

A concise public protection response model in app form

The ultimate aim of **DART** is to help save lives and prevent abuse and violence. Feedback from pilots and use have suggested that the training has a significant effect on the way professionals perceive the issues in front of them. It has also been reported that where the evidence gathering and interview guides are used, more positive charging decisions are achieved, and the understanding of coercive control and course of conduct offending is enhanced.



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REFERENCE TOOL

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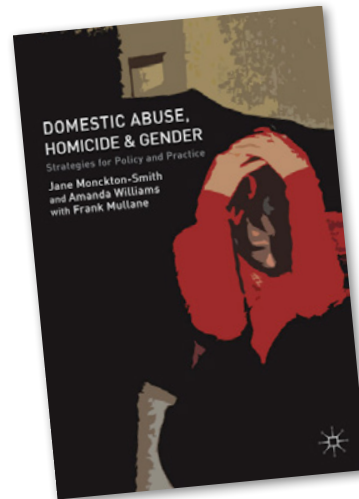
DART is a **concise evidence based app** which helps professionals recognise and respond to victims of domestic abuse, coercive control and stalking with confidence and consistency.

The content is based upon primary research, and understanding the domestic homicide threat triad, and the evidence which underpins it. This is a unique approach which has relevance to many public protection areas of business. The content has relevance for domestic abuse, coercive control, stalking, violence and sexual assault.

It complements currently used risk identification checklists like DASH, it supports organisational domestic abuse policies, and is designed around course of conduct offending models which link to the harassment legislation and the new coercive control legislation.



DART is based on existing research, the emerging findings from domestic Homicide Reviews, and research published by Monckton Smith, Williams and Mullane (2014) which makes recommendations for policy and practice in responding to



domestic abuse, coercive control and stalking.

Several frustrations were identified which caused concern for first responders, and also for victims and their families.

These were aligned with the issues noted in the HMIC report of 2014 into police responses to domestic abuse and stalking. **DART** is a direct response to those concerns.

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The app has bespoke elements which are written in consultation with the organisation using it and is adaptable to specific needs.

The content covers four key response areas:

1. Identifying domestic abuse, coercive control and stalking - a diagnostic element.
2. Victim care, information and trust building.
3. Evidence gathering aids and interview aids.
4. Threat identification model/ domestic homicide triad

