

# Development Partner Commissioning

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# Outline of the session

- Overview of Drive
- Overview of systems change workstream
- Racialised communities projects
- Q&A



# Drive Partnership Vision

*“Our vision is that one day agencies in all PCC and local authority areas across England and Wales – backed by national leaders - will work together to disrupt domestic abuse and challenge and change perpetrator’s behaviour.”*

We are working across the domestic abuse specialist sector, public sector partners and beyond to **develop wider, sustainable, national systems change** that **respond to *all* perpetrators of domestic abuse**.

The primary aim of this work is to **reduce the number of child and adult victims** by developing a whole systems change response that drives those who are causing harm to change their behaviour.



# Understanding the problem

An infographic featuring a dark teal map of the United Kingdom. Overlaid on the map is white text. Three phrases are highlighted in pink rectangular boxes: '100,000 people', 'killed or seriously harmed', and 'domestic violence'. The text reads: 'Each year, more than 100,000 people in the UK are at high or imminent risk of being killed or seriously harmed as a result of domestic violence.'

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- As recent data from ONS shows **1 in 3 crimes of violence are domestic abuse related** and more than 2 women a week are killed by a current or former partner in England and Wales.
- Services rightly focus on support for the victims but the source of the problem, the perpetrator, has had far less attention.
- 1 in 4 perpetrators are repeat offenders. Some have as many as 6 different victims.
- **Fewer than 1% of perpetrators receive specialist intervention** that can prevent future abusive behaviour.

# What do victims/survivors say?

“Despite what I’ve been through, I don’t wish [the perpetrator] harm. I would like for them to get help and for something to be put in place to protect other women.” – victim/survivor

“The perpetrator is the problem. Why is it that the victim is the one who has to move and seek refuge, when the perpetrator carries on as normal? If we don’t deal with them – then they just move on to the next victim. We have to at least try and change their mindsets.” – victim/survivor



80% of survivors have told us that they think interventions for perpetrators are a good idea....

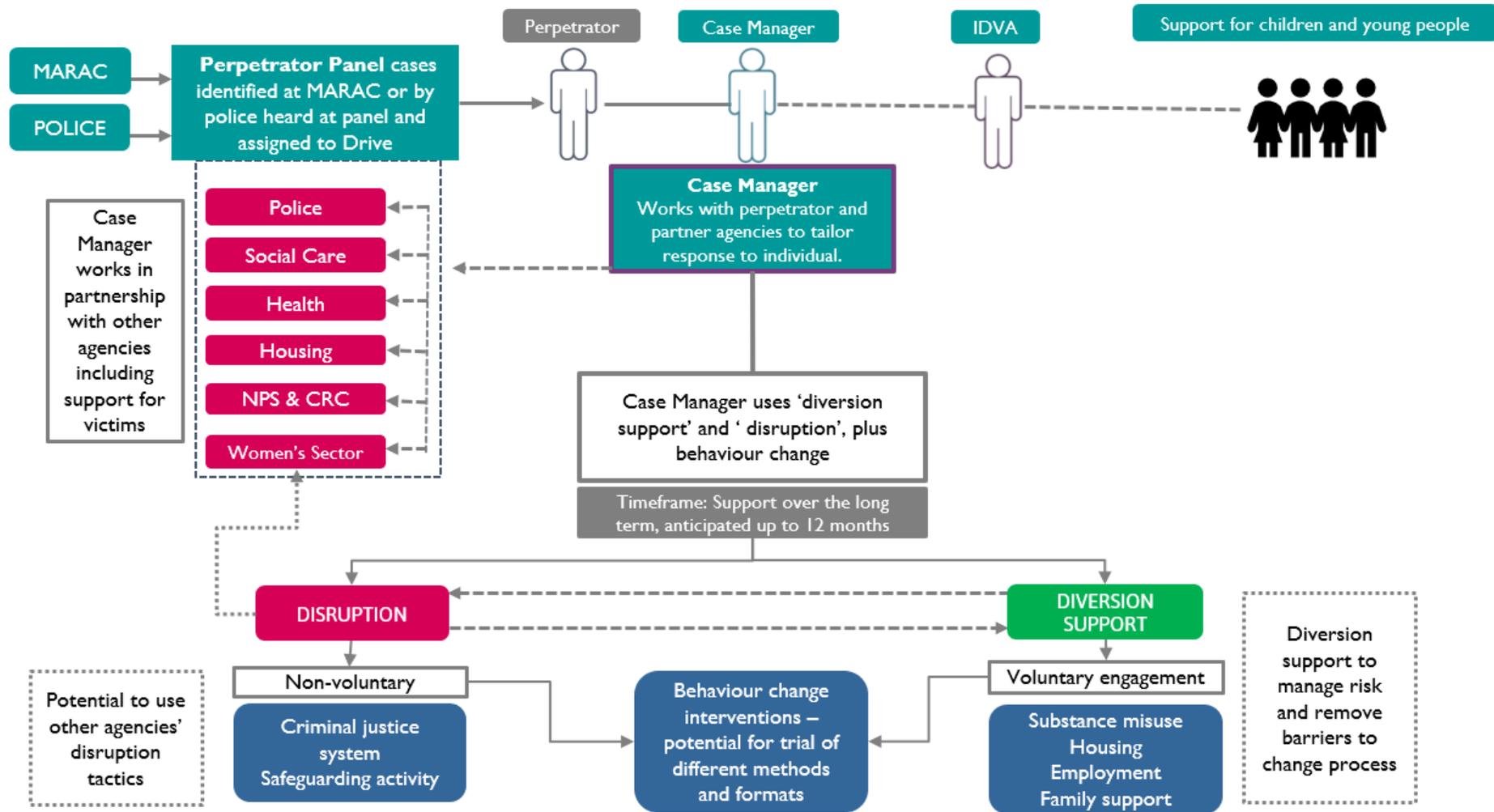
...but only 2.5% of survivors told us their abusive partner went on a perpetrator programme

We need to change the narrative

**WE NEED TO STOP ASKING**  
**“WHY DOESN’T SHE LEAVE?”**  
**AND START ASKING**  
**“WHY DOESN’T HE STOP?”**

# Drive intervention

# The Drive model



# University of Bristol Evaluation

Drive has undergone a three-year independent evaluation conducted by the University of Bristol.

The University of Bristol concluded that Drive reduces abuse and the risk perpetrators pose.

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## is making a difference

The University of Bristol's independent three-year evaluation findings, based on the analysis of over 500 cases, are telling us:

### ✓ Reduction of abuse

There is a **substantial reduction in the use of abuse**. The number of perpetrators using high levels of abuse reduced as follows:

- > **physical abuse reduced by 82%;**
- > **sexual abuse reduced by 88%;**
- > **harassment and stalking behaviours reduced by 75%;**
- > **jealous and controlling behaviours reduced by 73%.**

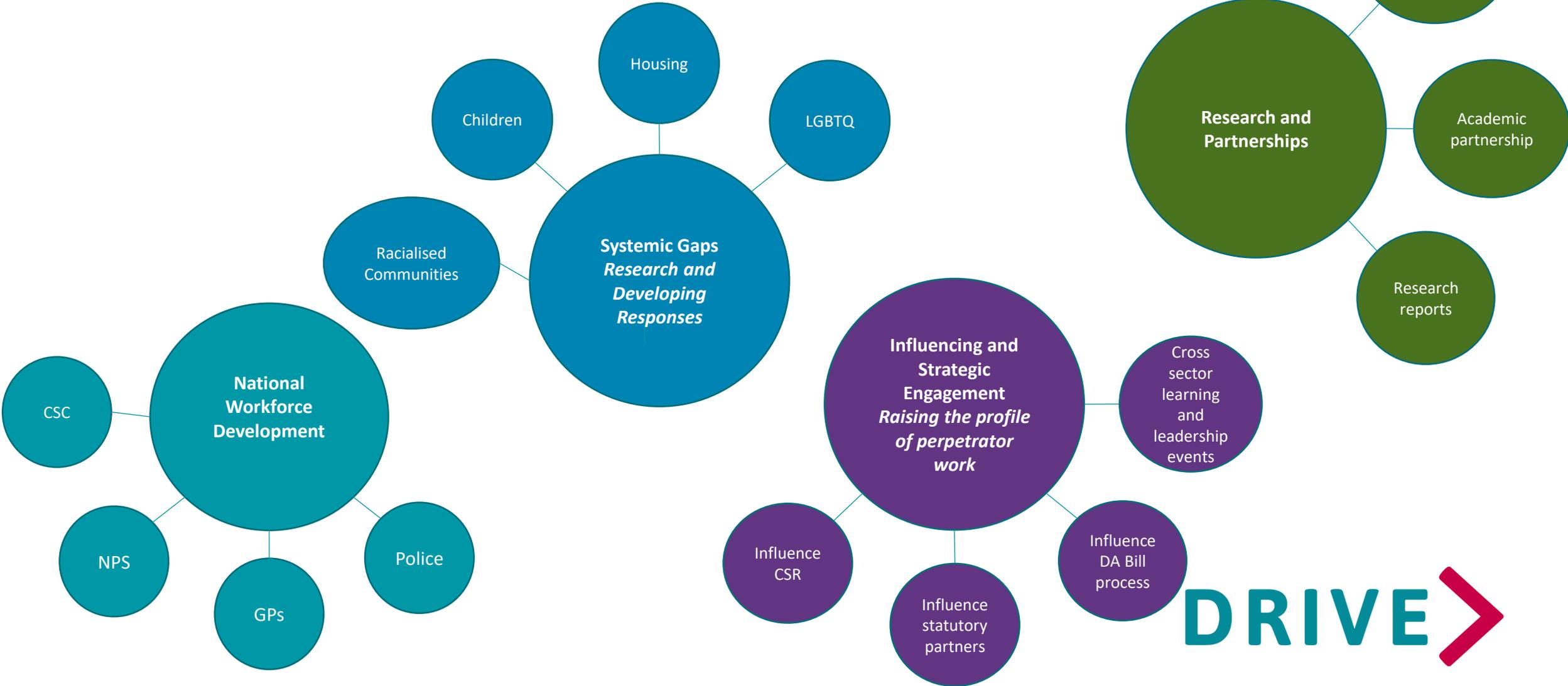
### ✓ Reduction of risk

- > **For the duration of the intervention, IDVAs reported the risk to the victim reduced in 82% of cases**

**Beyond the Drive intervention**

**National Systems Change**

# National Systems Change – overview



# National Systems Change – aims

- Beyond the high-risk high harm cohort
- Building on the Call To Action for a national perpetrator strategy

**1. Raising awareness and capacity** across voluntary and statutory services through workforce development training, sharing learning and building partnerships;

**2. Identifying systemic gaps and proposing solutions to them** – taking the insights gleaned from the delivery of Drive and using them as the starting point to develop new models and partnerships that could deepen the systemic response to perpetrators;

**3. Building the evidence base and ensuring there is a feedback loop between evidence and frontline practice;**

**4. Ensuring quality assurance of perpetrator provision;**

**5. Communicating** regularly with policy makers, DVA commissioner, inspectorates, What Works Centres and the media to ensure there is an understanding of the change that is possible and how to get there.

# Systemic Gaps: Racialised Communities

# Key Priorities

- Build links and network with practitioners, researchers and organisations from racialised communities
- Develop a workforce and leadership development programme
- Review of literature to identify evidence and best practice for working with those who harm from racialised communities
- Mapping of current culturally specific interventions
- Research and scoping of effective practice in both mainstream and specialist services

# Workforce & Leadership development

*The Drive Partnership is seeking a partner to co-develop and design a workforce development and leadership programme to build capacity and confidence amongst professionals from racialised communities. Our goal is to increase the ethnic, racial and cultural diversity of the VAWG sector workforce, specifically those working with those who harm, to make the sector more representative of the communities we serve and help to overcome barriers to equitable access to services.*

## **Anticipated activity of development partner/s:**

- Consultation with people from racialised communities who are working in the perpetrator sector, and other related fields
- Consultation with organisations delivering perpetrator programmes
- Consultation with statutory and voluntary/community professionals engaged in the multi-agency response to domestic abuse
- Review any relevant learning from service user feedback
- Scope similar approaches and identify best practice
- Based on consultations and scoping, design a workforce and leadership development approach

# Evidence building

*The Drive Partnership is seeking a development partner to research culturally appropriate and suitable perpetrator interventions / approaches, both in mainstream programmes and specialist interventions, collating existing knowledge and international best practice, sharing best practice examples and highlight options to improve pathways, commissioning and interventions.*

## **Anticipated activity of development partner/s:**

- A short desktop review of existing literature to identify baseline best practice
- Consultation through interviews, focus groups, roundtables, surveys of accredited services, Drive sites and wider VAWG services, including practitioners, survivors and service users / those who have used harm in their relationships
- Review of data analysis provided by the Drive team, and other relevant datasets
- Potentially work with a small number of services working with those who harm to do deeper analysis into their data and approach
- Produce summary of findings and recommendations for next steps across different agencies

# Role of Drive

- Providing a lead point of contact for project oversight and co-development
- Analysis of Drive and SafeLives data, and any other available datasets across the Drive Partnership organisations and partner organisations
- Facilitate access to and engagement with Drive sites and Respect accredited services.
- Project coordination support such as supporting the set up and administration of consultations

# Partner expertise

- Be led by / delivered by practitioners / researchers from racialised communities
- Consultation / engagement with range of stakeholders
- Knowledge of domestic abuse, how racialised communities are affected – systemic gaps. Multi-agency response
- Expertise related to the project: workforce/leadership development and/or research

# Proposals

- Written form or video, or combination of both

## Background & experience

- review the 'essential & desirable' table – tell us how you meet this, give examples, tell of anything you think we need to know even if it's not listed

## Principles of your approach

- give us a sense of who you are, how you work, your values, and what you see as the key priorities

# Proposals

## How you intend to carry out the project

- tell us in detail how you will approach and deliver the project
- include any risks that you see and what is needed to manage them

## Project plan

- set out timeline and key activities/milestones.

## Budget

- outline your budget, the costs for the activities in your project plan

Questions?

