**Glossary of Common Acronyms Used Within the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Sector and Safeguarding**

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The following acronyms are intended to help new practitioners to navigate the VAWDASV and Safeguarding Sector. Please share this document with any colleagues, you think may find it a useful resource.

**A-C**

* A&A – Ask and Act
* ABH – Actual Bodily Harm
* ABE – Achieving Best Evidence
* APP – Authorised Professional Practice
* ASE – Adult Sexual Exploitation
* ASB – Anti Social Behaviour
* APR – Adult Practice Review
* APSO – Adult Protection Support Order
* AROSE – Adults at Risk of Sexual Exploitation
* ACE – Adverse Childhood Experience
* BAME – Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic
* BOOST – Building on Our Strengths Together
* CAFCASS – Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Services
* CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
* CJS – Criminal Justice System
* CLO – Child Looked After
* CO – Care Order
* COG – Co-occurring Group Panel
* CPA – Child to Parent Abuse
* CPP – Child Protection Plan
* CSA – Child Sexual Abuse
* CPS – Crown Prosecution Service
* CSEW – Crime Survey for England and Wales
* CMHT – Community Mental Health Team
* CSE – Child Sexual Exploitation
* CCE – Child Criminal Exploitation
* CB – Commissioning Board (VAWDASV)
* CPR – Child Practice Review
* CYP – Children and Young People
* CSP – Community Safety Partnership
* CoP – Community of Practice (VAWDASV)

**D-G**

* DA - Domestic Abuse
* DAPNs – Domestic Abuse Protection Notices
* DAPOs – Domestic Abuse Protection Orders
* DASH – Domestic Abuse, Staking, Harassment and Honour Based Abuse
* DBS – Disclosure and Barring Service
* DDVC – Destitute Domestic Violence Concession
* DVPNs – Domestic Violence Protection Notices
* DVPOs – Domestic Violence Protection Orders
* DAC – Domestic Abuse Commissioner
* DACO – Domestic Abuse Commissioner’s Office
* DHR – Domestic Homicide Review
* DOS – Designated Officer for Safeguarding
* DSP – Designated Safeguarding Person (Wales)
* DWP – Department Work and Pensions
* EDI – Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
* EIO – Equality Impact Assessment
* EOLC – End of Life Care
* EPO – Emergency Protection Order
* ESA – Employment Support Allowance
* EIA – Equality Impact Assessment
* EWO – Education Welfare Officer
* FII – Fabricated or Inducted Illness
* FCA – Financial Conduct Authority
* FM – Forced Marriage
* FMPO – Forced Marriage Protection Order
* FGM – Female Genital Mutilation
* GP – General Practitioner
* GBH – Grievous Bodily Harm
* GTC – Gwent Training Consortium
* GBV – Gender Based Violence

**H-K**

* HBA – ‘Honour’ Based Abuse
* HMCTS – Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunal Service
* HMICFRS – Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services
* HICMG – Housing Intervention Case Management Group
* HMPPS – Her Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service
* HSG – Housing Support Grant
* HSPS – Housing Support Programme Strategy
* HSP – Housing Support Programme
* HA – Housing Association
* HSB – Harmful Sexualised Behaviour
* H&SC – Health and Social Care
* HB – Housing Benefit
* ID - Identification
* IDVA – Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
* ISVA – Independent Sexual Violence Advisor
* IPA – Independent Professional Advocate
* ICO – Information Commissioners Office
* ICPC – Initial Child Protection Conference
* ICO – Interim Care Order
* IMCA – Independent Mental Capacity Advocate
* IMHA – Independent Mental Health Advocate
* IRIS – Identification and Referral to Improve Safety
* IRO – Independent Reviewing Officers
* IPV – Intimate Partner Violence
* JSA – Job Seekers Allowance
* JSP – Job Centre Plus
* KPI – Key Performance Indicator

**L-N**

* LA – Local Authority
* LADO – Local Authority Designated Officer
* LCP – Local Commissioning Plan
* LSN – Local Safeguarding Network
* LAC – Looked After Child
* LGBT + - People identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender +
* LFFH – Live Fear Free Helpline
* MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
* MASH – Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
* MARF – Multi Agency Referral Form
* MAPPA – Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
* MoJ – Ministry of Justice
* MH – Mental Health
* MHHR – Mental Health Homicide Review
* NFA – No Further Action
* NPCC – National Police Chiefs Council
* NHS – National Health Service
* NRPF – No Recourse to Public Funds
* NRM – National Referral Mechanism
* NEET – Not in Education, Employment or Training
* NTF – National Training Framework
* NTE – Night-time Economy
* NYAS – National Youth Advocacy Service

**O-S**

* ONS – Office for National Statistics
* OPCC – Office Police and Crime Commissioner
* PC – Personally Connected
* PR – Parental Responsibility
* PIP – Personal Independence Payment
* POVA – Protection of Vulnerable Adults
* PPN – Public Protection Notice
* PPO – Police Protection Order
* PRS – Private Rented Sector
* PSB – Public Service Board
* RA – Relevant Authority
* RDC – Regional Development Coordinator
* RHSCG – Regional Housing Support Collaborative group
* RSL – Registered Social Landlord
* S47/Section 47 – Investigation of a child at risk of Significant Harm
* SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disability
* SHG – Social Housing Grant
* SPO – Stalking Protection Order
* SPOC – Single Point of Contact
* SOVA – Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults
* SMART – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timebound
* SDG – Strategic Delivery Group (VAWDASV)
* SARC – Sexual Assault Referral Centre
* SEEdS – Survivors Empowering and Educating Services
* SM – Substance Misuse
* SS – Specialist Syllabus (VAWDASV training)
* SUSR – Single Unified Safeguarding Review
* SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

**T -Y**

* TA – Temporary Accommodation
* TAF – Team Around the Family
* TSG – Training Subgroup (VAWDASV)
* UC - Universal Credit
* UASC – Un-accompanied Asylum-Seeking Child
* UNCRC – United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
* VAWDASV – Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
* VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls
* WASPI – Wales Accord/Agreement sharing of Personal Information
* W/G – Welsh Government
* YOT – Youth Offending Team
* YJS – Youth Justice Service
* YOS – Youth Offending Service
* YPS - Young People’s Services