



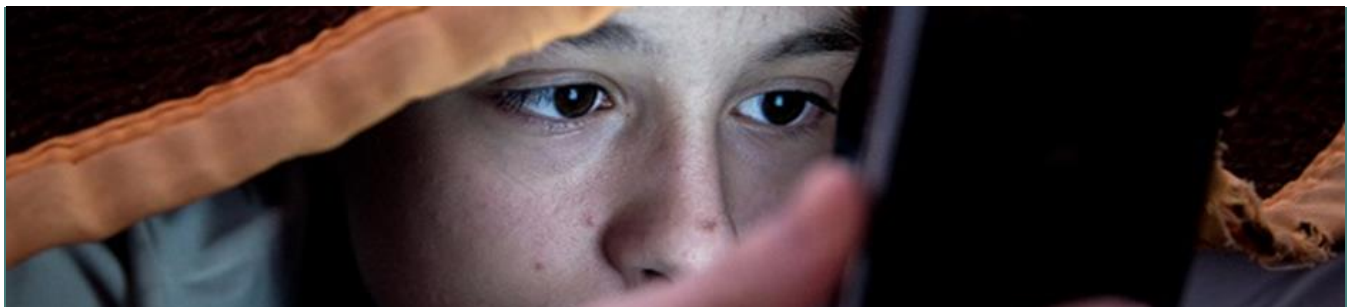
Vulnerability Knowledge  
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# Stakeholder Bulletin

September 2022

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

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



### Workstreams Update

#### **Independent Scrutiny and Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements Report is now published!**

This first England-wide picture of how Independent Scrutiny is being approached in Local Safeguarding Children's Partnerships (LSCPs) provides examples of what, how and who is scrutinising the impact of LSCP activity and the strength of their leadership.

It is accompanied by a revised version of the "Six Steps" framework, the "Checklist for Independent Scrutiny", a resource for LSCP executive leaders, Scrutineers, and relevant partners to self-assess their approach to Independent Scrutiny and develop enhanced arrangements.

A repository of case study examples will be generated over the autumn and hosted on the VKPP and TASP websites in the future.

We've made contact with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and Deputy Directors in the Home Office, Department for Education and Department of Health and Social Care to

consider how this platform can be used to develop the evidence base and enable local partners to deliver improved Independent Scrutiny and more effective LSCP arrangements going forward.

Professor Jenny Pearce from the University of Bedfordshire Safer Young Lives Research Centre led the research with Research Assistant, Iona Stratton, Principal Investigator Lorraine Parker alongside Alison Thorpe from the Association of Safeguarding Partners (TASP). The project was built on significant contributions from over 100 partnerships including business managers, scrutineers and chairs.

Access the resources including a summary report and 7 minute briefing visit [Independent Scrutiny and Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements – August 2022 | Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme \(vkpp.org.uk\)](#)

Hear more by signing up to the TASP hosted webinar on 26<sup>th</sup> September; [Webinar Home Page \(theasp.org.uk\)](#)



### Opportunities to get involved

#### **Postponed - CPD Event for Cadre Members – Thursday 15 September 2022**

Hydrant, VKPP and College of Policing had planned to hold a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) event on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for our existing cadre of subject matter experts. This event has now been postponed and will be rearranged for a later date.

The aim of the in-person CPD day is to enhance key professional/personal skills and knowledge, learn best practice techniques and to share ideas.

If you are a current cadre member for either Hydrant or VKPP and are interested in attending please contact Di Malkin [diane.malkin@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:diane.malkin@norfolk.police.uk) or Rob McKinnell [Robert.mckinnell@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Robert.mckinnell@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

#### **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

### **Debt Bondage in a Criminal Exploitation and County Lines context – new resource**

The Children's Society and the NPCC's National County Lines Coordination Centre have published a new support resource for professionals on debt bondage; a mechanism used by criminal gangs to control, coerce and intimidate adults and children at risk. It takes place where an individual owes money to their exploiters and are made to repay the debt either financially or through other means.

The resource outlines ways to spot the signs of abuse, as well as highlighting opportunities for intervention and disruption.

To access the resource please visit [Debt Bondage in a CCE and CL context by The Children's... - Flipsnack](#)

### **BTP launch new Railway Guardian App**

The Railway Guardian app is a way to report crime to British Transport Police.

The free Railway Guardian app helps users report crime to British Transport Police and provides information on what to do if you see sexual harassment on trains or at stations.

Help make trains and stations safer for everyone. Download the app. Visit BTP website for details

[Together we can stop sexual harassment | British Transport Police \(btp.police.uk\)](#)

BTP have also launched campaign called 'Speak Up, Interrupt' – which aims to empower bystanders and witnesses of all forms of inappropriate sexual behaviour on the network to report incidents or safely intervene where they can.

#SpeakUpInterrupt

### **Department for Education – Keeping Children Safe**

Information to support local child safeguarding partners coordinate their response to sexual abuse and harassment in education can be found in the updated Department for Education's (DfE) Keeping children safe in education guidance.

Annex F sets out the incorporation of advice on sexual violence and sexual harassment; new information on safeguarding implications for schools around human rights and equality legislation; additional information on managing low level concerns; and new guidance on talking to parents about children's access to online sites when away from school. NSPCC Learning has written a CASPAR briefing summarising the changes in the latest version of the guidance.

**Download the guidance:** [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022](#) (PDF)

**Read the CASPAR briefing:** [Keeping children safe in education \(KCSIE\) 2022: summary of changes](#)



## Spotlight on VKPP/Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Analysis Team

A new analytical team is in place at the VKPP, working to support the National Police Chief's Council VAWG Taskforce, led by DCC Maggie Blyth. The analytical team's main function is to provide national insight on Violence Against Women and Girls which will be used to direct strategic decision making within policing; turning the insight into action.

The analytical function is split into two teams; Performance Analysis and Intelligence Analysis. The work of both teams interconnect and they also come together to fulfil strategic analysis across other areas of business.

The team continues to develop and we are keen to hear from any analysts who would like to join the team and expand their skills and knowledge; making a positive difference to the lives of women and girls. The current salary is £29,331 - £33,360 per annum / pro rata and positions are funded until 31 March 2023 with a possible extension. All positions are homeworking, with great team support. We also welcome applications from those who are looking for a part-time role. There is a requirement to occasionally travel and work at other establishments nationally. Police Staff Conditions of Service will be adhered to in such instances. If you are working from London, London weighting will apply. Many of our roles are also offered as secondment opportunities too.

We encourage applicants to state whether they would like to be considered for an analytical role in the Intelligence or Performance function based on their experience.

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/)

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



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