

OPCC Humberside – Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women and Girls Scrutiny Panel Report & Action Tracker

Date: December 2025
Location: Melton 2 Police Station

Introduction

The OPCC Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Scrutiny Panel is made up of independent members of the community to ensure broad and inclusive perspectives. The panel provide essential recommendations for improvement, transparency, accountability, and innovation within the Police force.

Attendees

5 panel members
2 Humberside Police representatives
3 OPCC members

Action Tracker Update

- Some inputs are still due for future panel meetings, CPS due to attend the next hate crime panel.
- In relation to the conviction and outcomes action, a meeting has been set up with Humberside Police Analysts and OPCC Analysts. Panel express that it is important to have this data otherwise there's no knowledge of how the cases proceed.

Humberside Police Internal Domestic Abuse Team Input

The force lead for internal DA gives an overview of the role. There is a request of what support is provided to the group, as well as a follow up invite for a 2026 panel. The slides shown will be shared with the panel.

Samples and Feedback

Violence Against Women and Girls Sample

Panel understood why this was considered VAWG due to the national policing definition, but do not feel it should have been brought as a sample.

Sexual Offence Sample

The panel listened back to the 999-call recording and found the call taker dealt with the call itself well. Positive feedback to be given in relation to this.

The sample itself was difficult to follow, partly due to potential redaction issues and incomplete data as there were several victims. Panel discussed the changes of crime classification relating to this offence; this will be passed onto the Force Crime Registrar for an explanation as to why these changes have happened.

Domestic Abuse Sample

The 999-call recording for this sample was listened to. There were some concerns raised over safeguarding advice which will be provided as feedback to the Force Control Room (FCR).

Member talk, Current Affairs & Hot Topics

- Active recruitment to encourage male applications.
- DA Policy – Panel will discuss this at the next meeting and provide relevant feedback. Action to find policies for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence, and Stalking and Harassment. There is a suggestion to run the policy through AI.
- Open invite to the Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews event in January. Discussion around a potential input after this event.
- There is a discussion around the number of samples looked at during the meeting, quality of samples is an issue. One member brought a case she has worked with, requesting that the panel look at this as they would a regular sample.
- It has been noted that there are few samples with outcomes other than 15 and 16, and so an action was made to request samples with outcome 1 for future panels.

Sample themes for next meeting

The panel decide they would like to increase the number of samples looked at, from three to six. Three with an outcome 1, the others with any other outcome and all male perpetrated. It is also decided that if future VAWG samples are not male perpetrated, we will request another, with a justification why sent to the panel.

Any Other Business

There is a short discussion around the Chair role, an email will be sent requesting interest.

Date of Future Meeting

Scheduled for March 2026 at Melton Police Station