

# *The UK's Interagency Approach*

## **Coordinated Community and Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence**

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# Global Consensus

## International Framework

- Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (1981)
- Beijing Platform for Action (4th World Women Conference, Beijing, 1995)
- Public Health Perspective, WHO, UN
- Beijing +5 (2000)
- Nov 25, 2004: Not a minute more : Ending Violence Against Women

# International Agreements

## Position

- A violation of human rights
- A public health problem
- A crime

## Approach

- A Coordinated Approach

# Progress

(last two decades since 2000, UN)

- Governments' obligation under international laws and agreements to punish and prevent violence against women
- medical, legal, counseling and protection services
- changes of norms, laws, policies and practices
- advocacy, education and training efforts

# New Agenda, New Measure, Action & Advocacy (1)

Governments should:

- Have comprehensive policy
- Define all forms of violence against women as illegal criminal behaviors
- Prosecute perpetrators
- collect & announce figures & trends

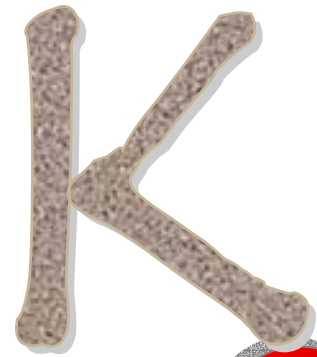
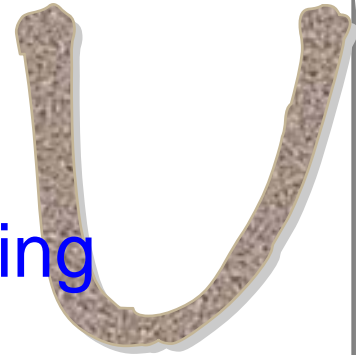
# New Agenda, New Measure, Action & Advocacy (2)

- Protect through legislation
- Establish family tribunal
- Launch zero tolerance campaign
- Strengthen public education
- Ensure perpetrators and victims receive proper education and counseling programme

**Platform for Action, Beijing +5**

# Interagency Approach Coordinated Com. & Criminal Justice Response

- Central Policy – Leading Role
- Strategy – Interagency approach
- Planning, Implementation & Monitoring Mechanism
- Coordinated Community and Criminal Justice System Response
- Initiatives



# UK's Policy

## Position towards domestic violence

- ⇒ Crime
- ⇒ Unacceptable
- ⇒ Cost social and economic lost



# Central Mechanism

## Central coordination and monitoring mechanism

- ⇒ Interdepartmental Working Party on Domestic Violence, 1994
- ⇒ A inter-ministerial Group, 1997
- ⇒ Interdepartmental Working Group on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, 1999
- ⇒ Domestic Violence Forum at City & Borough levels

# Strategic directions

- ⇒ **Living Without Fear: an integrated approach to tackling violence against women, Home Office (1999)**
- ⇒ **Multi-agency Guidance for Addressing Domestic Violence, Home Office (2000)**
- ⇒ **Safety and Justice 2003**

# Interagency Coordinated Community & Criminal Justice System Response

⇒ Courts

⇒ Criminal justice system

⇒ Public / communities (Education, Health, Social Service, Housing, Social Security, etc)

⇒ Relevant professionals

# Interagency model

## Strengthen Criminal Justice System Intervention in DV

- ...have been working hard for many years...in some cases, women are sent to up to ten different places before they get the help needed...
- **IT IS TIME TO CHANGE**
- Promote interagency working model
- Strengthen criminal justice system intervention in domestic violence
- Prevention, education, media, workplace, training, etc.

# Commitments

- In 5 years to see effective multi-agency partnership
- Long term to prevent and reduce crimes of violence against women measured by the British Crime Survey

# Multi-agencies Roles

- ⇒ **Interagency coordination**
- ⇒ **Statistics and research**
- ⇒ **Public awareness**
- ⇒ **Police**
- ⇒ **Prosecution**
- ⇒ **Probation**
- ⇒ **Law**
- ⇒ **Safe accommodation**
- ⇒ **Response to offending behaviors**

# Strengthening

## Prevention, Protection & Justice and Support

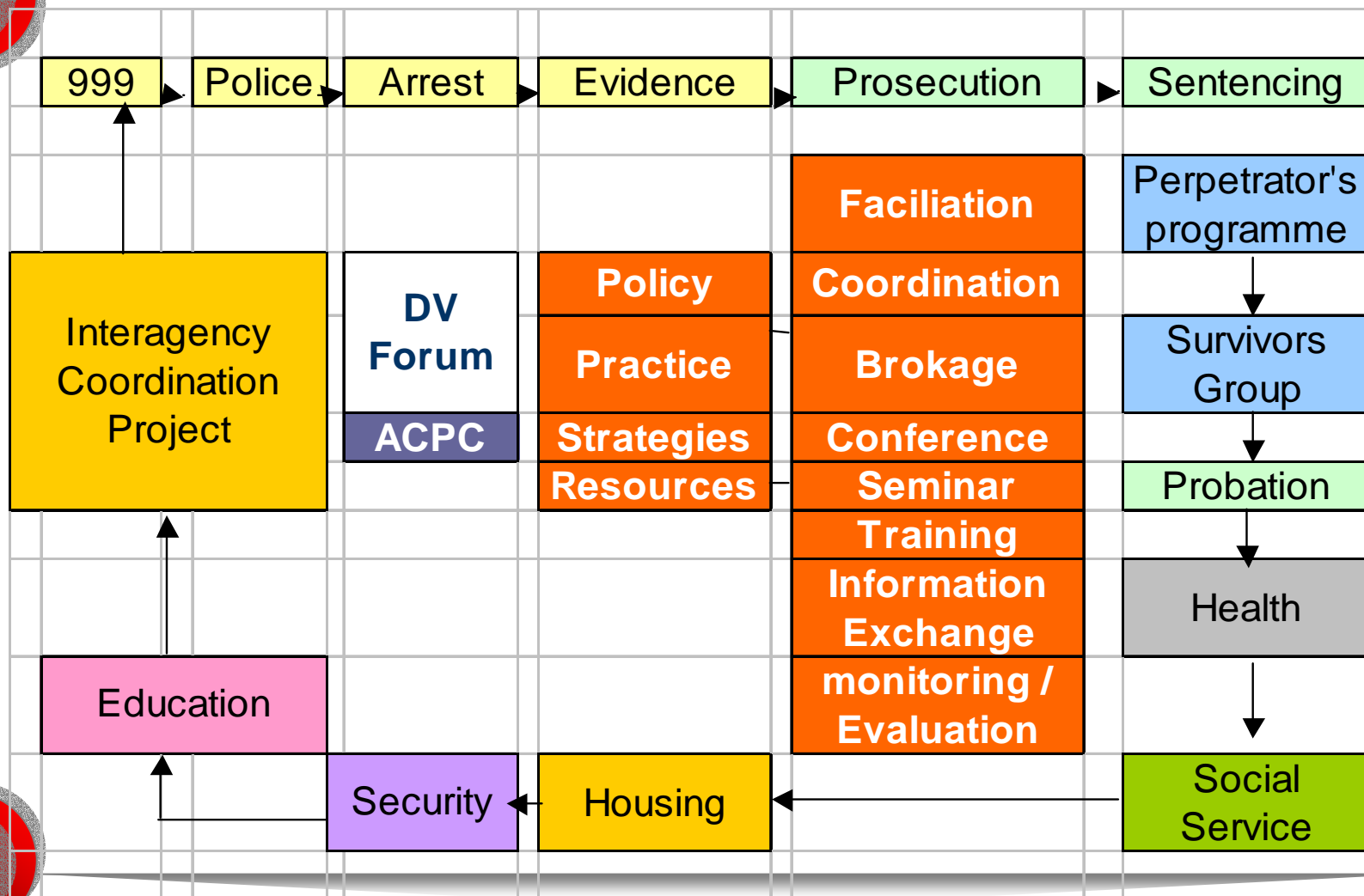
- Community and school education
- Health early intervention
- Stop re-offence: Perpetrators Programme
- Amend legislations: non-molestation order; criminal offence; support police arrest; DV Homicide Review;
- Improve CJS: bring perpetrators to justice, training, specialist courts, legal advocates
- Safe accommodation at home, helpline, children support, extra 300 refuge places

**Safety and Justice 2003**





# Interagency Coordination Project



# Membership at Interagency Coordination Projects

- Interagency coordination project
- Hospital
- Community Health
- Police
- Community Law Centre
- Victim Support (adult & children)
- Refuge
- Social Service
- Probation Service
- Crown Prosecution
- Court
- Men's programme
- Ethnic Groups

# Interagency Coordinated Community and Criminal Justice Response

- Interagency coordination

- ⇒ Guidelines / protocols

- ⇒ Good practices

- ⇒ Training

- ⇒ Research and Review for monitoring

- 👍 Standing Together, Hammersmith & Fulham, West London

- 👍 Leeds Interagency Project (LIAP)

- 👍 Gloucestershire's Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence

# Law Enforcement

- Specialized Domestic Violence Team / officers
  - Enhanced evidence gathering
  - Strengthened prosecution
  - Support vulnerable witness
- 👍 Metropolitan Police, London
  - 👍 West Yorkshire Police
  - 👍 Gloucestershire Police

# Judiciary

## Criminal Justice System

- Legislative Reforms
  - Specialized Prosecution Guideline
  - Specialized Domestic Violence Court
  - Victim / Witness Support
- 👍 Domestic Violence Crime and Victim Bill, Home Office
  - 👍 Crown Prosecution Services, Gloucester
  - 👍 West London Magistrate
  - 👍 Standing Together, London
  - 👍 Victim Support / Witness Support, Edinburgh

# Community & Criminal Justice Response

- Victim / Witness Support Service
- Court mandated batterer intervention programme
- DVIP, London; West Yorkshire Probation Service
- Respect, National Practitioners Network

# Duluth Model

- **Coordinated Community Response**
- **A criminal justice intervention project in domestic violence cases**
- **A system of networks, agreements, processes and applied principles created by local shelters movement, criminal justice agencies, and human services programs**

# Not a Minute More...

Governments must:

- commit the resources necessary to make change possible (commitment)
- adopt frameworks to prevent, punish and prosecute violence (interagency coordinated approach)
- use sound framework or action plan (implementation)



# Action plan

- ⇒ Clear benchmarks and indicators of actions
- ⇒ Structured accountable monitoring system
- ⇒ Transparent and accessible
- ⇒ Community voices

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# Recommended Websites

- Home Office Domestic Violence Webpage  
[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/domesticviolence/index.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/domesticviolence/index.html)
- The Costs of Domestic Violence, 2004  
[www.womenandequalityunit.gov.hk](http://www.womenandequalityunit.gov.hk)
- Crime Reduction Website – the domestic violence section  
[www.crimereduction.gov.uk/dv01.htm](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/dv01.htm)
- **The Hong Kong Council of Social Service**  
[www.hkcss.org.hk/fs/DVTraining.htm](http://www.hkcss.org.hk/fs/DVTraining.htm)

# Advance Order

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on

Strengthening Support to Victims of  
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