was to take place at Hinckley & Bosworth in the autumn.

James Fox stated that it was likely that there would be no need to drawdown partnership contributions in September 2015.

AGREED:

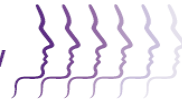
That the Board noted the progress of DHRs and the resultant action plans.

40. Date of the next meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting was due to take place on 17 September 2015 at 10:00am.

2.00 - 3.10 pm
18 June 2015

CHAIRMAN



LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

17 SEPTEMBER 2015

SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2015/16 QUARTER 1

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2015/16 Quarter 1 Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and the performance measures. It also outlines whether performance is on track to meet targets, current trends based upon the past six months and how districts compare with each other.

Overall Performance Summary

4. Little performance data is currently available for quarter 1 of 2015/16 for a variety of reasons.
5. Where performance information is available the majority of performance indicators are on track.
6. Re-offending by IOM offenders has reduced by a greater proportion than the previous year's cohort.
7. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

8. Crime data for quarter 1 was not available at the time of creating this report due to problems with the availability of data for performance reporting following the introduction of the Police's new NICHE system. Performance information will be available for Q2 onwards.
9. Information suggests that vehicle crime remains a notable problem in Leicestershire.

Reducing Re-offending

10. Offending by Integrated Offender Management offenders, including Prolific and Priority offenders (PPOs), reduced by over 56% in 2014-15 compared to the same the previous year. This is a greater reduction than the 39% reduction seen for the previous year's cohort.
11. Updated data on Youth offending is not yet available.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

12. The number of referrals to MARAC in the county has continued the steady increase seen during 2014/15 and in Quarter 1 the percentage of repeat referrals remained at around the higher proportion seen at the end of the year at 28.5%.
13. As previously reported, the increases in referrals and repeat referrals has been investigated and identified as due to increased multi-agency DASH training and improved, more consistent, referral processes and operating practices for the MARAC.
14. Referrals to domestic abuse support services in the County have increased in quarter 1. Services are working to manage this in the run up to the new services starting 1 December 2015.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

15. Community Based Survey measures are not yet available.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

16. Appropriate measures for this priority are being determined.

Recommendations

17. That:
 - (a) The Board notes 2015/16 Quarter 1 performance information;
 - (b) The Board continues to monitor performance trends.

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Appendix 1 - Safer Communities Performance Dashboard 2015/16 Q1

Outcomes	Overall Progress RAG	Overall Comment	Supporting Indicators	Previous Year (2014-15)	Latest Data (12 months to Jun 2015 unless stated)	Current Direction of Travel	Progress	County Comparison	District Comparison
Ongoing reductions in crime	A	Following the change to the new police system, crime data is not currently available for performance reporting. Indications are that vehicle crime remains a threat, whilst other areas are stable.	Total Crime rate (per 1,000 population) Domestic Burglary rate (per 1,000 population) Vehicle Crime rate (per 1,000 population) Violence with Injury rate (per 1,000 population)	45.79 3.10 6.35 3.39	45.79 (2014-15) 3.10 (2014-15) 6.35 (2014-15) 3.39 (2014-15)		A A A A	Top Bottom Bottom Top	
Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support	A	Reduction in offending by IOM and PPO offenders is greater than the reduction for the previous years cohort. First Time Entrants reduced by 12.7% to their lowest level since the baseline year of 2005. Updated data on youth offending is not yet available.	% Reduction in offending by IOM & PPO Offenders Rate of re-offending by young offenders (local data) Number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10 - 17	38.9% 1.04 185	56.1% (2014-15) 1.00 (Apr-Dec 2014) 185 (2014-15)	↑	G A A	- - -	
Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime and those affected by domestic abuse.	A	Referrals to MARAC continue to increase and the % of repeat referrals remains high, but still in line with the England average. Referrals for support have also increased.	% of domestic violence cases reviewed at MARAC that are repeat incidents Number of referrals to domestic abuse support services (adults)	29.2% 1,264	28.5% 559 (Apr-Jun 2015)	↑ ↔	G -	Average -	
Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents with a particular emphasis on information sharing and effective partnership response.	A	No Community Based Survey data available yet. ASB approach is to be independently reviewed.	% of people stating that they have been a victim of anti-social behaviour in the past year % of people stating that they feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area	5.3% 86.1%	5.3% (2014-15) 86.1% (2014-15)		A A	- -	
Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism with a particular focus on working in partnership to reduce the risk of radicalisation	A	Appropriate measures for this priority are being considered. Approach for funding to embed Prevent approach across agencies to be considered at September LSCSB meeting.	Reported hate incidents (per 1,000 population)	0.68	0.68 (2014-15)		A	-	

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD:
17TH SEPTEMBER 2015

PREVENT: SECTION 29 OF THE COUNTER-TERRORISM AND
SECURITY ACT 2015

Introduction

1. Section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty to specified authorities including County and District/Borough Councils, the Police, Health and Schools to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.
2. The Prevent strategy is a key part of CONTEST, the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The strategy aims to respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and those who promote it, prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, and work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

Funding

3. The Home Office recognises that there will be some costs related to implementation of the Prevent Duty:
 - Additional training will need to be provided for local authority employees on Prevent related activity;
 - Training will need to be delivered to a number of partner agencies;
 - Implementation of an action plan will require additional funding for project work or training;
 - Policies and procedures will need updating;
 - IT systems may require upgrading to cover extremist material.
4. The Home Office has allocated all non-priority local authorities a £10,000 one-off payment to cover activity required to commence the Duty; thereafter activity should be mainstreamed into existing community safety and child safeguarding work.

Prevent Officer

5. The City and County Councils are jointly funding a post for a year to give capacity and ensure compliance with section 29. The post holder will:
 - Proactively support and influence local areas in delivery of the government’s Prevent Strategy across Leicestershire
 - Divide their time between a number of locations and partner agencies
 - Work across the County,
 - Link into the work of the City,
 - Explore the links between hate incidents and far-right extremism

- Run training sessions in schools
- Work with communities.

Proposal

6. The proposal is to pool 50% of the £10,000 from each District, Borough, Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils in order to extend this post for a second year and also give it a budget to work with to assist with county wide initiatives.
7. It is further proposed that each authority retains 50% of the £10k for projects which would give scope for further collaboration.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Board:
 - (a) Note the funding allocated by the Home office towards implementation of the new prevent Duty;
 - (b) Agree to allocate funding towards the Prevent Officer Post.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

17 SEPTEMBER 2015

DOMESTIC ABUSE UPDATE

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress regarding domestic abuse including the work of the Domestic Violence Delivery Group.
2. The Safer Communities Strategy Board has oversight of delivery of the Leicestershire Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Strategy. The Domestic Violence Delivery Group delivers this strategy and will report on a regular basis to the Board on progress, risks and issues with regard to domestic abuse.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Commissioning

3. Leicestershire County Council has been working with Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to commission joint sexual violence and domestic abuse support services for adults across the area. As part of the partnership agreement in place for this, Leicester City Council are leading the procurement and contract management.
4. Having run the tender exercise we are now progressing to award to United Against Violence and Abuse Limited (UAVA Ltd), with the service set to commence on the 1st December 2015. We are still going through the final stages of contract award with some final due diligence still required.
5. UAVA Ltd are a consortium organisation of established local providers of sexual and domestic violence services (Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd (WALL), Living Without Abuse (LWA) and FreeVA (Free from Violence & Abuse)) and their proposal involves a wider array of specialist service providers from the local area.
6. We are confident that both incoming and outgoing providers will work together in the best interests of those affected by sexual and domestic violence. As joint commissioners we will be supporting UAVA Ltd to successfully implement this project, which we are very excited will mean a simplified, flexible and accountable high quality specialist service for anyone affected by these issues across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
7. We are planning to continue use of existing domestic violence helpline numbers, which are widely known, and also expect to have ownership of a freephone (0808 80) number for that line.
8. We will be communicating further details in due course as the implementation of this service progresses.

9. The County Council Community Safety Team will bring together district and other commissioning colleagues to discuss capacity of the service and elements of implementation, such as co-location.

Support for Children affected by domestic abuse

10. Leicestershire County Council are finalising their approach to use of funding for support for Child secondary victims regarding domestic abuse.
11. The Council has been working toward a strategic approach that is based upon the growing recognition that domestic abuse is a child welfare and safeguarding issue and a key part of children's services business.
12. The Council's intention is to have a specialist team within Children's Services whose role includes some direct support for children, but with a greater focus on upskilling and building the confidence of the Children's workforce broadly, across partners with regard to domestic abuse and embedding interventions regarding domestic abuse within the children's workforce approach.

Delivery Plans

13. The Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland combined Domestic Violence Delivery has developed its delivery plan – the final draft is attached at Appendix 1. This plan is based upon discussion and input from all partners and incorporates key areas of work across the areas, and aims to make the best use of bringing together approaches and resources.
14. A joint Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Sexual Violence Delivery Group has also been set up and has developed a delivery plan across the areas. This is attached at Appendix 2.

Delivery updates

15. Project 360 is a project working to support engagement of repeat victims of domestic abuse in support and the criminal justice process, through specialist engagement workers co-located with the police. This was previously funded by the Ministry of Justice to the end of March 2015, which included a research evaluation being carried out by Leicester University.
16. The first preliminary report of the scheme is out and shows some positive early outcomes from the project. The summary of this report is attached at Appendix 3, the full preliminary report is available on request. The final research evaluation reports will be produced when longer term outcomes information is available. This is likely to be in 2017 although further interim reports will be produced before then.
17. This Project is being funded to continue for the remainder of this year by the Police & Crime Commissioner, and further funding for this approach for 2016/17 is being considered.

18. Operation Encompass is a scheme to share police information on reports of domestic abuse with schools, where children of school age are in the household. This commenced in Leicestershire County in September 2015 with a review and evaluation plan in place.

Key Risks

19. The number of referrals to domestic abuse services has continued to increase. This increase in referrals has meant that support services remain stretched.
20. The commissioning arrangements will represent significant changes in service provision across the sub-region. There is a risk for disruption of services and pathways from this change. Partners will be working together, with providers to manage this change and any transfer of service that occurs as a result of this broad re-commissioning.

Recommendations

21. It is recommended that:
- (a) The Board notes the progress of commissioning regarding domestic abuse;
 - (b) The Board notes the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Delivery Groups action plans and updates on delivery;
 - (c) The Board notes the key risks with regard to domestic abuse at this time.

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Appendix 1 - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland DVA Action Plan 2015-2016 (FINAL DRAFT v7 04/09/15)

Priority Area	Action	Lead	Additional area specific detail
<i>Strategic Priorities</i>	<i>The key actions for the current year to achieve the priority area</i>	<i>To co-ordinate others where necessary</i>	<i>Any additional or specific areas of focus across the region</i>
1. Increase the number of people accessing specialist services	1. Deliver a Communications Strategy to launch the new specialist services for the City, County & Rutland	S McBurney	
	2. Deliver a campaign to target DV perpetrators	L. Sharman	Rutland – MOD base
	3. Encourage reporting by victims and third parties across all protected characteristic groups and other identified under-served populations	(TBC)	County – Polish City – Disabled People (HMT social media), LLR – 16-18 year olds LLR – Forced Marriage
2. Improve support for victims and their families	4. Ensure that the roll out of Victim First and Project 360 (from RTC) integrate positively	S Down	Rutland – MARAC roll out pilot
	5. Pilot IRIS/HERMES in GP surgeries	M Bhavsar	
	6. Pilot DV worker in Leicester Royal Infirmary	M Clayton	
	7. Improve health and well-being outcomes for victims	M Bhavsar	
3. Improve safety of victims	8. Agree a share anonymous data set for repeat/non-repeat victims to identify if there are particular circumstances related to this group or sections within it	J Starbuck	
	9. Identify issues which relate to victims not being eligible for or able to receive a service (including establishing a data set)	J Fox	
	10. Map and check efficacy of pathways for adult and child safeguarding in relation to domestic violence	J Starbuck	
4. Effectively manage perpetrators to reduce harm caused	11. Reduce the offending of DV perpetrators through IOM	J Starbuck	
	12. Agree a shared data set for adult DV perpetrators	J Starbuck	
	13. Increase number of families where perpetrator and victim are both engaged in intervention/support to change	(TBC)	
	14. Develop a Police Innovation Fund application	D Pancholi	
5. Improve confidence within communities and satisfaction of service users	15. Increase understanding of what impacts on positive CJS outcomes	L English	
	16. Increase understanding of barriers to help seeking	S McBurney	
	17. Plan a conference (to take place April 2016) to highlight local practice and encourage involvement in partnership work	S McBurney	
6. A strategic and co-ordinated response	18. Develop the local workforce	J Young	
	19. Sign off the Inter-Agency Strategy	J Fox	
	20. Identify University support for research into a new identified area of need	S McBurney	

Appendix 2 - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Sexual Violence Action Plan 2015-2016

Priority Area	Action
1. Build on learning and impact from Ministry of Justice Competed Fund SV Projects	• Develop additional website content.
	• Expand work in Rutland.
	• Agree consistent validated outcome measures for therapeutic services.
2. Promote services across LLR combining campaigns	• Building on events and campaigns, including photo shoot involving sports teams.
	• New media and traditional media maximised.
	• Improve engagement to increase BME reporting across agencies.
	• Ensure all activity reflects the diversity of our communities across LLR.
3. Open a new SARC	• Recruit and embed crisis workers into response
	• Develop clear pathways with Victim First and SV/DV providers.
	• Identify a data system for SARC.
4. Improve understanding of sexual violence victim and perpetrator profiles	• Identify opportunities for involvement and feedback of consultation for service users.
	• Increase number of agencies collecting data, in line with Commissioning data.
	• Develop an agreed data set.
5. Joint Commissioning	• New services procured.
	• Communication strategy.
	• Ensure joint working protocols are in place.

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Project 360: Preliminary report I summary



The following summarizes the main findings from the first preliminary analysis of Project 360. For details please see *Project 360: Preliminary report I*.

The *integration* secondary responders with Leicestershire police is a key feature of Project 360. This may be important for three reasons:

- **Enhanced information:** Engagement workers have access to all information previously recorded by police with respect to victims and perpetrators.
- **Rapid response:** New cases are updated daily. The intervention often begins within 24 hours.
- **Embedding of services with police:** Victims may believe the police are better able to assist than other non-police support agencies giving extra authority to the engagement workers.

At the time of this writing 1,009 cases have been covered by Project 360. The random allocation of cases to treatment ensures that the quantitative analysis estimates a causal effect of the program. The preliminary report analyses the one-month victim survey. The survey covers 214 victims (117 from the treatment group and 97 from the control group). The term “initial incident” refers to the police callout which lead to the addition of a case to the subject pool. To summarize the main findings:

- **The intervention is associated with greater victim stress in the short run.** Relative to just before the initial incident, victims in the treatment group are 31% less likely to report improved *stress levels* and 40% more likely to report worsening *stress levels*, than are victims in the control group. Victims in the treatment group are also more likely to report a worsening of *sleep*, and poorer outcomes for *life control* and *mental health*.
- **The intervention is associated with improved family life and quality of life overall.** Despite the findings for stress, measures of *quality of family life* and *quality of life overall* both significantly improve for the treatment group relative to the control group.
- **Victims receiving the intervention are significantly more likely to take actions to change their situation.** Relative to the control group, the treatment group are significantly more likely to have visited their GP or A&E, are more likely to have

accessed a domestic violence support service since, and are 24% less likely to be in current contact with the perpetrator.

- **Police satisfaction increases for victims receiving the intervention.** 40% fewer victims in the treatment group report being dissatisfied with the police handling of the case associated with the initial incident. Victim opinion of the police overall is significantly more likely to improve and less likely to worsen as a result of the initial incident for the treatment group relative to the control group.
- **Victims receiving the intervention are significantly more likely to report future incidents.** The treatment group is 68% more likely than the control group to say their willingness to report a future incident has increased.

These survey results suggest that the Project 360 intervention has a positive effect on victim outcomes. The finding that stress increases for the treatment group is not surprising if one considers that some victims who receive the intervention will take steps to separate from an abusive partner or make other major life changes.

Although promising, we caution that these results reflect *subjective* and self-reported measures from the victim survey. As such we cannot rule out the possibility that the intervention changed victim reporting without having a meaningful impact on the underlying outcomes of interest. For this reason, moving forward we will be looking at a number of *objective* outcomes such as future police reporting, filing and retraction of victim statements.

Project researchers

Jesse Matheson and Martin Koppensteiner are lectures in the *Department of Economics* at the University of Leicester. Réka Plugor is a research associate with the *Centre for Sustainable Work and Employment Futures* at the University of Leicester. All researchers have extensive experience in quantitative and qualitative research and are published in international peer-reviewed journals. Their experience spans work with Statistics Canada, the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Secretariat of Education in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, and the Inter-American Development Bank. At the University of Leicester Matheson and Koppensteiner teach modules and workshops on quantitative methods for impact evaluations and are co-directors for the *Health and Public Policy Evaluation Network*.

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