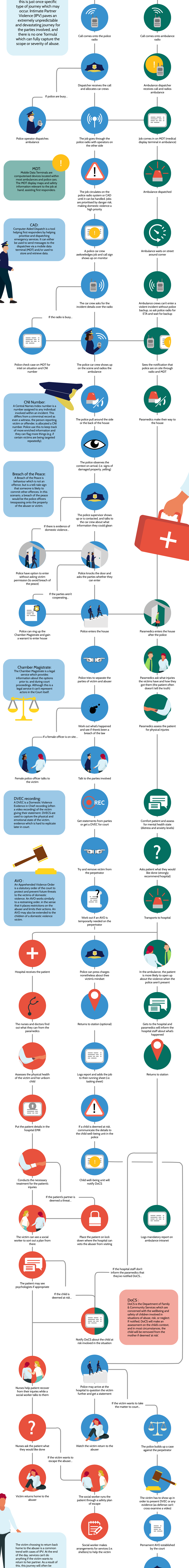


JOURNEY MAP

A caller reports domestic violence to 000



It is important to note that this is just once specific type of journey which may occur. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) paves an extremely unpredictable and devastating journey for the parties involved, and there is no one 'formula' which can fully capture the scope or severity of abuse.

MDT: Mobile Data Terminals are computerised devices located within most ambulances and police cars. The MDT display maps and safety information relevant to the job at hand, assisting first responders.

CAD: Computer Aided Dispatch is a tool helping first responders by helping prioritise and dispatching emergency services. It can either be used to send messages to the dispatchee via a mobile data terminal (MDT) and/or used to store and retrieve data.

CNI Number: A Central Names Index number is a number assigned to any individual involved within an incident. This differs from a criminal record as even a witness, the person reporting, victim or offender, is allocated a CNI number. Police use this to keep track of more enriched information and they can flag more things (e.g. if certain victims are being targeted repeatedly).

Breach of the Peace: A Breach of the Peace is behaviour which is not an offence, but is a tell-tale sign that someone is likely to commit other offences. In this scenario, a breach of the peace would be the police officers trespassing onto the property of the abuser or victim.

Chamber Magistrate: The Chamber Magistrate is a legal service which provides information about the options prior to, and during court proceedings. Although this is a legal service it can't represent actors in the Court itself.

DVEC recording: A DVEC is a Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief recording (often a video recording) of the victim giving their statement. DVECS are used to capture the physical and emotional state of the victim, evidence which is hard to replicate later in court.

AVO: An Apprehended Violence Order is a statutory order of the court to protect and prevent future threats to the victims of domestic violence. An AVO works similarly to a restraining order, in the sense that it places restrictions on the abuser and limits their actions. An AVO may also be extended to the children of a domestic violence victim.

DoCS: DoCS is the Department of Family & Community Services which are concerned with the wellbeing and safety of children involved in situations of abuse, risk, or neglect. If notified, DoCS will make an assessment on the child's context, and in most circumstances, the child will be removed from the mother if deemed at risk.

The victim choosing to return back home to the abuser is a common trend with cases of IPV. At the end of the day, services can't do anything if the victim wants to return to her partner. As a result of this, this journey will often be repeated for victims who remain in abusive relationships, contributing to the vicious cycle of abuse.