

Learning Together to Safeguard the City

26th November – 10th December 2015

An introduction to Sussex Police's Safeguarding Investigation Unit

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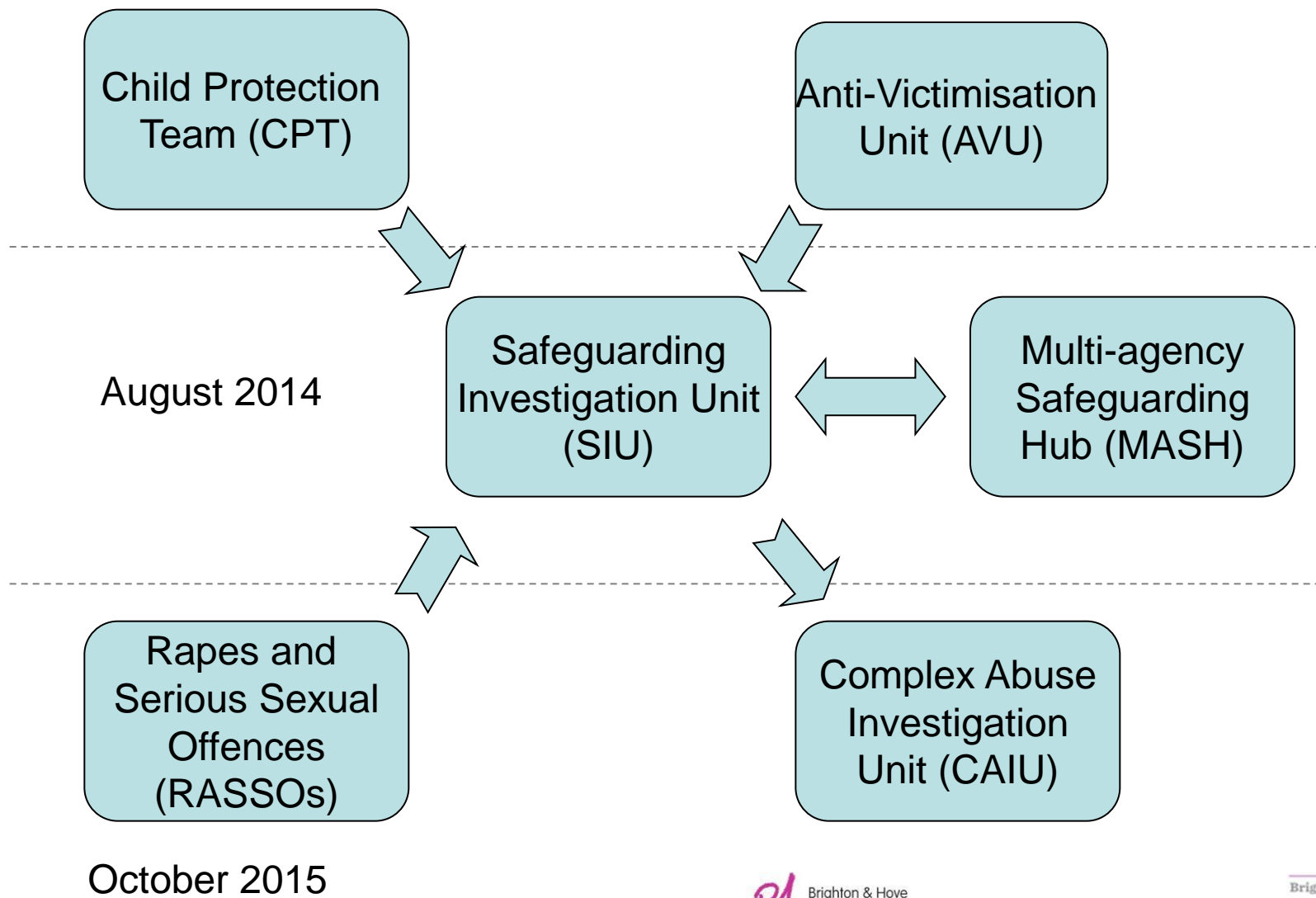
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Overview of presentation:

- **Who we are and what we deal with – DCI Richard Bates**
- **Missing persons and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Co-ordinators – PS Lindsay Evans and Vicky Morris**
- **Sexual Offence Liaison Officer role – PC Richie Danton**
- **Domestic Abuse Case-worker role – Natalie Price and Sarah Wratten**

Please feel free to ask any questions as we go along...



Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Investigation Unit:

- One of 3 Divisionally based hubs
- Part of Specialist Crime Command, but maintains close working with the Division.
- Detective Chief Inspector – also force lead for Safeguarding Adults
- 3 Detective Inspectors, each with a portfolio lead (RASSO, Child Protection / CSE, Adult Safeguarding)
- 4 Teams of Investigators providing cover 08:00 to 22:00, 7 days per week
- DS and DC working within the MASH
- Dedicated Sexual Offence Liaison Officers (SOLOs)
- Domestic Abuse Case-workers
- Missing persons & CSE Co-ordinators
- MARAC co-ordinator

Child Protection
Referrals

Vulnerable Adult
Referrals

All Child abuse
investigations
(Both recent and
older offences)

Child Sexual
Exploitation
(CSE)

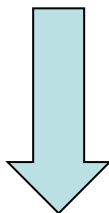
High risk
Domestic Abuse

All reports of Rapes
and penetrative
Sexual Offences

Missing and Absent

ABSENT

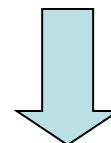
Person not at place expected
or required to be
no apparent risk



Recorded on police systems
ongoing actions agreed between
police and informant
risks reviewed regularly

MISSING

whereabouts cannot be established
circumstances out of character
context suggests person subject of crime
at risk of harm to
themselves or another



Alerts police computer (PNC)
nationwide
reports adult & child social care
as well as police safeguarding units
Police investigation begins

Risk Classification

HIGH

Immediate risk

substantial grounds for believing subject in danger
through own vulnerability / mental state
or may have been victim of a serious crime
or substantial grounds
for believing public in danger

MEDIUM

risk posed likely to place
subject in danger
or they are a threat to
themselves
or others

LOW

No apparent threat
of danger
subject or public

Police Response

HIGH

Specialist search teams,
phone triangulation (depending on geographical area),
financial searches, specialist search teams,
contact with partner agencies, friends etc

MEDIUM

Active and measured response
Police / other Agencies
Custody, hospital, searches,
social media checks,
address searches etc

LOW

Recording information,
custody and
hospital checks

Facts and Figures

- An average missing investigation to the police alone is between **£1,325 – £2,415** per episode
- Yearly figure of missing people in Sussex
2368
- **135** regular missing people in a 3 month period for Brighton and Hove

Brighton and Hove Division

August:

200 Absent

54 Missing

September:

191 absent

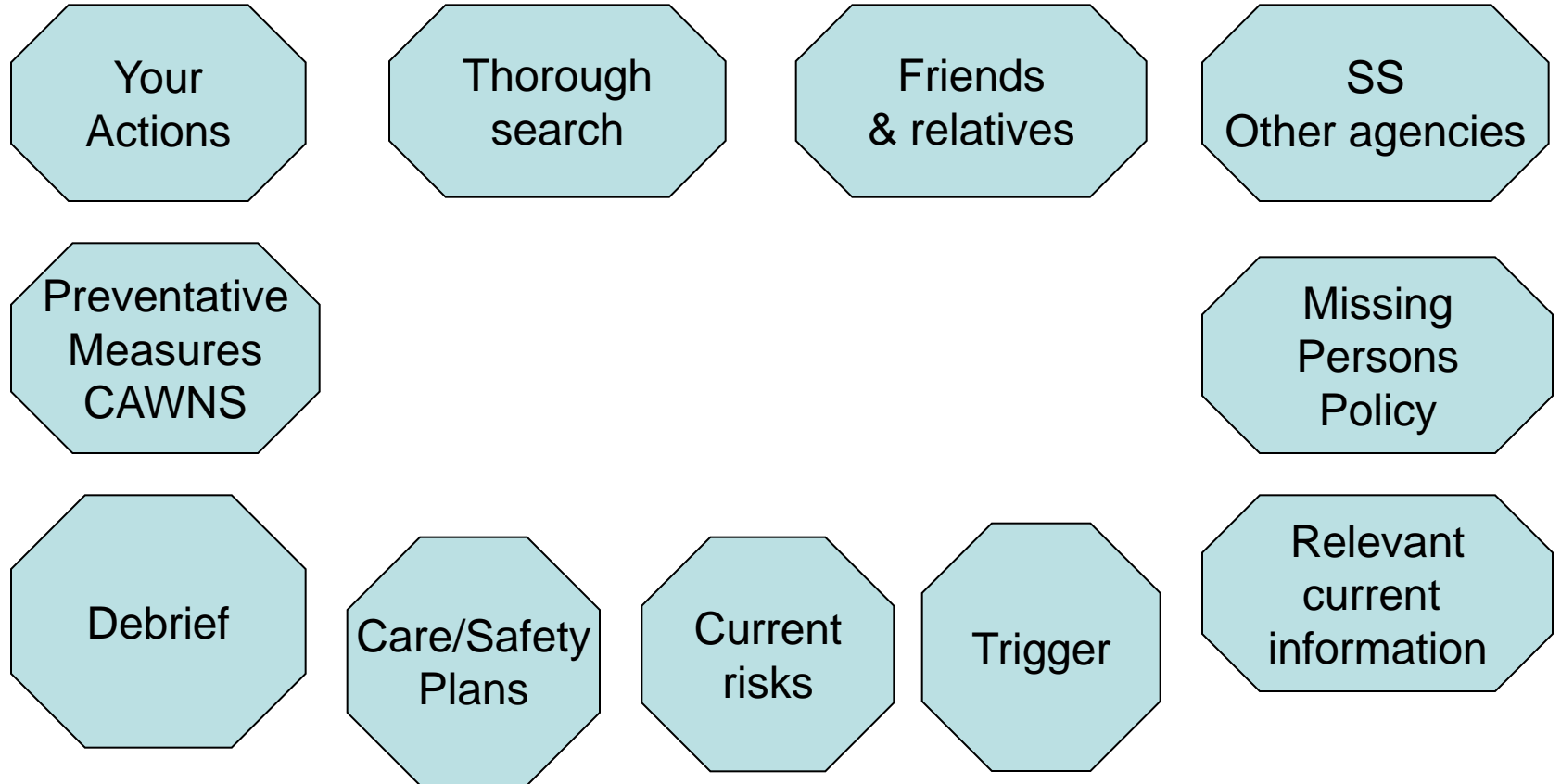
43 Missing

October:

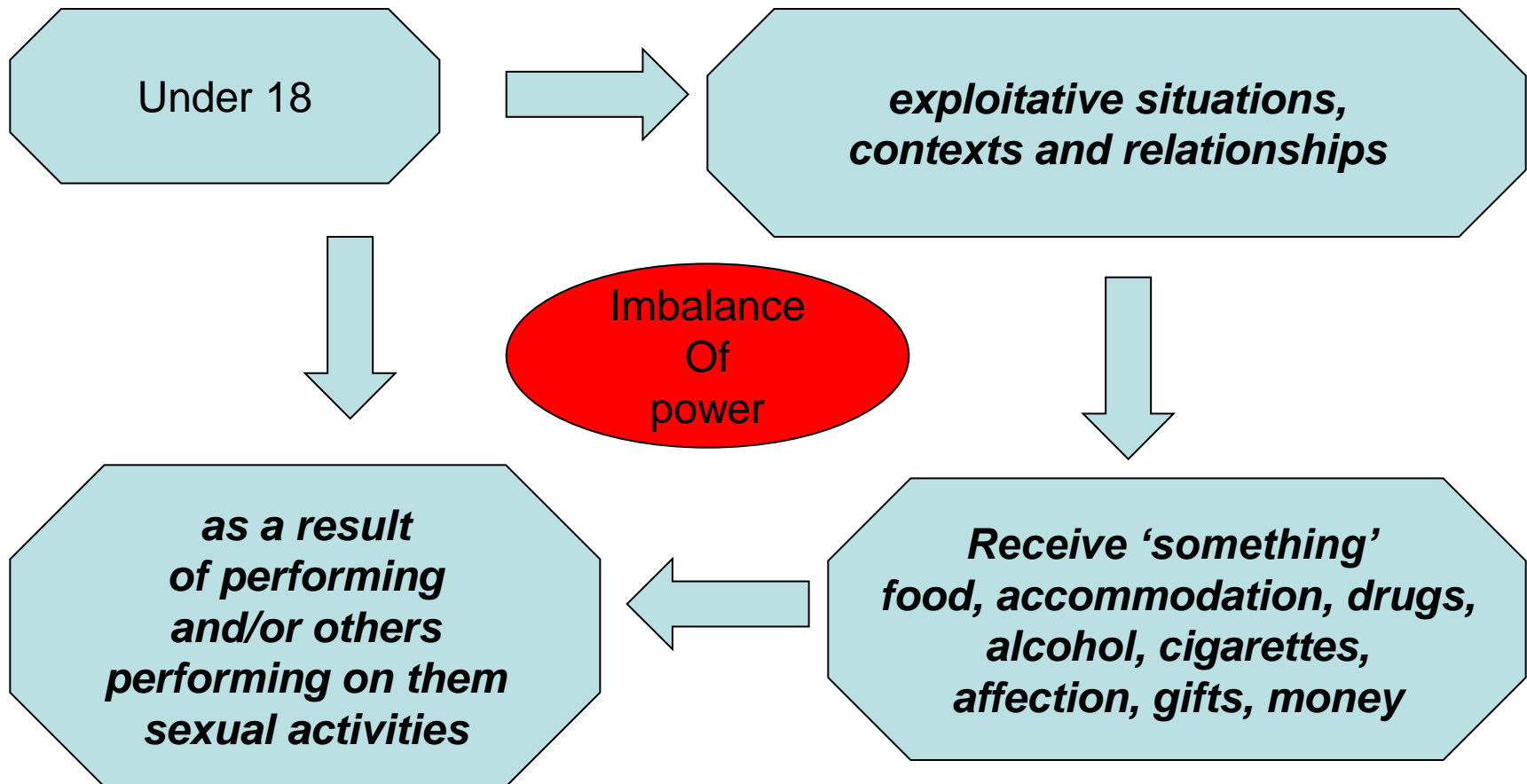
211 Absent

39 Missing

Working Together



CSE – what is it?



Risk Factors of CSE

- Children in care
- Early child protection concerns
 - Previous sexual abuse
 - Family bereavement
 - Family alcohol abuse
 - Substance misuse
- Truancy/out of mainstream school
 - Domestic violence
 - History of abuse
- Dysfunctional family situation
 - Male domination
 - Poverty
- Learning difficulties/disabilities
 - Gang association
 - Social isolation
- Peers who are sexually exploited



Warning Signs of CSE

- Missing / Truant
 - Self harm
 - Low self esteem
- Rapid change in appearance
 - Sexualised behaviour
 - Disruptive behaviour at school
- 'Revolving door' A&E and/or police
- Bullying – victim and perpetrator
- Repeated STI testing, infections and pregnancy
- Alcohol and/or drugs/solvent abuse
- Physical injuries/unexplained injuries
 - Mental health problems
 - Suicidal ideation
- Receipt of gifts from unknown sources
 - Estranged from family



MODELS OF EXPLOITATION

Inappropriate Relationships

Grooming Model

Peer Exploitation

Models of Exploitation

Organised Networked Trafficking

Party Model

Online Grooming

Key Risk Locations

- Arcades
- Shopping centres
- Take away food outlets
- Sheesha bars
- Public parks
- Alcohol outlets
- Budget hotels
- Cafes
- Taxi ranks and public transport hubs
- Car parks



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Methods of Exploitation



- Presents especially in the grooming phase
- Drugs / Alcohol
- Fear
- Food treats
- Blackmail (especially in online CSE)
- Paying off debt
- Violence
- Mental manipulation
- False promises of love /affection/opportunities



Safe in
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OPERATION KITE / MACSE

Mainly girls
some boys

Coordinates operational
response to CSE /
management of risk

Info sharing /
risk assessment
of CSE

Actions conveyed
back

Childrens Social Care
Adults LDT Police
WISE YOS R u OK?
Education Sexual Health
Agency Placements
Comm Safety Team Mankind
THT Survivors Network

New referrals
on SERAF

11 Red
29 Amber
11 Green

Key Points

Identify behaviour
as CSE early

Victims inability
to recognise
self as victim of CSE

Flexible Multi Agency
Approach
Engagement & Support

POLICE
Vicky MORRIS
101 - 550 834
Lindsay Evans
550 296

CSE = CHILD ABUSE
Identify and Act

Proactive
forensic
seizures

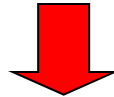
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Prosecutions
and
Safeguarding

Persistence
of flexible
specialists

Going SOLO.....

What is a SOLO?



SOLO stands for Sexual Offences Liaison Officer.

SOLOS are Police Officers who are specially trained in working with victims of serious sexual crime.

Sexual Offence Liaison Officers

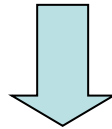
WHAT DOES A SOLO DO?

- ENGAGE WITH VICTIMS
- FORENSICS
- ABE
- ONGOING SUPPORT

THE 'MOUTHPIECE'

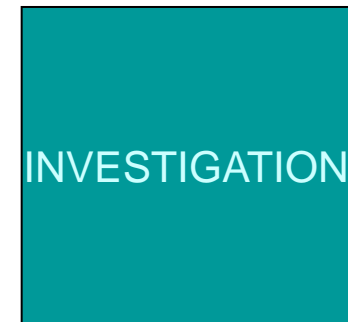
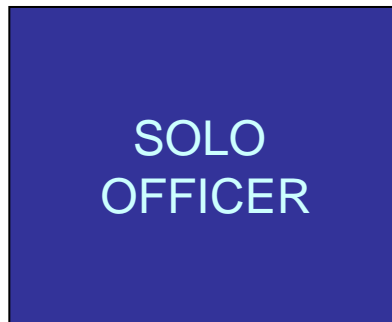
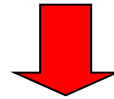
Sexual Offence Liaison Officers

WHY HAVE SOLOS?



- ENGAGEMENT
- RAPPORT
- SPOC
- CONSISTENT APPROACH

Sexual Offences Liaison Officers



Sexual Offence Liaison Officers

SO WHY THE CHANGE?

GAPS IN VICTIM CARE

VICTIM CONTRACT

INVESTIGATOR
CASELOAD

Sexual Offence Liaison Officers

CASE STUDY

Domestic Abuse Caseworkers Natalie Price and Sarah Wratten (Police Staff)

Domestic Abuse is defined by the home office as:

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: Physical, Psychological, Emotional, Sexual and Financial

Risk Classification



- Caseworkers review DASH
- What is a DASH?
- High, Medium, Standard
- Risk of serious Harm/homicide

DASH Questions

Q1 Has the current incident resulted in injury?

Q2 Are you very frightened?

Q3 What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence?

Q4 Do you feel isolated from family/friends i.e. does your abuser try to stop you from seeing friends/family/doctor or others?

Q5 Are you feeling depressed or having suicidal thoughts?

Q6 Have you separated or tried to separate from your abuser within the past year?

Q7 Is there conflict over child contact?

Q8 Does (...) constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harass you?

Q9 Are you pregnant or have you recently had a baby in the past 18 months?

Q10 Are there any children, step-children that aren't the abuser's in the household? Or are there other dependants in the household (i.e. older relative)?

Q11 Has (...) ever hurt the children?

Q12 Has (...) ever threatened to hurt or kill the children?

Q13 Is the abuse happening more often?

Q14 Is the abuse getting worse?

Q15 Does (...) try to control everything you do and/or are they excessively jealous?

Q16 Has (...) ever used weapons or objects to hurt you?

What does the victim want/need to make them feel safer?

- History markers
- TecSOS phone
- Handheld alarms
 - Door brace
 - ESFRS
- Home security

Safety Planning

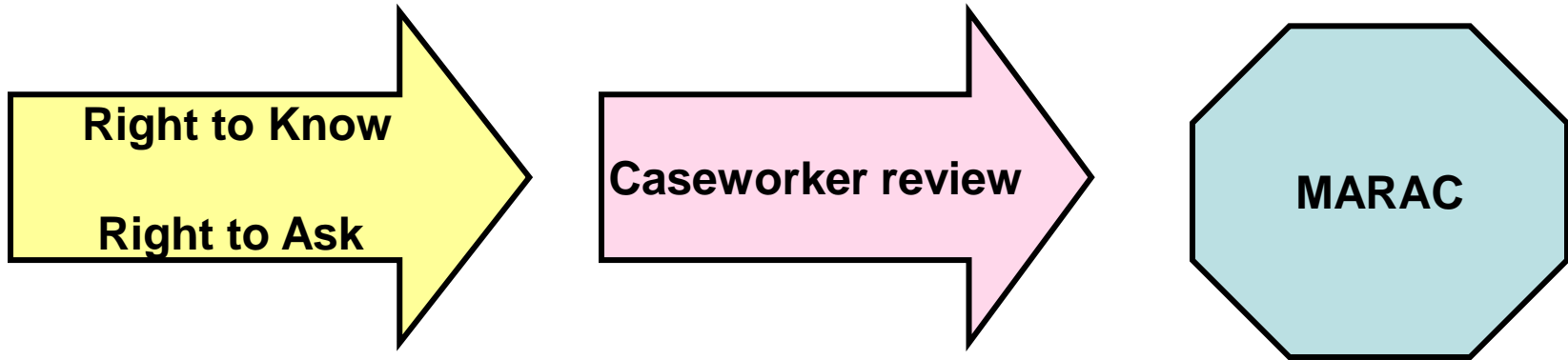
- Restraining Orders
- Civil Orders

- Home visits
- Phone calls
- Face to face meetings
- Flexibility
- (visiting wherever the victim is)

Signposting and Encouraging to support Police Action where appropriate

- Liaising with Police and other Professionals:**
- Housing
 - Adult/ Children's services
 - Refuge

Clare's Law - Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS)



•Why disclose/ not disclose?

•DVPO

•Domestic Violence Drop In – Hove
Town Hall

MARAC - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences



Forum for core agencies to share information

Caseworkers:

- Refer cases to MARAC that have scored 14 on the DASH or on professional judgement
 - Present their cases at MARAC
- Provide Sussex Police intelligence for non Police referrals
- As well as other professionals are given actions to complete by the next meeting

Increasing Trust & Building Rapport

Caseworkers:

- Increase trust in the Police
- Manage expectations
- Act honestly, being transparent
- Build rapport with victims
- Maintain contact throughout investigation/ trial for HR victims
- Are reliable and flexible in their work



Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Thank you for attending this **Learning Together to Safeguard the City** event. We hope that you found it informative and that you will be able use what you have learnt to in your practice to improve outcomes for people in Brighton & Hove and help keep them safe.

Please let us know what you thought about this session by completing our quick survey at:

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or completing one of our postcards before you leave



Your feedback will help us plan future Learning Events and will be considered in the **Learning Together to Safeguard the City** fortnight Final Event



What can the **Safeguarding** Boards teach one another?

10 December 2015, 2pm – 4pm, The Great Hall, Moulsecoomb

Join us for our finale event which will pull together the themes the **Learning Together to Safeguard the City** activities. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the subjects, issues/ barriers and areas of good practice that have been identified during the fortnight's eclectic events.

This is an opportunity for managers, frontline practitioners and professionals with an interest in developing and enhancing safeguarding to come together with senior managers and strategic leads.

The event will be hosted by Graham Bartlett, the Chairperson of the **Local Safeguarding Children Board** and **Safeguarding Adults Board**, and will consider the ways in which the two boards can learn from, and influence, each other to help make Brighton & Hove a safer city to live in and be part of.

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