

Rape and other Sexual Offences Strategy 2023-2025

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Our Priorities

<p>Effective interventions to support prevention and early intervention, using an evidence-based approach and the survivor voice.</p>	<p>Timely and effective management of Rape and Serious Sexual Offence cases through the Criminal Justice System.</p>	<p>Clear and consistent support pathways for all victims of sexual offences.</p>	<p>To effectively manage perpetrators to reduce re-offending.</p>
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Our Enablers

 <p>Working in a victim centered approach meaning all agencies acting in ways that support what the victim needs and where possible promote choice.</p> <p>Best practice to evidence this through Victim Impact Assessments.</p>	 <p>Sharing skills and knowledge of effective governance and effective oversight, holding organisations to account for their delivery and engagement with the strategy and service users.</p> <p>Ensuring quality and performance through effective governance and scrutiny processes.</p>	 <p>Strong collaboration and communication to understand the landscape, increase effectiveness, reduce duplication and maximise co-commissioning opportunities.</p> <p>Being prepared to challenge and disrupt existing structures to address gaps, taking opportunity to change the system</p>	 <p>Communicating and engaging effectively with service users and across agencies and wider stakeholders.</p> <p>Ensuring the priorities are imbedded in exiting structures with strong feedback loops.</p>	 <p>Improve and introduce services through evidence of what works. Value the Victim Survivor Voice and promote co-production.</p> <p>Using data and intelligence to guide future strategies, policy development and commissioning.</p>
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Our Impact (tbc)

<p>Disruption of repeat offenders? DVOP</p>	<p>Increase in successful charge rates for sexual offence cases.</p>	<p>Reduction in adjournments and delays in trails for RASSO hearings.</p>	<p>Improved confidence and trust in police evidenced through Durham Force Victim Satisfaction Survey.</p>	<p>Improved and consistent satisfaction with services supporting victims of sexual violence evidenced through provider performance data.</p>
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Rape and other Sexual Offences (RAOSO) Delivery Plan 2023/24

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Effective interventions to support prevention and early intervention, using an evidence-based approach and the survivor voice.	<p>Define what we mean by prevention and early intervention for young people and vulnerable adults.</p> <p>Utilise lived experience of victims/survivors to develop early intervention and prevention activities.</p> <p>Inclusion of sexual violence on the standard agenda of the County Durham Prevention & Early Help Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Support the appropriate development of specialist training for professionals supporting victims of sexual violence, this includes frontline and secondary services in relation to both first disclosure and early identification.</p>
Timely and effective management of Rape and Serious Sexual Offence cases through the Criminal Justice System.	<p>Review Court backlogs and its impact on services, victims and staff.</p> <p>Review the feasibility of guaranteed fixtures for all rape and sexual offence cases, to ensure that the most traumatic crimes currently waiting the longest to go to trial are heard with timeliness.</p> <p>Review the feasibility of rape and sexual offence trials not being listed as floater trials.</p> <p>Clear and coordinated communication with victims and survivors. Criminal justice agencies must coordinate and formally agree routes of communication with victims and survivors, so that they are updated promptly when their is new information.</p> <p>Criminal Justice agencies adopting victim impact assessments to enhance their victim centred approach to policy and decision making,</p>
Clear and consistent support pathways for all victims of sexual offences in both current and historic cases.	<p>Agree a strategic multi-agency partnership for sexual violence responsible for delivery of this plan.</p> <p>Establish an operational forum to enhance communication and problem solving between agencies supporting victims of sexual violence.</p> <p>Explore opportunities to increase capacity and efficiency of the services currently providing therapeutic support to adult victims.</p> <p>Explore opportunities to improve collaborative working between the Police and the ISVA service.</p> <p>Review services available for young victims and their families then explore collaborative funding opportunities to address any gaps in service.</p> <p>Complete a mapping exercise to understand the demographics of hidden victims in County Durham and intersectionality of these victims.</p> <p>Local commissioners and services to ensure their websites are clear about what services are available and to whom. In addition, ensuring information is easily assessable and targeted based on individual characteristics.</p> <p>Obtain ISO accreditation for all regional SARCs with in the required timeframe.</p>
To effectively manage perpetrators to reduce re-reoffending.	<p>Ensure communication of Operation Soteria with strategic partners.</p> <p>Increase the number of civil order requests, including DVPOs, SHPO & SRO ensuring monitoring of response to any breaches.</p> <p>Implementation by Durham Constabulary of the National Operating Model.</p> <p>Review any gaps in interventions available for those who commit sex offences and their effectiveness, including the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), to inform improvements of delivery in County Durham.</p>

Oversight Structure



CSPs LCJB

DASVEG

SV Strategic Group

- Frequency: 6 weekly
- Chair: TBC
- Admin: OPCC

SV Operational and Expert Group

- Frequency: TBC
- Chair: TBC
- Admin: OPCC