

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE  
DECISION RECORD**

**Decision Record Number: 61/2025**

**Title:** Humberside DRIVE Partnership 2025

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**Decision of the PCC - Approved**

**Background Report:** Open

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

**Signature**



**Date 24/11/2025**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION**

**OPEN**

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**2. Recommendations**

To accept the Home Office terms and conditions for DRIVE partnership and commission Hull City Council and Strength to Change to undertake the delivery of a twenty-four-month project, following a successful application into the Home Office.

The project is complementary provision in respect of the police and crime commissioners' ambition to end violence against women and girls (VAWG) and enabling the continued development of perpetrator intervention and evidence base. Ultimately aiming to prevent harm for those affected by violence and abuse within intimate partner violence. The intervention is accessible to both males and females.

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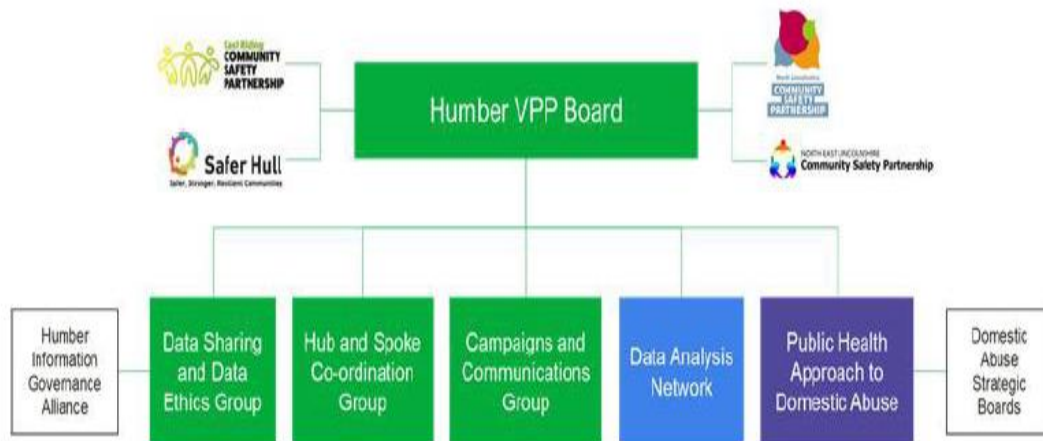
### **3. Background**

- 3.1. According to ONS data, Humberside consistently has a higher recorded rate of DA crimes and incidents per 1,000 population than other Force areas and the England and Wales rates, and in 2023/24 Humberside ranked 7th for both the Crime and Incidents rate and the Crime only rate. Hull has the highest count of DA crime compared with the rest of the region. Source: 2024/25 Domestic Abuse Prevalence Profile for Humberside.
- 3.2. Humberside Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is committed to ending violence against women and girls, (VAWG), as detailed within the Humberside Police and Crime Plan. As such, the OPCC has been collaborating on the development of perpetrator services across the Humber region. One such opportunity is DRIVE.
- 3.3. DRIVE is a multi-agency response to high-risk perpetrators of domestic abuse, aimed at male and female offenders. The approach aims to increase victim safety and reduce the perpetration of domestic abuse by either changing perpetrator behaviour, disrupting perpetrator behaviour, or via a combination of all, combining intensive case management and 1-2-1 work with a coordinated multi-agency response, which includes disruption for high-risk and high harm, serial perpetrators of domestic abuse.
- 3.4. The initial offer is for two financial years. The initial 2-year period does not include a match funding requirement for case management, there is a requirement for funding for the police fellow for second year. The initial funding covers the cost of caseworkers and police fellow, as follows:
  - 1 FTE Service Manager
  - 1 FTE Panel Coordinator
  - 4 FTE Case Managers
  - 2 FTE IDVA (It is expected that the IDVA will be based within existing partnership service)
  - 0.5 FTE Police Fellow - senior police officer (DI/DCI)
- 3.5. Drive Case Managers act as a single point of contact for perpetrators of domestic abuse when the victims have been assessed as being at a high risk of significant harm or fatality, for a period of 3 – 12 months. They work with perpetrators on a one-to one basis, using an intensive case management approach and coordinating a multiagency response to disrupt abuse and drive attitudinal and behaviour change. This is achieved via disruption, support and behaviour change activities, which are defined as follows:
  - Disruption – putting barriers and obstacles in place to prevent abuse from taking place, including working with the CJS and local agencies to challenge perpetrator behaviour and ensuring perpetrators experience the full consequences if they continue to be violent and abusive.

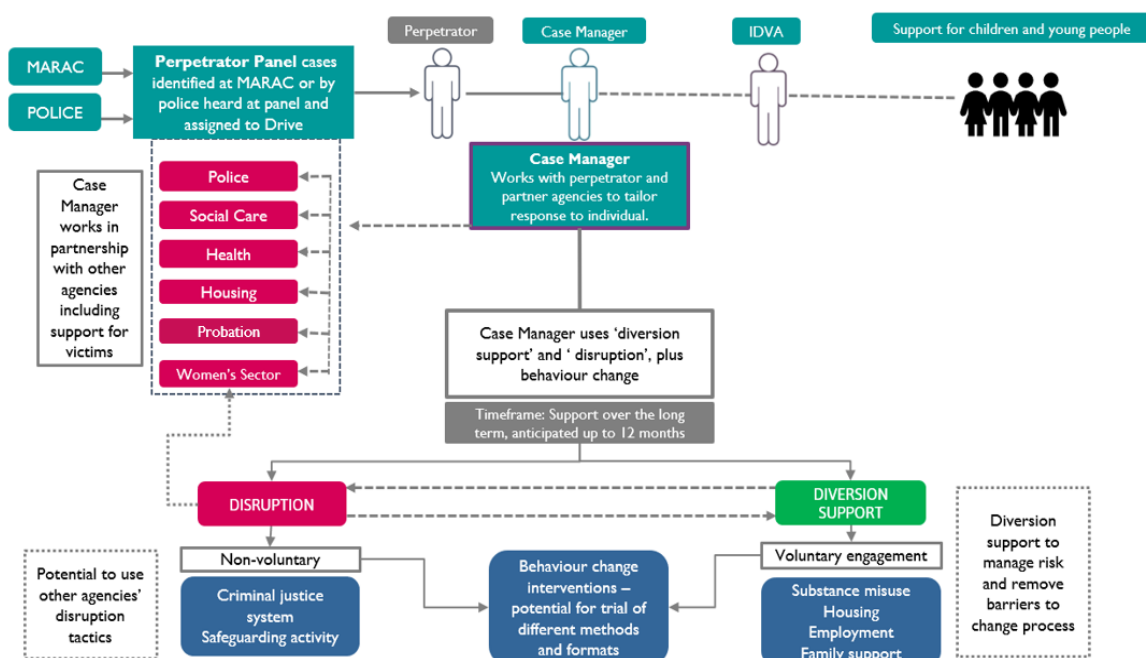
- Support – addressing the needs of the perpetrator with the aim of removing barriers to the change process and disrupting abuse via heightened risk management.
  - Behaviour Change – focused and specific interventions to explicitly address the perpetrator’s attitudes and behaviour in relation to domestic abuse.
- 3.6. Leadership: Drive Fellow role. The set-up and preparation of DRIVE across Humberside is directed by a Drive Fellow. This role is usually undertaken by a senior police officer (DI/DCI) who can bring their local expertise and knowledge to ensure the Drive Project fits and adapts effectively to our local context. Senior local authority safeguarding roles can also effectively take on this role; some Force areas have implemented successful models combined DI/DCI time complemented by a staff support post.
- 3.7. The Drive Fellow role has been designed specifically to enhance the skills of police and local authority safeguarding leaders in delivering effective multi-agency preventative work, for the purpose of implementing the Drive project. The Drive Fellow focuses on ensuring that the right multi-agency forums and working practices are developed, and that the Drive Project is given a high level of focus and buy in from key stakeholders.
- 3.8. As part of the Drive Project, Humberside will require an effective perpetrator panel (MATAC) with representation from police, IDVA/women’s safety and support services, social care, probation, housing, health and other stakeholders with knowledge about the perpetrator.

This panel will:

- Assess and manage the risk associated with a perpetrator
  - Create co-ordinated multi-agency responses that disrupt a perpetrator’s ability to continue to perpetrate domestic abuse, whilst not disrupting, harassing or damaging the whole person and their life.
  - The Drive Service Manager, IDVA and relevant statutory leads from probation and children’s services will be particularly relevant here, as they will have specifically and intricately discussed and explored the risks posed to the victim(s) and children at every stage of the intervention.
  - Work together to coordinate support and disrupt interventions around the perpetrator, based on more specific circumstances or needs. (i.e. substance use, health and social care).
- 3.9. Partnership Accountability Structure. Outside of operational policing elements, it will be imperative to situate DRIVE partnership updates within existing DA partnerships framework. The Public Health Approach to Domestic Abuse Strategic Board (PHADA) is well placed to support this:



### 3.10. DRIVE operational model



## 4. Options

### Option 1: Do Nothing.

Doing nothing doesn't help to provide a basis and evidence base for perpetrator services and doesn't support the OPCC aims of stemming the rising rates of violence against women and girls. As such doing nothing does not support the aims of the Police and Crime Plan for Humberside and doesn't meet the expectations of Humberside Police and key stakeholders. Ultimately doing nothing doesn't address perpetrator behaviour change.

**Option 2: Accept Home office terms and commence roll out of DRIVE.  
(Preferred Option)**

This option would provide Humberside with a quality experienced provision, a swift mobilisation of a quality assured service for Humberside, providing the opportunity to build evidence and contribute towards national evidence to support perpetrator interventions.

Commencing roll out in Hull meets the highest demand area and the Home Office terms that require RESECT accreditation, Hull is the only area in Humberside to have matured in service development and have secured RESPECT accreditation. Developing this opportunity in Hull supports the ambitions of the Police and Crime Plan for Humberside.

**5. Financial Implications**

There is no requirement of match funding, all of the funding from the Home Office covers the DRIVE workforce as detailed in section 3. There are additional costs to be considered and approved with regards to police resources, including a commitment and management of resources through DASIT and the Sustainability of police fellow year 2 and into business as usual.

**6. Legal Implications**

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Once terms are agreed and signed with Home Office a Grant Agreement will be put in place with Hull city Council and include relevant Key performance indicators and outcome framework, supported by timeline for mobilisation and delivery.

**7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan**

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the PCC's commitment ending Violence Against Women and Girls. This pilot will support the delivery of the following outcome of the Police and Crime Plan:

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**8. Equalities Implications (Have due regard to the Public Section Equality Duty)**

No implications, the grant scheme will not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics.

**9. Consultation**

The following have been consulted during the development of the approach and are supportive of the preferred option:

- Chief constable briefing.
- Humberside Domestic Abuse Partnerships
- ACC Walker and Humberside Vulnerability Board, and PHADA strategic board for Humberside.

**10. Media information**

There will be opportunities to promote and publicise the OPCC working with key partners in tackling VAWG and being one of the first OPCC areas to access this funding opportunity.

**11. Background documents**

DRIVE partnership guidance documents (Home Office).

**12. Publication**

Open

**13. DPIA Screen completed**

The proposal is to passport money to another authority who will decide on the means and purpose of data processing, commission, pay for and manage the service on a day-to-day basis. Therefore, I do not believe the OPCC is the data controller and so a DPIA is not necessary in this case.

In the interests of due diligence I recommend that the completion of a DPIA and compliance with data protection law is made a condition of the grant.