Grant ES/V007033/1 - Responding to the Covid-19 domestic abuse crisis: developing a rapid police evidence base

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Part 1: Police administrative data
Domestic abuse flagged crime and incident data 1.3.2018-30.4.2021

List of variables
1. Date of incident
2. Date record was created
3. Offence start date
4. Offence end date
5. Crime number (Pseudonymised)
6. Incident number (Pseudonymised)
7. Victim ID (Pseudonymised)
8. Suspect ID (Pseudonymised)
9. Victim-suspect relationship
10. Victim ethnicity
11. Victim age
12. Victim gender
13. Suspect ethnicity
14. Suspect age
15. Suspect gender
16. Mental health flag (y/n)
17. Honour based violence flag (y/n)
18. Weapon/knife/gun used flag (y/n)
19. Alcohol flag (y/n)
20. Child witness (y/n)
21. Offence (see [Home Office offence and outcome codes and descriptions](#))
    a. code
    b. description
    c. group
    d. subgroup
22. Outcome (see [Home Office offence and outcome codes and descriptions](#))
23. Arrest (y/n)
24. [DVPN/0](#) issued (y/n)
25. Risk grading (standard, medium, high)

Note: not all variables were available from all police forces.

Part 2: Officer interviews

<p align="center">**Semi-structured Interview Guide**</p>

The interviews will be semi-structured, and ask a focused series of questions addressing officers' policing experiences during the pandemic context, occurring at the time of interview (e.g. lockdown, post-lockdown, secondary lockdown). Across all interviews, participating officers will be asked to reflect on the changing nature of demand and how this, alongside social distancing restrictions (if any), has impacted their professional practice.

1. Can you please give me an idea of how the [current status of lockdown measures/pandemic] has impacted you in your professional role, and the level of demand you are encountering?

   Generally, and specifically re: domestic abuse.

2. Do you think the nature or profile of the domestic abuse cases you are encountering has changed with the [status]?

   Potentially ask re: frequency, severity, risk factors, behaviours present, reporting party, 'category'/'type'.

3. If so, how? Do you attribute any particular factors to these changes?

   Potentially ask re: stress, alcohol, lock down, financial concerns, structural inequalities etc.

4. What challenges, if any, is the [current status] causing for your response to these cases?

   Potentially ask re: risk assessment, safeguarding, evidence collection, case outcomes, any other forms of positive action.

5. Do you find you are having to adapt your practice in any way? Have you found any practices particularly helpful, or unhelpful?

   Potentially ask re: victim engagement, DVPOs or other re-location, adapting risk assessments, arrests, 3rd party referrals.