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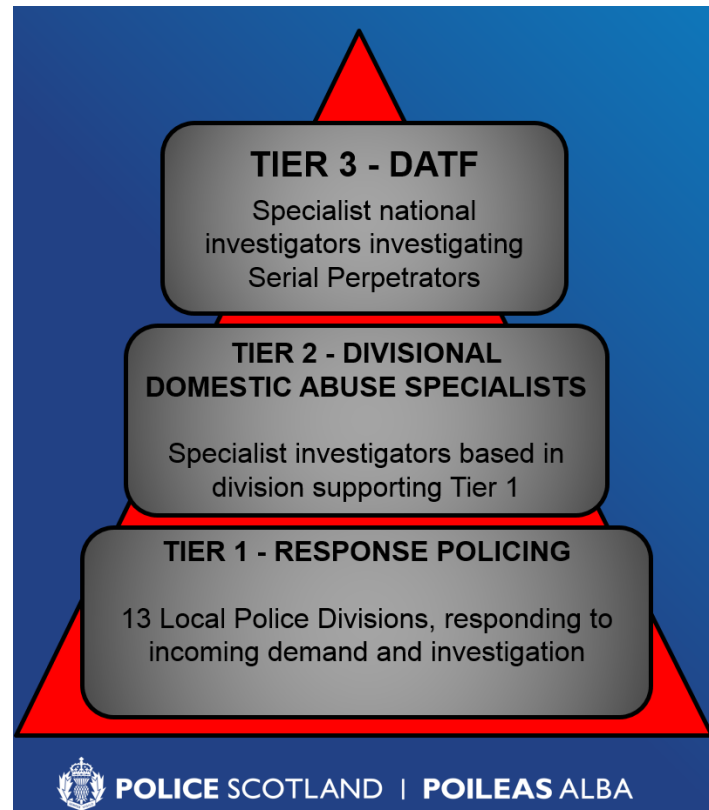
Detective Inspector Steven McMillan

Domestic Abuse Task Force

Specialist Crime Division

Police Scotland

Police Scotland's Three Tier Approach

TIER 3 - DATF
Specialist national investigators investigating Serial Perpetrators

TIER 2 - DIVISIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE SPECIALISTS

Specialist investigators based in division supporting Tier 1

TIER 1 - RESPONSE POLICING

13 Local Police Divisions, responding to incoming demand and investigation

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Domestic Abuse Matters (Scotland) Training
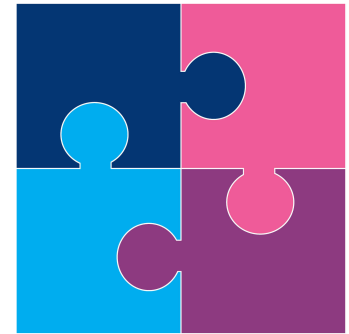
Deliverables

What did the training bring?

Officers knowledgeable about the Act, skilled in identifying and responding to coercive control and improved evidence gathering

Sustainable change in attitudes and response to domestic abuse into the future, and a workforce more sensitive to the needs of families experiencing domestic abuse – including colleagues

Strengthened partnerships between Police Scotland and a wide range of domestic abuse services across Scotland

Methodology

How was it delivered and how will it be <u>sustained</u>?

E-Learning

- Commenced November 2018
- Completion by commencement of Act
- Future Proofed – new mobile devices
- Re-usable content

Core Training

- Co-delivered – Police & Partner DA Spec
- Commenced December 2018
- 608 training sessions – 25 per course
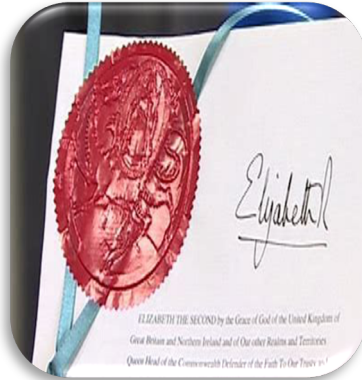- Welfare Consideration - Support

Champions

- 700 officers / staff sustaining change
- Key enablers to embed legislative change
- Positive re-enforcement of good practice
- Developmental opportunity

Content

Dynamics of DA	The Act	Realities of DA	Response to DA

Dynamics of DA

- Gender and stages of coercive control
- Perpetrator Tactics
- Difficulties of leaving

The Act

- Legislation
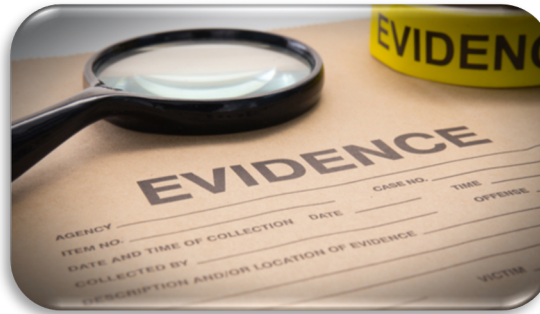- Evidence Gathering

Realities of DA

- The voice of victims and children
- Case Studies

Response to DA

- BWC footage
- Importance of language

Domestic Abuse Investigator Training

Content

- Risk assessment
- Victim safety & perpetrator management
- Investigation of all forms of domestic abuse, including sexual abuse, FM & HBA

Methodology

- Classroom based
- Inputs by subject experts
- Case studies
- Practical exercises
- Assessable

Subject Experts

- Police
- Prosecutors
- Health
- NGOs & Support Agencies, including specialist minority group support agencies

Questions?

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