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# The VKPP Bulletin

Coordinating and improving the policing response to vulnerability

Welcome to the June edition of The VKPP Bulletin from the Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme designed, to keep you updated with our work.

The VKPP team joined the College of Policing on 1 April, marking a significant step forward in aligning vulnerability-related initiatives with broader policing objectives, aiming to improve the overall response to vulnerability and enhance public protection.

Since joining, our work has continued at pace in seeking to maximise

opportunities for collaboration and leverage resources more effectively from our shared vision of professionalising public protection and driving evidence-based responses to vulnerability.

Some of our team were fortunate to attend the PIER Conference last month, bringing together an inspiring mix of senior global leaders all focused on understanding the scale and nature of tackling child sexual abuse and exploitation. There were powerful calls to prioritise and invest in prevention, child focused interventions, effective regulation and also horizon scanning to understand the ever-changing nature of the threat.

It was also great to have an opportunity to join colleagues at the recent NPCC/CoP VAWG Conference, setting out the both way forward and addressing the challenges of responding to violence



against women and girls nationally. So much progress has been made but this crucial work continues with energy and commitment.

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# Research and Review



## Information sharing project

We know that appropriate, relevant and timely information sharing between police and partners is key in effective safeguarding. We are undertaking an exploratory piece of work around information sharing within Local Safeguarding Children's Partnerships (LSCPs) in South Yorkshire.

Focus groups and semi-structured interviews have been conducted with three safeguarding partners (SYP, Local Authority Children Services, Integrated Care Board), and HMICFRS & Ofsted inspectorates. The data has been analysed and linked to current statutory guidance (Working Together 2023), information sharing guidance (DfE 2024), and a case study analysis has also been completed.

A presentation to bring all the findings together will be presented to key stakeholders at a round-table event on 15 July.

## Sex Work

Our Research Team are undertaking an Evidence Review to support the NPCC Sex Work Portfolio in re-visiting the current national guidance. We are calling on academics and stakeholders to provide the team

with best available evidence in relation to a number of questions. The team is currently reviewing the evidence using a framework focused on the voices of sex workers and EDI and undertaking a small literature review.

## Independent Scrutiny

Seven partnerships have been chosen to consult with to create case studies of their survey responses from phase one. Communications have been sent out to these partnerships and we are hoping to start gathering information in June. We are planning on having examples for the following topics:

- Multiple scrutineers
- Young scrutineers
- Scrutiny panels
- Deep dives
- Peer review between partnerships
- Commissioning of other agencies

Anybody wishing to contact the team please email [lauren.mordaunt@college.police.uk](mailto:lauren.mordaunt@college.police.uk)



# Opportunities to get involved

## VKPP Micro CPD for analysts and researchers - mapping drug user home addresses

Tuesday 25 June 11:00-12:00

June's Micro CPD will welcome colleagues from the MET to present their work on mapping of drug user home addresses, looking at vulnerability from both a consumption and exploitation perspective.

As always, please do feel free to share with policing colleagues not already on the distribution list. Details can also be found on our knowledge hub page: Analytical Practice in Policing, where resources and recordings from our CPD events shall be shared. Do contact [Hannah.Burbridge@college.police.uk](mailto:Hannah.Burbridge@college.police.uk) for more information.



## EDI News

### Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Research and Analysis (DEIRA) Community of Practice (CoP).

The DEIRA CoP was initiated to meet the identified requirements of the VKPP Research and Review team and is co-delivered by the VKPP and Laurelle Brown Consultancy. There is representation from VKPP research and review, College of Policing, National Police Chief Council (NPCC), National Black Police Association, Hydrant, Mayors Office of Police and Crime (MOPAC), Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC) as well as several academia institutions.

The CoP intends to develop members':


- Knowledge and understanding of strategies, tools, and evidence to strengthen DEIR
- Skills to identify solutions to DEIRA challenges and apply practice
- Sense of identity and confidence to engage in challenging reflection and dialogue regarding DEIRA both internally and externally and with stakeholders
- Social interactions between other members that support ongoing reciprocal interactions, connections, and care on DEIRA, and address power and institutional dynamics and barriers that typically hinder DEIRA
- Subject matters include intersectionality and anti-racism, data handling, data sharing, data analysis, data quality, VAWG and cultural humility and anti-racism delivered over 6, 1.5/2-hour virtual sessions.

We delivered our first session on intersectionality last week, discussions and learning exceeded expectations providing a great foundation for learning and resources.

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## External Events

### Learning from, and embedding, victim and survivor responses to child sexual abuse

5 July, in Chelmsford. Join ARU's [International Policing and Public Protection Research Institute \(IPPPRI\)](#) and [Victim and Survivor Consultative Panel \(VSCP\)](#) for this free one-day in-person conference. Full details [HERE](#).

### Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse webinars

The CSA Centre are hosting a series of free webinars to introduce and help professionals use their engaging, accessible practice resources. Next dates include:

18th June  
Supporting parents & carers

18th June  
Speaking to children about sexual abuse

16th July  
Spotting the signs and indicators of child sexual abuse

[www.csacentre.org.uk/event-categories/webinar/](http://www.csacentre.org.uk/event-categories/webinar/)

### NWG Legacy of Abuse

'Please learn from me and my family to protect others so that no one else has to live with the legacy of abuse (a two-day in-person course)' 1st & 2nd July

You can find the full details [HERE](#).

### Child sexual abuse and exploitation - prevention, emerging trends and themes.

Lucy Faithful Foundation and NWG 16th July Birmingham

You can find the full information [HERE](#).

### AI-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material

What? How? Why? (Home Office) 4th July Full details [HERE](#).

Please note this event has now been postponed due to the general election.

