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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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**DART** is an **evidence based** reference tool designed for first responders or any professional or practitioner who may identify domestic abuse or stalking in the course of their work, or have abuse or stalking disclosed to them.

Domestic abuse, stalking and homicide, and Child Sexual Exploitation have been the subject of much interest and concern, and the learning emerging from domestic homicide, and other reviews, has revealed many problems with the current responses to many public protection issues by agencies, and scant knowledge of practices like coercive control which makes some abusers more dangerous than others.





**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.

by a sustainable and cost effective training model which presents guidance in a **concise** way, to provide **consistency** across and between agencies, and give professionals the **confidence** to respond effectively.

The **DART** package includes the reference tool which comes in physical or app form, and the innovative training model that supports its use. There is a guidance manual for trainers, and a searchable database for further guidance and information. Ongoing support is provided through an online support service and helpline, updates, and

