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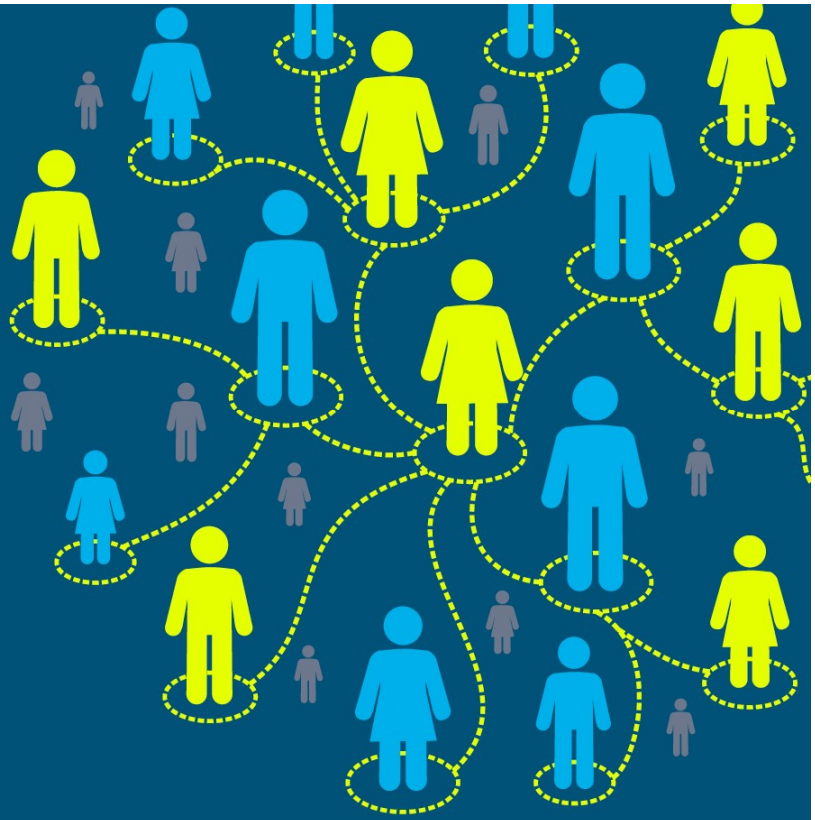

DOMESTIC ABUSE: A WHOLE SYSTEM APPROACH

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INTRODUCTION

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MULTI AGENCY TASKING AND COORDINATION

(MATAC)

Targeting the most harmful and serial domestic abuse perpetrators

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WHAT IS MATAC?

What is MATAC?

- Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination in relation to the most harmful and serial domestic abuse perpetrators

Why are we doing it?

- To effectively tackle domestic abuse we need to deal with the cause – THE PERPETRATORS
- MATAC targets the perpetrators that cause the most harm to the most victims and children
- Overall aim is to protect victims and children from harm by encouraging offender behaviour change and disrupting perpetrator ability to commit further offences

EVALUATION AND SUCCESS

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Embedded in Northumbria since November 2014;

- Independent evaluation by Northumbria University
- 65% reduction in re-offending in relation to domestic abuse related offences
- 61% reduction in re-offending of all offence types
- Social return on investment study indicates a return of £14.54 social value per £1 invested, a high percentage of this from victim outcomes
- MATAC model embedded across North East region and shared nationally though Home Office funded Transformation Project 2019/2020

SERIAL PERPETRATOR: Definition

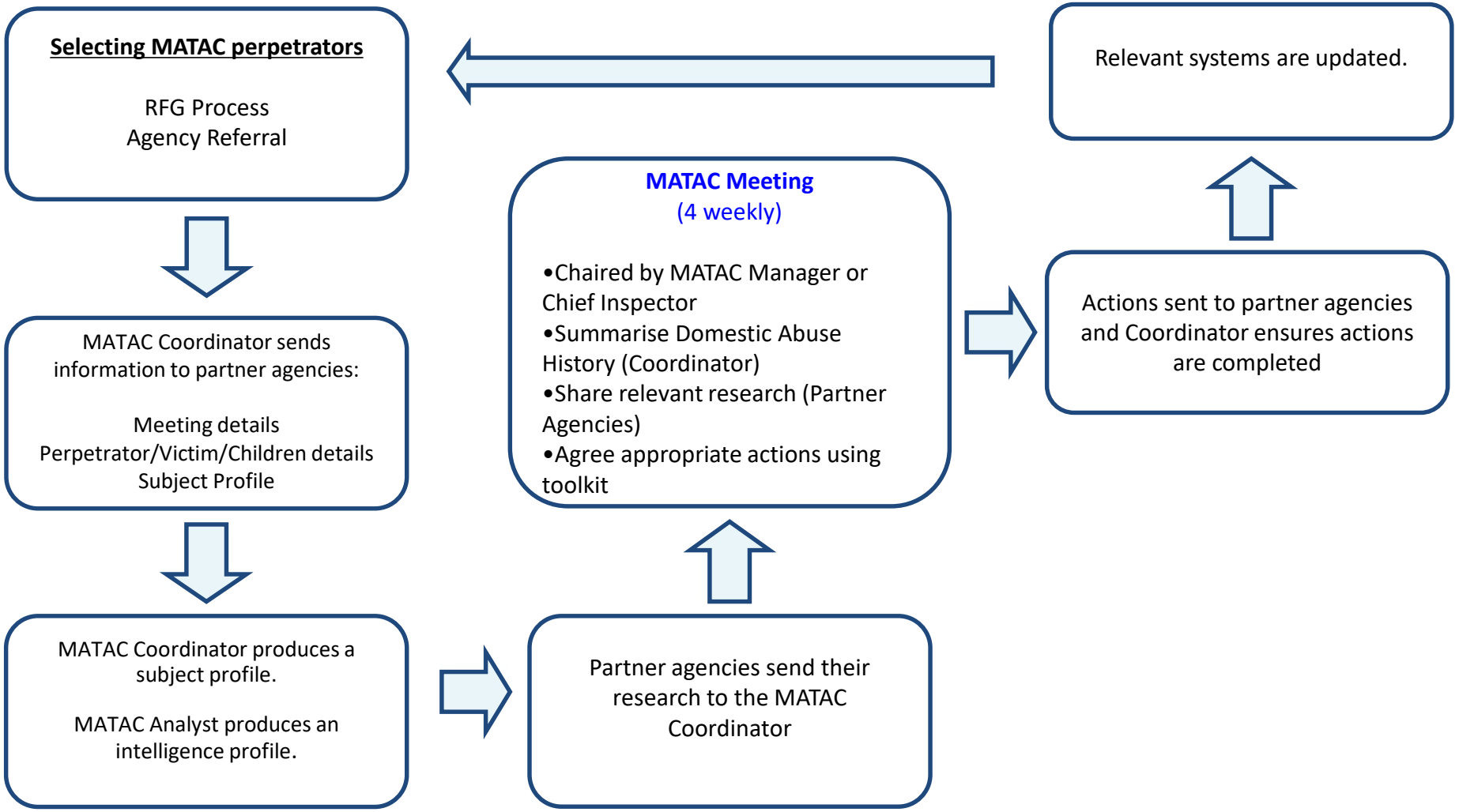
A perpetrator who;

- Is listed as a suspect or offender aged 16 or over
- Has had more than one DA incident
- Against two or more different victims
- This includes partner/ex partners, familial relationships and non violent incidents over last two years

PROCESS

- Identification of most harmful perpetrators using 'Recency, Frequency, Gravity' algorithm and analysis; additional mechanism for any partnership referral
- MATAC meeting - Multi-agency tasking and coordination
- Domestic abuse toolkit
- Force wide availability of voluntary domestic abuse prevention programmes (DAPPs)
- Work with housing providers to focus on DA perpetrators

MATAC Flowchart



MATAC Toolkit

- Multi agency interventions
- Education, prevention, diversion, disruption and enforcement
- Assessment of engaging/non engaging perpetrator
- Overall aim of protecting families by achieving behaviour change and preventing re offending

MATAC Toolkit

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Safeguarding Objectives

Adopt a Multi-Agency Approach to:

Reduce re-offending and change behaviour of Domestic Abuse Perpetrators

Safeguard adults and children at risk of Domestic Abuse

Perpetrator Engaging

- DA Perpetrator Programme Referral
- Substance Misuse Referral
- Domestic Abuse Proximity System (DAPS)
- Mental Health Referral
- Housing Assistance
- Any Other Relevant Multi-Agency Support

Perpetrator Not Engaging

- **Prevention**
  - Restraining Order
  - Non Molestation Order
  - DVPN/O or Bail conditions
  - Target Hardening
  - C.J. Tags
  - Re-House
  - Clare's Law
  - Child Abduction Warning Notice
  - Early Harassment Warning
  - Criminal Behaviour Order
- **Diversion**
  - Probation / CRC Schemes
  - Licence Conditions
- **Disruption**
  - Intelligence Gathering
  - Surveillance
  - ANPR
  - Neighbourhood Target
  - Enforcing Bail conditions
  - Pursuing as Most Wanted
  - Progressing Outstanding Offences
- **Enforcement**
  - Arrest
  - Breach Restraining Order
  - Breach Non molestation Order
  - Breach DVPN/O /Bail Conditions
  - Tenancy / Housing Enforcement
  - Road Safety Driver Enforcement
  - Community Protection Notice
  - Closure Order
  - Breach Criminal Behaviour Order

Work with Housing Providers

- Commissioned services of Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) to work with housing providers across force area
- Promoting work with DA perpetrators to keep victims and families safe
- Offering training to housing staff
- Strategies to identify and tackle perpetrators
- Production of housing provider toolkit

*https://www.**daha**lliance.org.uk*

Domestic Abuse Prevention Programmes (DAPPs)

- RESPECT accredited programmes – Project Mirabel provides evidence base showing effectiveness
- Aim is to stop offending - educate and achieve behaviour change
- Group work and one to one work
- Also work with partners and children of the perpetrators to measure impact and ensure compliance

DAWSA KNOWLEDGE SHARING

A digital toolkit is shared on two platforms;

- The DAWSA website www.dawsa.org.uk and
- The National Knowledge Hub www.knowledgehub.group , then search for 'Domestic Abuse a Whole System Approach'

And includes;

- Practical help and information, terms of reference, standard operating procedures, role descriptions, procedure documents
- A full independent project evaluation identifying good practice, challenges, learning and outcomes
- Social return on investment study

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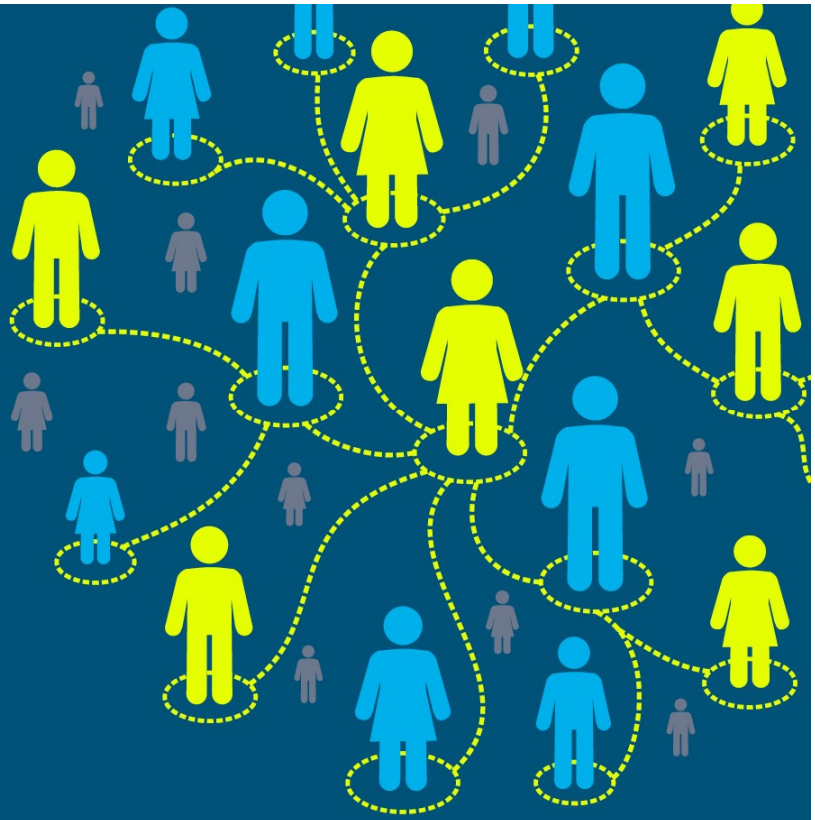

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