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**More effective approaches
to tackling stalking
and harassment**

22 March 2012, Nottingham

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Purpose of the seminar

Stalking refers to persistent, intrusive and unwanted attempts to contact a victim. Stalkers may watch or try to contact their victims at home or at their place of work, follow them from place to place, and make repeated phone calls or send continual text messages.

Currently, there is no legal definition of stalking, and no specific legislation in place to tackle this kind of harassment. In the absence of provable threats of violence or acts of burglary, police have often found it difficult to take effective action. However, stalking is a common feature of a significant number of violent crimes. It is therefore argued by some that stalking should be seen as a warning sign of a high risk of future violence and, as such, taken much more seriously.

Even where it is short lived, stalking can be a terrifying experience which leaves victims looking over their shoulder for years afterwards and may trigger mental health problems.

The government's cross departmental National Stalking Strategy Group and ACPO's Strategy and Harassment Working Group are both considering tougher responses to reports of stalking. Much of the impetus for change has

been triggered by cases brought under the Equalities and Human Rights Act where victims or their families believed that, had earlier reports of stalking have been taken seriously, the final violent act would have been prevented. This has already led several police forces to produce stalking policies.

The ability to stalk victims through the use of electronic media, including mobile phones and the internet, has added a new dimension to the debate on stalking and harassment, including among young people.

Scaling up the response to stalking will involve a wide range of agencies and the development of a proactive approach towards identifying victims, and sufficient awareness and knowledge to involve appropriate services. This seminar brings together some of the UK's experts on stalking and the latest developments in relation to policy and practice.

Specialist psychologists are now working with stalkers to address their behaviour. This ranges from coaching people with learning disabilities to cope with rejection, through to intensive therapy with potentially violent stalkers.

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Key sessions (subject to change)

- Chaired by Dianna Broadmeadow, Domestic Abuse Consultant; formerly Domestic Abuse Manager, Lincolnshire County Council
- **What is stalking, who gets stalked, and why?** - Dr David Holmes, Department of Psychology, Manchester Metropolitan University
- **A life changing experience** - Tracey Morgan, stalking victim; member of ACPO's Stalking & Harassment Working Group
- **The changing legal and police approach to stalking and harassment** - Detective Chief Inspector Paul Williamson, West Mercia Police; member of ACPO's Stalking & Harassment Working Group
- **The impact of cyber-stalking and options for tackling cyber stalkers** - Dr Emma Short, National Centre for Cyberstalking Research, University of Bedfordshire
- **The debate around identifying high risk stalkers and the extent to which this should determine where we focus resources** - Davina James Hanman, Director, AVA
- **Therapeutic approaches to working with stalkers** - Dr Frank Farnham, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist & Clinical Lead, and Dr Sara Henley, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, National Stalking Clinic

Key learning outcomes

- ✓ **A better understanding of stalking: who does it and why?**
 - ✓ **The changing approach of police and other agencies to take stalking much more seriously**
 - ✓ **The impact of cyber-stalking**
 - ✓ **The extent to which action should be focussed on our ability to predict high risk stalkers**
 - ✓ **Options for therapeutic interventions with stalkers**
- Plus... lots of networking, free exhibition space, and lunch and refreshments!

Who should attend

- Police
- Probation services
- CPS, magistrates and lawyers
- Community safety partnerships
- Domestic abuse practitioners
- Professionals participating in MAPPAS
- Professionals attending MARACS
- Social housing providers
- Learning Disabilities services
- Human resources professionals
- Advocacy services, including Citizens Advice Bureaux
- Organisations working with victims of violence
- Education services
- Services working with young people
- Community health practitioners
- Mental health specialists
- Professionals working with perpetrators

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