

Developing a safe space, away from the courts, for vulnerable victims of Domestic Abuse to provide evidence to the courts via a live video link



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Start

Surprised

Motivated

Positive

Our starting point

In Greater Manchester, victims are required to travel to court to provide their testimonies, in person or via video link located in the court. For vulnerable victims, going to court, presenting evidence, and potentially encountering the perpetrator or their family/friends can be overwhelming. We want to test a Remote Evidence Site, to better support victims and allow the trial to run.

Reducing inequalities



System barriers

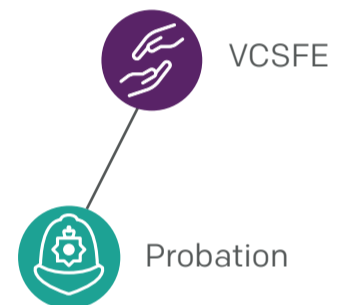


Purpose and outcomes defined primarily within services against national KPIs

Formal governance primarily accountable to national government rather than local people

Our system shifting trio

I would describe my trio members as two of the most hardworking, resilient and talented people I have ever had the pleasure of working alongside. Their commitment and dedication is absolutely commendable.



Lightbulb moments

- Witnessing a Remote Evidence Site in operation in South Wales reaffirmed the need to enhance our support for vulnerable victims. Providing them with the opportunity to give evidence in a safe and secure environment is not just beneficial but essential.
- Realising that vulnerability isn't always visible. Just because it isn't immediately apparent doesn't mean it isn't there. A nuanced approach, grounded in empathy, for identifying and supporting vulnerable individuals is needed.

Surprises

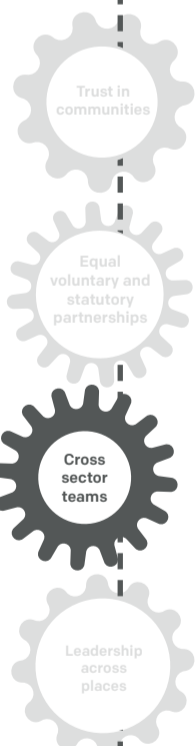
- On a positive note, I was surprised by the positive feedback from partner agencies and charities regarding our experiment. Their support and encouragement has been invaluable.

Our biggest challenges

The biggest challenge has undoubtedly been obtaining the funding to purchase the essential equipment.

Our insights and breakthrough

Learning about the other experiments and the challenges they have overcome has been truly inspirational. This process has also reinforced my belief in the power of collaborative partnerships and the positive impact they can have.



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Next Steps

- Obtain the funding, install the equipment & move to a position whereby the Remote Evidence Site (RES) is available for use.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the RES, seek further funding, identify a suitable venue then develop a second site.

Now

Positive

Inspired

Empowered

