Interim Vulnerable Persons Database

Police Scotland’s iVPD system is an incident based database which was initially introduced prior to the creation of Police Scotland in 2013, but then adopted by the national Force via a phased rollout that completed in March 2014.

iVPD records information about individuals who are, or are perceived to be, experiencing some form of adversity and/or situational vulnerability which may impact on their current or future wellbeing. The database also records incidents where there has been an immediate crisis response required in respect of adult or child protection; domestic abuse; hate crime; youth offending and is used to record details of victim’s rights under Section 8 and 9 of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014.

This is the database in which information is recorded, assessed and shared, where appropriate, with relevant statutory agencies and/or 3rd sector organisations/advocacy. iVPD also records details of any perpetrator linked to an incident.

Processing of records iVPD does not incur an automatic direct referral to partner agencies. All information submitted is initially triaged and then evaluated by Divisional Concern Hub staff, who are responsible for researching and assessing concern reports and who have all been trained in a standard business process which takes cognisance of the principles of the Data Protection Act, ensuring that only that information which is relevant, proportionate, necessary and justified is shared.

The identification of concerns at an early stage better enables Police Scotland, and partners, to promote, support and safeguard the wellbeing of individuals and communities, which helps keep people safe. It provides an opportunity to provide support at an earlier stage, where appropriate to do so, and to take preventative action to stop low level concerns developing into crisis situations.

Development History - interim Vulnerable Persons Database (iVPD):

- v1.0 2013 - 2014 - First Release (phased implementation)
- v2.0 2015 - Recording of Hate Crime / Youth Offending (enhancements related to the recording of Hate Crime & Youth Offending).
- v2.1 2015 - Victims and Witnesses Act (amendments to ensure legislative compliance with the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014)
- v.3 2015 - Statistical Recording of Crime / Charge Variants / x-codes (amendments to improve the reporting of relevant statistics)
- v3.3 2016 - Recorded Police Warnings (amendments required in response to changes in the Lord Advocates Guidelines related to offences that could be dealt with by means of Formal Adult Warnings. The revised name for this type of warning is Recorded Police Warning)
- v3.5 2016 - Operation Forseti (amendments related to requirement emanating from the Scottish Historical Child Abuse Enquiry)
- v3.6 2016 - Named Persons (amendments required to ensure legislative compliance with the Children & Young Persons Act)
- v3.7 2017 - Enhancements related to Repeat Missing Person / Child Protection
- v4.0 2018 - National Network Migration (Migration of application hosting environment, from legacy Force infrastructure to Police Scotland national infrastructure)
- v4.1 2018 - ADEL (upgrade required to ensure compatibility with changes related to Project ADEL - which is a national project that consolidates much of our ICT desktop management infrastructure, merging all users into a single national environment (domain). Essentially, ADEL will create – for the first time in Police Scotland – a single ICT platform for logging on to PCs, for using email, for accessing shared drives and for sharing calendars).
- v4.2 2018 - GDPR (changes required to ensure compliance with GDPR legislation)
- v5.0 2018 pending - Weeding & Retention (changes required to ensure full compliance with Data Protection / Retention legislation)

Development History - Associated technology.
- v1.0 2016 - EGRES - Implementation of Egres secure email solution, which provides secure email communication between Police Scotland and relevant partners

In response to the specific questions raised, here is the associated financial information:
1) overall costs to date (May 2018) to create iVPD - Police Scotland in-house build total cost - £1,760,395
   Incorporating the following:
   o Officer Costs: £562,457
   o Staff Costs: £972,716
   o Software Licensing Costs: £199,680
   o Project admin e.g. Travel, publications, etc: £25,540
2) cost to maintain iVPD - other than resources costs related to maintenance & support, there are no identifiable individual infrastructure costs, as the infrastructure is part of a share virtual platform, hosted within Police Scotland's data centres. The only recurring revenue costs is the software licensing related to the Egres secure email solution which is £25,000 per annum
3) cost of upgrade for GDPR - £31,525
4) cost of iVPD interface to PND - this business requirements for this piece of work have not yet been defined/documentated. As a result we do not yet know the extent of the work that might be involved and therefore cannot quantify the potential cost.

Relevant budgets that costs are incurred against are:
- Officer staffing costs attributed to T/ACC Crime & Protection
- ICT staffing and software costs attributed to ICT's staff/revenue budgets

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