Stalking Super Complaint Recommendations and Deadlines

The IOPC, HMICFRS, and the College of Policing have recommended a series of changes required to improve the police response to stalking.

Below are the key recommendations and deadlines for when these need to be implemented within your force.

Deadline - 22 November 2024

☐ Publish an action plan on your force website which explains what will be done in response to each of the recommendations made and send the NPCC a link to where this action plan can be found.

Deadline - 27 March 2025

☐ Improve the quality of stalking investigations by taking a victim centred, suspect focussed and context led approach:
- Improve officers capacity and capability to pursue digital lines of enquiry
- Pursue all lines of enquiry, with good supervision
- Use arrest and search powers to gather evidence
- Ensure that the impact on victims is evidenced in statements

☐ Review and update policy and practice in relation to:
- Provision of dedicated stalking officers and staff
- Early case screening, improvements in crime recording and case allocation
- Improved access for victims to their right and support
- Enhanced multi agency response
- Commitments to consider a Stalking Protection Order in every case
- Improvements to risk management
- Improvements in the recognition of and response to online stalking

☐ Make sure that appropriate mechanisms are in place to fully understand the scale and types of stalking behaviour within your force and the effectiveness of the response. This should align with the VAWG national delivery framework.

☐ Provide an update to the NPCC describing the progress made against the action plan.

The team at Forensic Analytics are offering free advice for teams working through the recommendations.

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