

Domestic Homicide Review – Incident December 2021

Action Plan (V3 01 12 2023) update June 2024

Note that:

- All the recommendations of the report have been considered and discussed in practice.
- Where the practice makes any reference to Safeguarding this includes Domestic Violence and history of domestic violence.
- The Bassetlaw Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership includes but is not limited to the following agencies who are therefore responsible for this Action Plan:

Bassetlaw District Council

Newark & Sherwood District Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire Police

Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

National Probation Service

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB – all actions completed by both ICB and SFHT

Nottinghamshire HealthCare Trust

Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospital Trust

Nottinghamshire Women’s Aid

This Action Plan will be monitored by the Community Safety Partnership 3 monthly and 6 monthly. Any concerns will be escalated to the Joint Strategic Group of the Partnership.

Recommendation	Scope of recommendation, ie, Local or Regional	Action to take	Lead Agency	Key milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Date of completion and Outcome
Recommendation 1 (four in report) It is recommended that, as part of the preparation for DAHA accreditation, Newark and	Local	ICT department to review the most appropriate way to achieve this and implement.	Newark & Sherwood District Council	NSDC ICT added Google translate to the website	Nov 2023	November 2023 This now means that people can

<p>Sherwood District Council considers adding the Recite Me function to the council website.</p>					<p>access the information in their chosen language</p>
<p>Recommendation 2 (One in report) It is recommended that Nottinghamshire Police take measures to improve the use of BWV by officers attending domestic abuse incidents and ensure those images are retained for future use.</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>Nottinghamshire Police have a strict policy regarding use of BWV at Domestic Incidents. This policy has been in place for a number of years and there is training across the force to all BWV users. There are also regular reminders to staff to use the BWV equipment and intranet pages dedicated to the practical use of BWV. These pages include summary guidance the technical use of the BWV, how to obtain the files, how to complete statements and how to pass the file onto the investigating officer if required.</p>	<p>Nottinghamshire Police</p>	<p>BWV performance is monitored regularly by senior police officers and is overseen in the Domestic Abuse standards group which is chaired by the Domestic Abuse Superintendent. The culture of BWV requires constant oversight with regular reminders for officers to ensure compliance. Given this high-level structure and scrutiny already in place there is no scope for additional measures to be taken.</p>	<p>December 2023 The organisation monitors the use of BWV and non compliance is raised with individual officers.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3 (two in report) It is recommended that Nottinghamshire Police consider seeking legal advice from a specialist lawyer at CPS. (This relates to 2.4.8 in the report re the six month limitation on prosecutions)</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>Nottinghamshire Police to review their processes to ensure that prosecutions are considered in all cases.</p>	<p>Nottinghamshire Police</p>	<p>Nottinghamshire Police has signed up to and is adopting the new Red and Green CPS charging Protocol. This has been effective since November 2023 and investigation teams now adhere to that process. If the case is a Red case and the suspect is in custody with an intention to remand, CPS are contacted for a charging decision. There is an expectation that the case be reviewed within 3 hours, with escalation processes if the time frame is not adhered. This will apply to cases of Domestic Abuse. If the case is a Green case, a suspect who is on bail, released under investigation or attended voluntary then these cases will be reviewed by the CPS within 28 days after submission. In addition to the Red and Green process there is another pathway for Domestic Abuse cases named Priority Green cases, this process refers to Domestic Abuse cases when the suspect is on bail and has a 28 day turnaround from the date of submission. Police do not have the ability to request a Domestic Abuse CPS lawyer under these pathways, but CPS will be able to allocate to a Domestic Abuse specialist through the</p>	<p>December 2023 The organisation is committed to prosecuting wherever possible and has implemented a new protocol to support this.</p>

				pathway dependent on availability at the time of the submission. The Red and Green pathway cannot be altered by police and this recommendation will need to reflect this current practice.		
<p>Recommendation 4 (three in report) It is recommended that Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust reviews its use of translators and reassures itself that all steps possible are taken to ensure translators are available whenever possible</p>	Local	Senior managers to review the use of translators	Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust	<p>Review of the use of interpreters undertaken</p> <p>Recommendation to senior managers made outlining any changes needed</p> <p>Any changes are implemented</p>	<p>September 2024</p> <p>December 2024</p> <p>March 2025</p>	All patients will have the opportunity to be seen with an interpreter ensuring they understand what is being said
<p>Recommendation 5 It is recommended that all organisations involved in this review consider how they can provide guidance on the use of interpreters to practitioners.</p>	Local	<p>All organisations to review their use of interpreters</p> <p>Any changes identified are implemented</p> <p>The CSP is advised by each organisation of their position</p>	All agencies	<p>All organisations to review their use of interpreters</p> <p>Any changes identified are implemented</p> <p>The CSP is advised by each organisation of their position</p>	<p>March 2025</p>	<p>The ICB has sought assurance that all GP practices have access to interpreters either via booked appointments or languageline for telephone interpretation</p> <p>Nottingham's hire Police adhere to the established guidance of the use of interpreters which includes in</p>

						custody and for witness statements
Recommendation 6 It is recommended that resources are produced in minority languages, Polish in this case, that clearly explain what domestic abuse is and the support that is available to victims.	Local	Helpline leaflets and posters accessible and visible in all organisations.	All agencies	Equation provides these resources to organisations CSP to confirm with all organisations that they are offering resources in different languages	Completed March 2025	Residents will be able to access resources in their own language regardless of where they present
Recommendation 7 It is recommended that all agencies represented on the DHR Panel commit to the Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Network	Local	All organisations on DHR Panel sign up to the Stakeholder Network	All agencies	CSP to establish which organisation have not signed up to the network These organisations to be reminded of the requirement Organisations have signed up	Sept 2024 Oct 2024 Jan2 025	ICB are a member Police are a member All organisations will be involved in the network and will be kept up to date with the suicide prevention work