

Vulnerable Persons Team

Terms Of Reference

- All Child Abuse investigations will be undertaken by the Team.
- All abuse committed by anyone who has care of or responsibility for a child, e.g. child minders, babysitters, school teachers, swimming pool attendants, scout-leaders, etc.
- 'Children in care' when the abuser is alleged to be the carer or an employee of the care organisation e.g. foster carers or children's residential unit employee.
- All children who sexually abuse other children.
- Children who suffer emotional or physical abuse as a result of domestic violence.
- Child sexual exploitation / child trafficking.
- Sudden and unexpected deaths of Children whose death does not fall within a murder enquiry. If a murder enquiry is subject of the death then the Investigation will either be conducted by the Major Crime Unit or Divisional CID with assistance from the Family Protection Unit.
- Organised abuse / institutional abuse involving child victims. Due to the potentially large numbers of victims and witnesses to be interviewed, assistance may be required from CID which will be coordinated through the Divisional Detective Inspector.
- For all Domestic Abuse offences the Vulnerable Persons Team (VPT) will act as a source of advice for officers assisting with their technical knowledge in ongoing investigations.
- All Domestic Abuse incidents will be notified to the VPT Corporal, to ensure they have been dealt with correctly.
- The VPT will liaise with Governmental and none Governmental Agencies to ensure that the necessary exchange of information and joint working practices are adopted and strengthened.

