

Violence Against Women & Girls:

Operational response & technical innovation to meet policing's business need

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What are the highest risk indicators of online sexual trafficking and exploitation?





- Dedicated intelligence & analytical capacity targeting *all* organised exploitation threats
 - Ops support to forces & regions

 Technical specialists working collaboratively on options to uplift the TOEX Data Platform to a single data solution for law enforcement

- Collaboration with Police Digital Service on a cloud-hosted *Capabilities Environment*
 - Data teams working with frontline to design tools/apps driven by business need



Performance (27.02.23)

Key Performance Highlights

X 191 AARs across 174 operations, 92 are currently open

X 68 disruptions across 37 operations

XX Support provided on 73 operations on the SOC Master List

232 supported requests on the Workload Tracker

XX 51 forces/organisations supported

Number of GAIN Referrals 54	Number of SIENA Referrals 208	Number of Interpol Referrals 45	Number of IRs Created 1726
Number of People	New OCG's Identified	New PI's Identified (Inc	New Vulnerabilities
Safeguarded	(Inc. Pending)	Pending)	Identified (Inc. Pending)
259	18	12	17



*Count of Threats including multiples for AARs with more than one threat type.

Exploitation Types	Count of Jobs	% of Jobs
Adult Criminal Exploitation	27	8.2%
Adult Labour Exploitation	24	7.3%
Adult Sexual Exploitation	96	37.1%
Child Criminal Exploitation	26	7.8%
Child Labour Exploitation	2	0.0%
Child Sexual Exploitation (Group)	12	4.3%
Child Sexual Exploitation (Organised)	24	8.2%
Fraud Targeting Vulnerable Adults	7	2.6%
Organised Immigration Crime	15	3.9%
Other	4	1.7%
Geographical Scale	Count of Jobs	% of Jobs
Force	78	33.6%
Multi force within region	38	16.4%

30.6%

14.7%

71

34

Multi force outside of region

International



VAWG Case Studies

- Data-driven proactivity ("Billy")
- VAWG ASW online (local to international)
- Serious / complex VAWG investigations

Data driven proactivity: TOEX Data Platform

TOEX cloud-based Data Platform (9 forces)

Accredited to national standards

Unique ability to conflate local, regional & national data

Overlay common data analytics models / tooling

Intelligence & Analytical reporting in support of;

- Strategic Threat & Risk Assessment
- Automation of data delivery & analytics
- Operational visualisation



Tier I Cloud-based data exploitation solution, aggregating local, regional and national data sources, enabling Law Enforcement to adopt data-driven decision-making to support better, faster operational outcomes to be achieved, whilst enhancing our strategic understanding nationally.



Data-driven proactivity: Force Profiles

- Pack one week before FTTCG
- ✤ 3 x Suspect Profiles
- Safeguarding 'health checks'
- Feedback sought
- Now ready to generate Force Profiles for Missing Persons & ViSOR

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Data-driven proactivity: "Billy"

- 16 years old
- 7 unique victims (aged 12-32 years)
- 19 separate VAWG offences (13 in last 12mths)
- Multiple rapes, other SSOs, assaults, public order
 - Almost all investigated by <u>different OICs</u>, across 3 LPCs
 - ✤ Reactive policing



- ✓ Single point of coordination & investigation (CSE Proactive Investigation Team)
- ✓ Effective control measures bail breaches
- \rightarrow Emergency Youth Court interim SRO secured
- Specialist MOSOVO officers proactively policing SRO conditions. Unprecedented level of control around a dangerous sexual perpetrator.
- ✓ Charged & remanded

"Billy" was the top VAWG offender highlighted to us [by TOEX]

I am confident the oversight & focus TOEX brings led to this individual being adopted by this specialist team and the much needed co-ordination & innovative approach.

Prior to this he was being investigated by multiple teams from different areas across Essex - DCS Andy Waldie



Missing Persons and ViSOR Force Profiles ready for live testing

TOEX can call on the rich body of intelligence held in 9 force crime & intelligence datasets to quickly consolidate the known information around MISPERs.

For frequent MISPERs, this will help easily identify possible motive and support crucial proactive interventions.

Linking in to crucial SOC datasets, we can see if individuals are becoming aligned to/victimised by SOC by appending the relevant detail from SOC investigations. COMPACT Data request made to 9 x CCs and Force Missing Persons Leads

Missing Persons Force Profile



ViSOR Force Profile (Norfolk only test)





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Three month dataset – Ist August to 31st October 2022



Risk indicators of online sexual trafficking and exploitation

VAWG ASW online (local to international)

Indicator	No. of times present	% of entities
A language barrier (not able to speak clear English)	0	0.0
Are adverts and accounts spread over more than one geographical region	230	64.8
Account linked to other accounts by payer/phone number sharing	344	96.9
Multiple phone numbers across the adverts on one account	128	36.1
Multiple payers on the account	161	45.4
A male name in the registered email address	68	19.2
A male attempting to pay for adverts	130	36.6
The user deliberately being vague or providing misleading information	52	14.6
The customer avoiding us on the call/or the caller hangs up intentionally	36	10.1
Male talking to a woman in the background of the call	6	1.7
Flagged by a customer possible Trafficking/Exploitation	26	7.3
Flagged by a customer suspected under age	4	1.1
Other High Risk Concern(s)	14	3.9





¥ 47 "case" referrals – including ten high risk
¥ 355 individual adverts of concern

X 345 had at least one low risk indicator (97%)

X 318 had at least one medium risk indicator (90%)

X 45 had at least one high risk indicator (13%)

Outcome	Cases (47)	Adverts (355)
Full adoption	3	22
Intel Submission Only	12	83
Referral into force for linked job	5	49
Referral into TOEX for linked job	I	12
Cases Finalised	21	166

Sexual Trafficking Indication Matrix (STIM)

- Romanian and Brazilian are the top nationalities
- South East, London & West Mids region account for 55% of all referrals





TOEX found links across West Midlands, Norfolk, Lancashire & Manchester Breaking down geographical barriers is key to tackling organised crime





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VAWG Labour exploitation and Fraud







Outcomes:

- A total of 12 warrants executed in Northants and simultaneously in Romania.
- Multi-agency warrants TOEX, GAIN, Eurojust, Interpol, Victim Navigators, Mutual Aid, Romanian Investigators.
- 15 victims taken to reception centre
- Three victims provided evidential accounts of MS
- Victims supported via NRM process
- Multi-agency visits to car valeting locations, 100 Romanians given questionnaires to ID victims
- All key UK suspects arrested and sent back to Romania
- Romanian authorities leading the prosecutions
- Ongoing support to force to investigate the upstream of the OCG



TOEX-supported investigations are:

- I.80 times (80%) faster to formally identify and score a threat;
- I.68 times (68%) faster to reach an agency's ten highest priority threats;
- 1.28 times (28%) faster to have a significant disruption.

TOEX impact on Organised Exploitation SOC Threat		
Identify/Score Threat	Agency Top 10 Threats	Significant Disruption Achieved
1.80x (80%) faster	1.68x (68%) faster	1.28x (28%) faster
341 days saved to date	25 days saved per staff member per year	309 days sooner on average
£1.27 million per year (£43,938 saved per threat)	£585,000 saved per year	£7.3 million annually per operation disrupted



Independent Evaluation (economic)



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X Commissioned **animation videos** explaining how TOEX will support investigations (April)







Questions?

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