

HMCPST – WITHOUT CONSENT

Recommendation 1: That Police Forces specifically include auditing of rape 'no crimes' within routine auditing processes to ensure that all 'no crimes' are sustainable and compliant with Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR)			
Chief Officer: ACC(OC)	BCU/Dept Commander: D/Ch/Supt Boarland	Recommendation Owner: D/Supt Middleton	Co-ordinator: D/Supt Middleton
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Force Crime Registrar to continue conducting NCRS Audit of all Sexual Offences		Complete	1. This is in place. (13/04/07)
2. Force Crime Registrar and Head of Major Crime to meet monthly to review NCRS compliance and No Criming standards	2. System in place, first meeting to occur May 2007. (13/04/07)	Complete	2. This is in place (14/06/07)
3. Force Daily Tasking to review rape allegations and make recommendations regarding the criming of specific incidents		Complete	3. This has been included within force Daily Tasking. (13/04/07)
4. The Head of Major Crime will identify failings with the BCUs and raise this with the relevant Superintendent (Operations)			

Recommendation 2: That police forces:			
a) review Specially Trained Officers(STOs) call-out lists and rotas to ensure that they are up to date, are meeting need and are regularly maintained.			
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Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. The force should determine if the two tier structure of SOLO's is the way forward	1. Under review. Actioned to DC Caroline Knight. (14/06/07)	01/07/07	1. This is being reviewed and forms part of final report of DC Knight, due by 28/06/07.(19/06/07)
2. The force should establish a work process to facilitate the full introduction of SARC's, and the requisite support facilities across the force area	2. New Action plan point added. Under review. Mr Andy PIERCE now employed as consultant for this. (14/06/07)		

Recommendation 2: That police forces:			
b) formally monitor the deployment of STOs to ensure that workloads are equitable and that all STOs have the opportunity to engage in the work and maintain their skills			
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Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. All SOLO's to receive specific enhanced training based on recently trialed course	1. Under review . Action to DC Knight. (14/06/07)	01/06/07	1. Reviewed. New course delivered to 6 officers and a further 80 are due to attend an upgrade training Sept 07. Newly trained SOLOs are titled 'Advanced' SOLO to identify the enhanced training. (DC Knight 19/06/07)
2. Staffing levels are determined for response and CIT's to ensure the availability of staff geographically and at all times of the day	2. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07)		2. This is being reviewed and forms part of final recommendations/report from DC Knight. (19/06/07)
3. Training to be provided where appropriate	3. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07)		3. As above re new national course. (19/06/07)

Recommendation 2: That police forces:			
c) review STO supervisory structures to ensure that line-management responsibility for STOs following deployment and during investigation is clearly defined			
Chief Officer: ACC(OC)	BCU/Dept Commander: D/Ch/Supt Boarland	Recommendation Owner: D/Supt Middleton	Co-ordinator: D/Supt Middleton
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. It should be the responsibility of BCU I supervisors to ensure that they have sufficient numbers of trained SOLOS's to provide an officer at any given time	1. Under review . Action to DC Knight. (14/06/07)	01/06/07	1. DCI Brown emailed Cross Government action plan to BCU Crime managers. Only one BCU responded. Numbers of SOLOS per geographical area forms part of DC Knights final recommendations report. (DC Knight 19/06/07).
2. The force should create a Force SOLO co-ordinator post and a support structure of BCU based co-ordinators to manage the welfare needs, deployment, development and selection of all SOLO's	2. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07)		2. SOLO folder created on force P: drive with spreadsheet of deployments, went live 11/06/07. Allows management/monitoring of deployments and offers feedback facility to SOLOS - however currently there is no-one to actively monitor these issues and deployments. (DC Knight 19/06/07)

Recommendation 3: That police forces issue guidance to first response officers on the action to be taken when attending a report of rape, including taking an initial account from a victim, in line with the ACPO Guidance on Investigating Serious Sexual Offences			
Chief Officer: ACC(OC)	BCU/Dept Commander: D/Ch/Supt Boarland	Recommendation Owner: D/Supt Middleton	Co-ordinator: D/Supt Middleton
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. The Force formally adopts the use of 'Early Evidence Kits' and trains its response officers accordingly	1. Under review . Action to DC Knight. (14/06/07)	01/06/07	1. Draft copy of report by DC Knight submitted, awaits costing from SSU to complete. Aim is to equip all response vehicles. Crime training, IDLDP training and force forensic trainer aware and in agreement to deliver training package. (DC Knight 19/06/07)
2. Duty Inspectors are notified of all rape allegations whereupon they will contact the first response officer attending to ensure the securing and preservation of all the available evidence	2. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07)		2. Briefing sheet prepared and circulated to all CIMs. crime managers and SIOs re. Role of SOLOS. Current guidance on timings of forensic samples being placed on SOLO folder P:drive for use of Dis, CIMs and SIOs. (DC Knight 19/06/07)

CPS Recommendation 1: In consultation with the police, revisit the procedures for taking a victim's statement in rape cases, taking into account the evaluation of pilot schemes for the relevant special measures and duties of disclosure of unused material. (Without Consent recommendation 4)			
Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to work jointly with the police to implement the good practice and recommendations set out in Chapter 6 of the without consent report.			
2. Include the strengths set out in page 81 of the reports and the Areas for Improvement on page 82.			
3. Co-ordinate all the recommendations into an Area Rape Strategy.			

Recommendation 5: That police forces ensure that review processes are established for the investigation of rape and that the quality of reviews is monitored.			
Chief Officer: ACC(OC)	BCU/Dept Commander: D/Ch/Supt Boarland	Recommendation Owner: D/Supt Middleton	Co-ordinator: D/Supt Middleton
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. The Force Daily Tasking process to ensure that all rape allegations are actively supervised by a detective supervisor and reviewed within 48 hours by a Detective Inspector		Complete	1. This has been included within force Daily Tasking. (13/04/07)
2. All undetected rape offences to be reviewed by a Detective Inspector prior to finalisation and in any case no later than 28 days after the initial reporting		Complete	2. This has been implemented. (13/04/07)
3. All undetected 'stranger' rapes to be referred to MCIT for support and advice after 7 days		Complete	3. This has been implemented. (13/04/07)
4. MCIT to examine 2 undetected rape offences per BCU per calendar month	4. First review to be undertaken May 2007. (13/04/07)		4.
5. All undetected cases will be reviewed by a designated BCU Detective Inspector prior to filing or in any case no later than twenty eight days after the report is received			5. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07)
6. An MCIT Detective Chief Inspector of Detective Inspector will review two undetected rape offences per month per BCU			6. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07)

Recommendation 6: That where expert opinion is to be sought from an Forensic Physician (FP):			
a) Police forces ensure that all prosecution evidence is sent to the FP as soon as is reasonably practicable			
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Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. The Force fully investigates the opportunities provided by the Forensic Science Service's Sexual Offences Service in relation to maximising the forensic potential of any rape investigation		01/07/07	1. New Action plan point added. (14/06/07) Under review by DS BEAN. (14/06/07)

Recommendation 2: That where expert opinion is to be sought from an Forensic Physician (FP) ensure that the Forensic physician is always included in the conference with the prosecutor, counsel and the officer in the case, unless there are particular reasons for not doing so. Also ensure that the FP is always called as a live witness in a trial, unless there are considered reasons for not doing so. (Without Consent recommendation 6)			
Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to work jointly with the police to implement the good practice and recommendations set out in Chapter 7, forensic examinations in the without consent report.			
2. Include the strengths and Areas for improvement set out on page 90.			
3. Co-ordinate all the recommendations into an Area Rape Strategy.			

Recommendation 8: That police forces and the CPS ensure that rape cases receive full and early consultation and the Investigating Officer and the rape specialist prosecutor.			
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		01/08/07	The reporting officer has arranged to meet with the recently appointed Area Rape Co-ordinator, Shermila Dugal, and the Area Business Manager, Julie Heron, to establish the most effective way in which both organisations can comply with the recommendations and improve overall performance with regards to rape investigation and prosecution. The reporting officer will then complete an updated action plan with the additional tasks identified through this liaison. (14/06/07)

CPS Recommendation 3: Set a standard for the role of rape specialist and deliver appropriate training to achieve this. Ensure that the specialist accreditation is the subject of continuous review. Enhance the role of Area rape co-ordinator by defining the level of experience and competencies required, and by allocating specific time to the role; and empower rape co-ordinators to sample rape file systematically to: check for quality of decision making and the implementation of specific recommendations of the 2002 report , to identify any learning points and disseminate results throughout the area and share relevant issues with the police. (Without Consent recommendation 7)			
Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to implement the strengths and Areas for Improvement detailed in Chapter 8 of the without consent report on effective prosecution on page 98.			
2. Co-ordinate all the recommendations into an Area Rape Strategy			

CPS Recommendation 4: Ensure that rape cases receive full and early consultation between the investigating officer and the rape specialist prosecutor. (Without Consent recommendation 8)			
Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to implement the strengths and Areas for Improvement detailed at Chapter 9, Pre-charge decision making and Chapter 10, Review and decision making, specifically set out on page 104.			
2. Co-ordinate all the recommendations into an Area Rape Strategy.			

CPS Recommendation 5: Ensure that one specialist prosecutor is involved in, and accountable for, a rape prosecution from beginning to end. Consultation with a second specialist should be undertaken if no further action is to be advised or a prosecution is to be dropped, and the consultation should be recorded and the second specialist identified. (Without Consent recommendation 9)

Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to implement the review and decision making process detailed in Chapter 10 of the without consent report.			
2. Co-ordinate all recommendations into and Area Rape Strategy.			

CPS Recommendation 6: Ensures that a conference with trial counsel and the officer in the case takes place in every case involving an allegation of rape. This is essential where consideration is being given at a late stage to stop the case, or to accept pleas to alternative charges, in order to analyse the evidence and explore ways of overcoming any difficulties. (Without Consent recommendation 10)

Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to implement the Advocacy standards set out in Chapter 10 of the without consent report.			
2. Co-ordinate all recommendations into an Area Rape Strategy.			

CPS Recommendation 7: Produce and circulate a rape checklist to address all relevant issues at the advice stage. (Without Consent recommendation 11)

Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to implement case preparation standards detailed I Chapter 11, specifically how the CPS deals with disclosure and circulation of a checklist			
2. Co-ordinate all recommendations into and Area Rape Strategy			

CPS Recommendation 8: Ensures that there is continuity of counsel, as well as of specialist prosecutor, throughout the case and the caseworker in the case should attend court throughout the trial. (without Consent recommendation 12)

Recommendation Owner: Crown Prosecution Service			
Recommendation action plan:	Previous update:	Target Date	Current Progress:
1. Appoint a champion to implement the casework and Advocacy Standard detailed in Chapter 12, the case at court and the strengths and Areas for Improvement set out on page 135 of the without consent report.			
2.Co-ordinate all recommendations into and Area Rape Strategy.			