

Initial report on Thames Valley Police Oxfordshire DVPO pilot in partnership with Reducing the Risk Court IDVA service

The purpose of the pilot is to utilise the opportunity afforded by the DVPO for IDVA intervention so as to increase the longer term safety of victims and reduce repeat incidents.

This report is based on 16 referrals between February and mid-June 2021. The full data is recorded in a confidential document as information for Thames Valley Police.

Of the 16 referrals, 8 had previously been offered specialist support:

- 7 (43%) had previously been referred to MARAC as high risk victims
- 1 (6%) had been a medium risk referral to outreach.

Outcomes

The IDVA was able to make contact with and provide support to **10** victims.

All were offered safety planning.

8 (80%) were further protected:

- 5 NMOs (50%) were granted or are pending
- 1 perpetrator was recalled
- 2 victims moved out of county and were safe

2 (20%) were offered advice on NMOs but declined.

Reasons for non-contact with 6 victims

2 were referred too late and the DVPO had expired or was just about to expire. We can work together to avoid this in future.

2 were inappropriate: 1 DVPO was not granted by the court, and the other related to neighbours who both abuse alcohol and have an 'on/off' relationship (this was their 4th DVPN)

2 we were unable to contact:

- 1 we confirmed with Turning Point that they had gone to Rehab and were safe.
- 1 we were unable to contact and she has a history of not wishing to engage with the IDVA service.

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