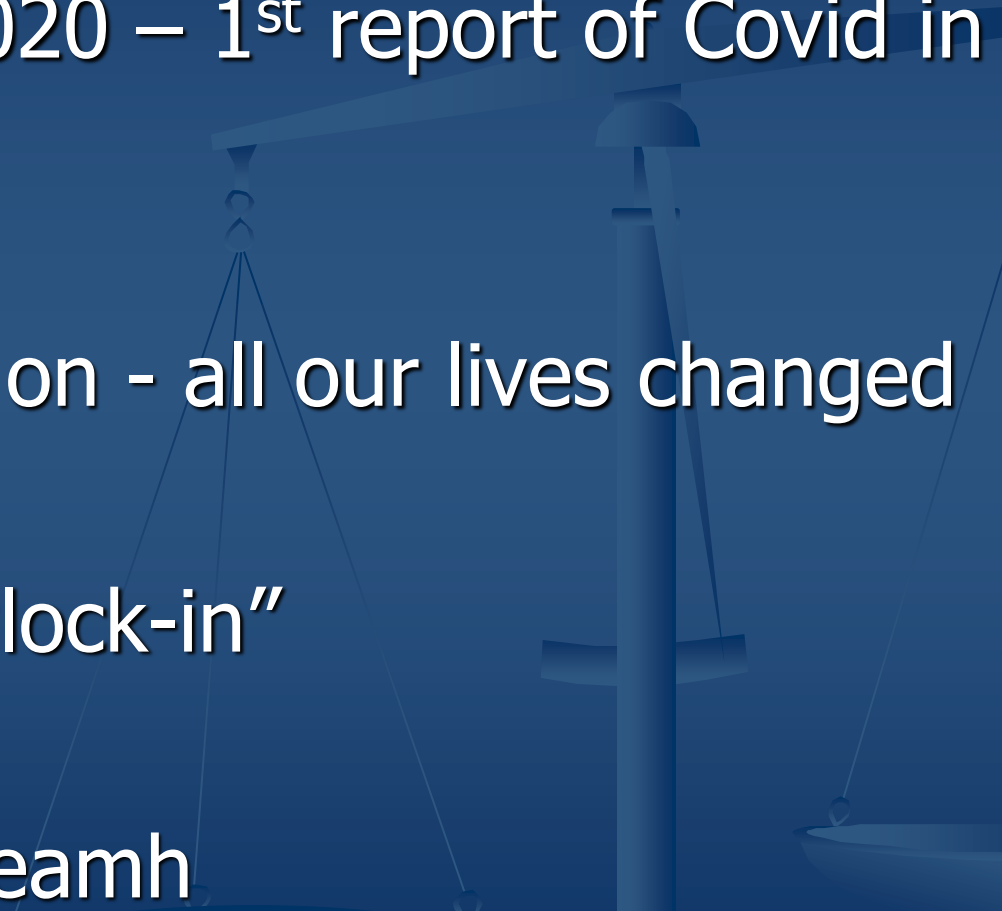




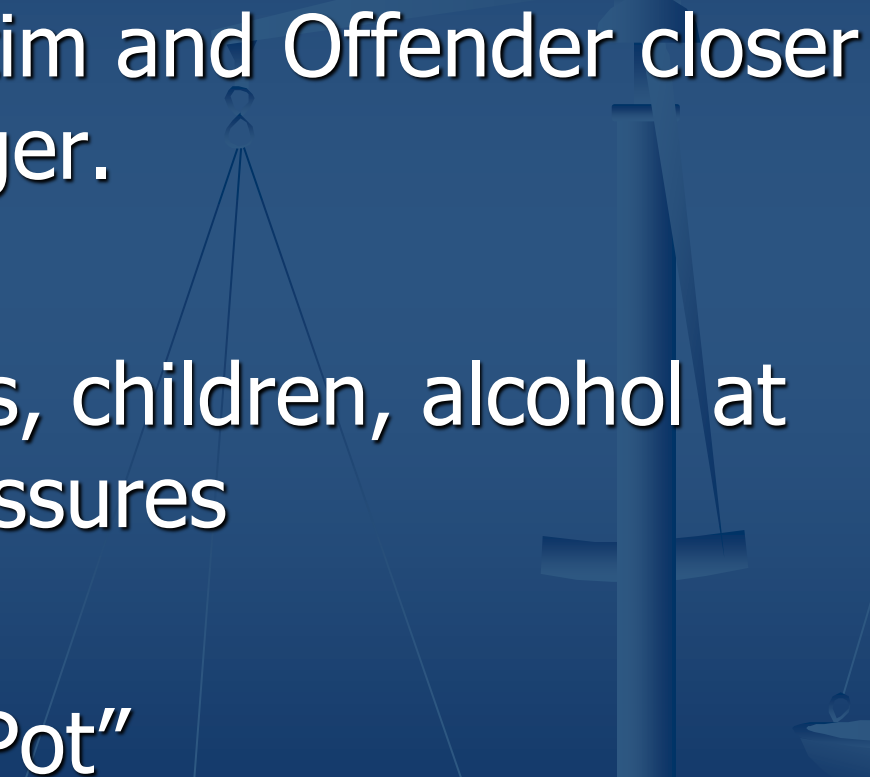
A Sustainable 'Leaning-In' Model for Preventing Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence – 'Operation Faoiseamh'

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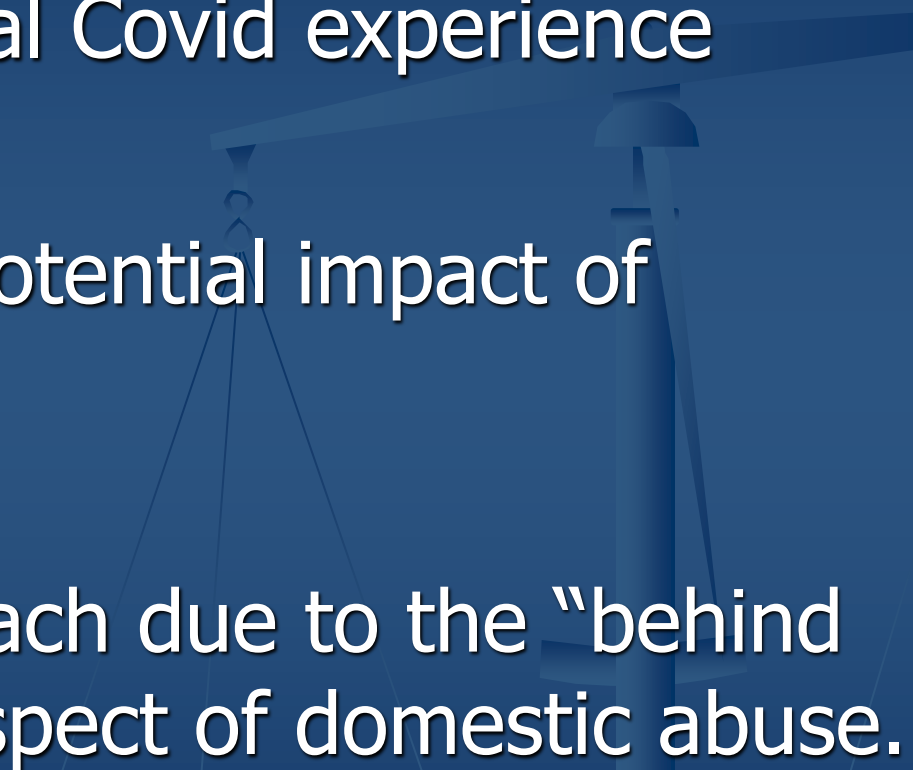
Context

- 28th February 2020 – 1st report of Covid in Ireland
 - From that point on - all our lives changed
 - 'Lock-down' or "lock-in"
 - Operation Faoiseamh
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The Problem Identified

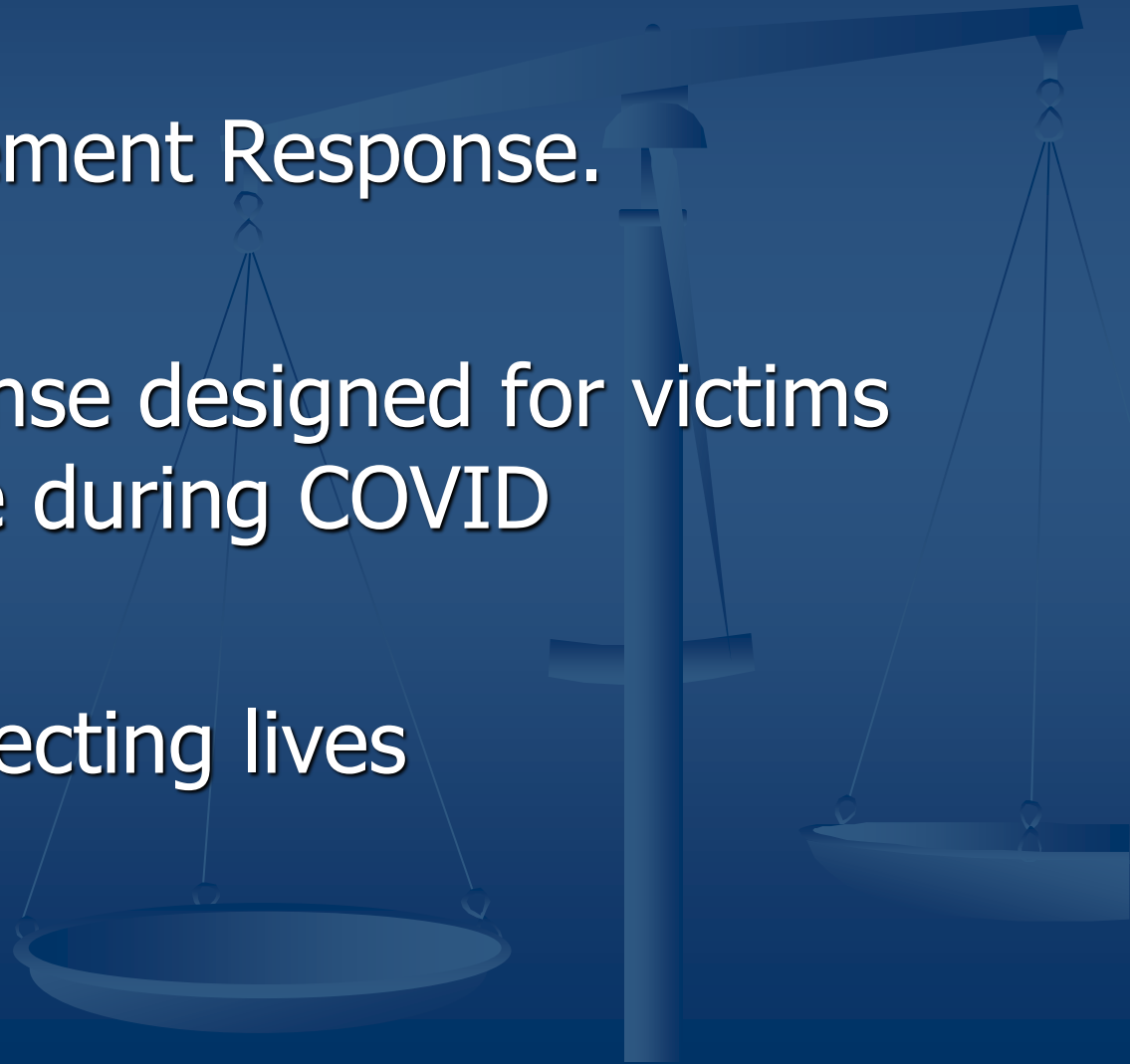
- Lockdown – victim and Offender closer contact, for longer.
 - Added pressures, children, alcohol at home, work pressures
 - The “Pressure Pot”
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Drivers – Op Faoiseamh


- The International Covid experience
 - Conscious the potential impact of lockdown
 - Proactive approach due to the “behind closed doors” aspect of domestic abuse.
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Operation Faoiseamh

- A Crisis Management Response.
- Proactive response designed for victims Domestic Abuse during COVID
- Proactively Protecting lives



Operation Faoiseamh

- 3 Phases - launched on the 1st April 2020
 - four key pillars:
 - A media campaign
 - Call-backs within 7 days
 - Victim Engagement
 - Breach of Domestic Abuse Court Orders
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Media Campaign



Garda Info @gardainfo

Our response to Domestic Abuse remains steadfast. If you're a victim of abuse or you know of a family member or friend who is a victim of abuse, this is important to us. If you require urgent assistance or support, call 999 or 112. [#keepingpeoplesafe](#) [#16days2020](#) [#16daysofactivism](#)
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An Garda Síochána continues to treat all instances of Domestic Abuse as a priority call. We wish to re-enforce the reassurance to victims that Domestic Abuse incidents including coercive control continue to receive the highest priority response for service [#16daysofactivism](#)
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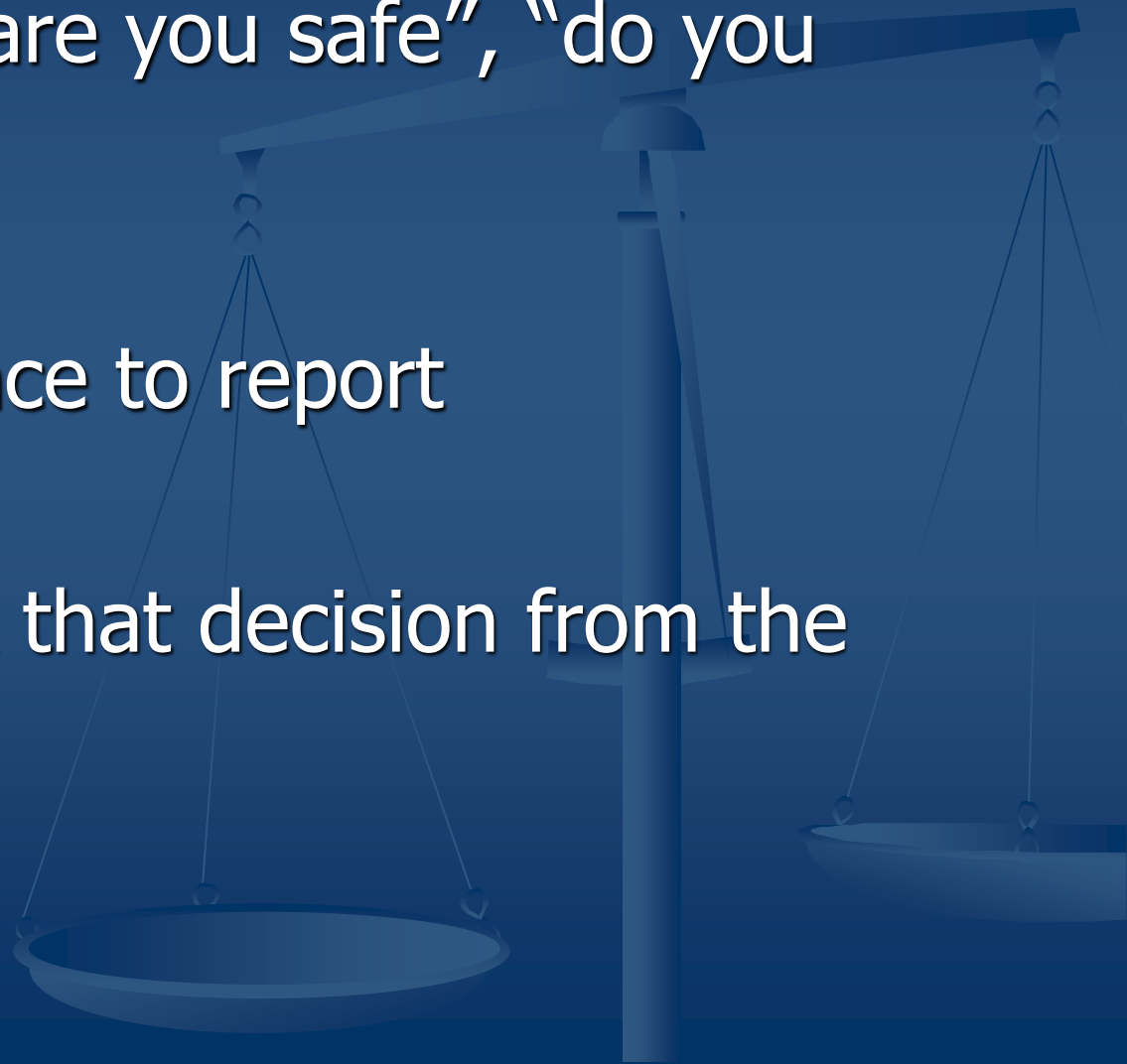


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Operation Faoiseamh means if you are too afraid to pick up the phone, Gardaí are calling you to ensure you are safe. The vulnerable and victims of abuse continue to receive the highest priority response from An Garda Síochána. [#keepingpeoplesafe](#) [#16days2020](#) [#16daysofactivism](#)
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Victim Engagement

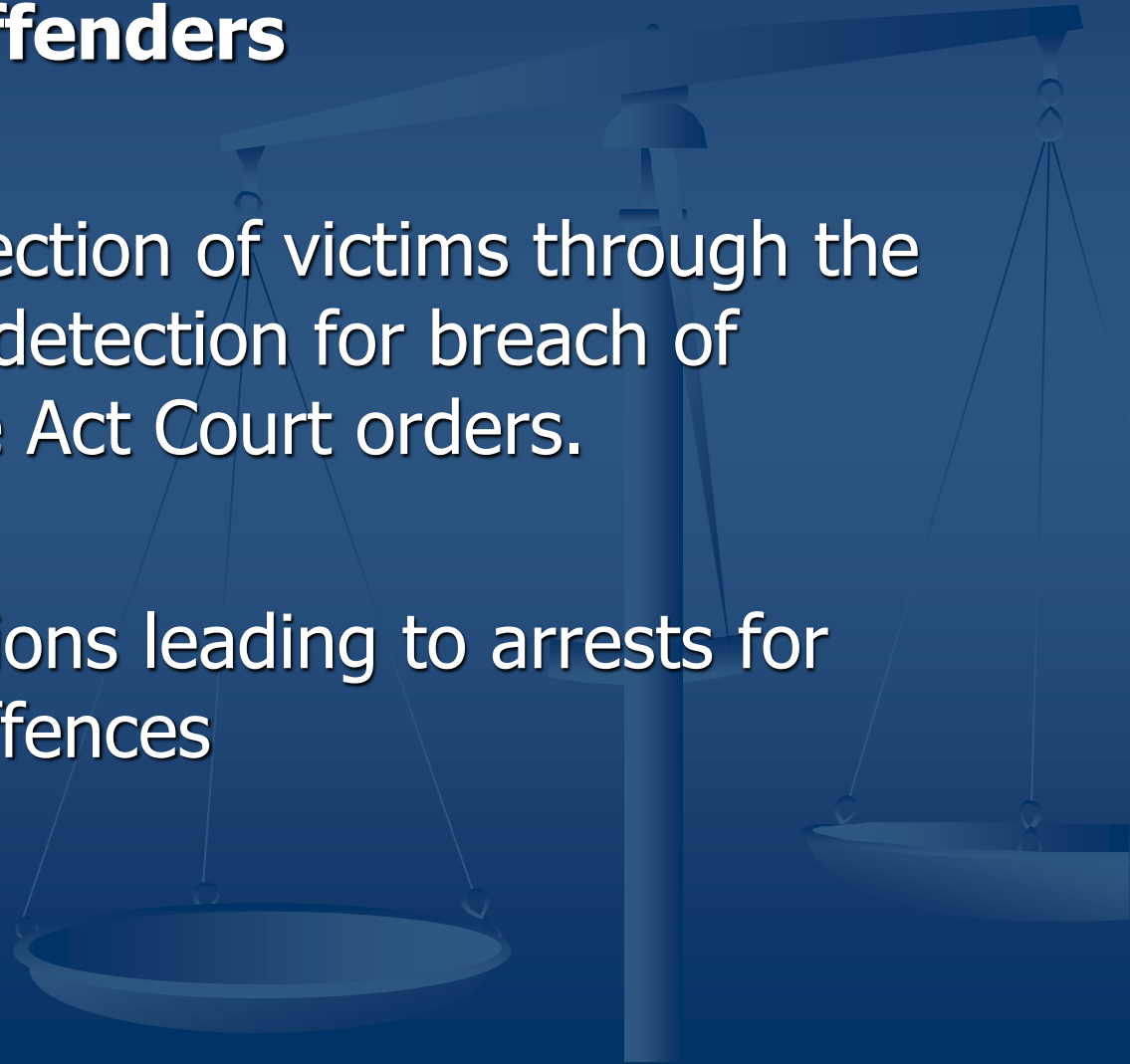
- “Are you Ok”, “are you safe”, “do you need our help”.
- Fear & Reluctance to report
- Faoiseamh took that decision from the victim



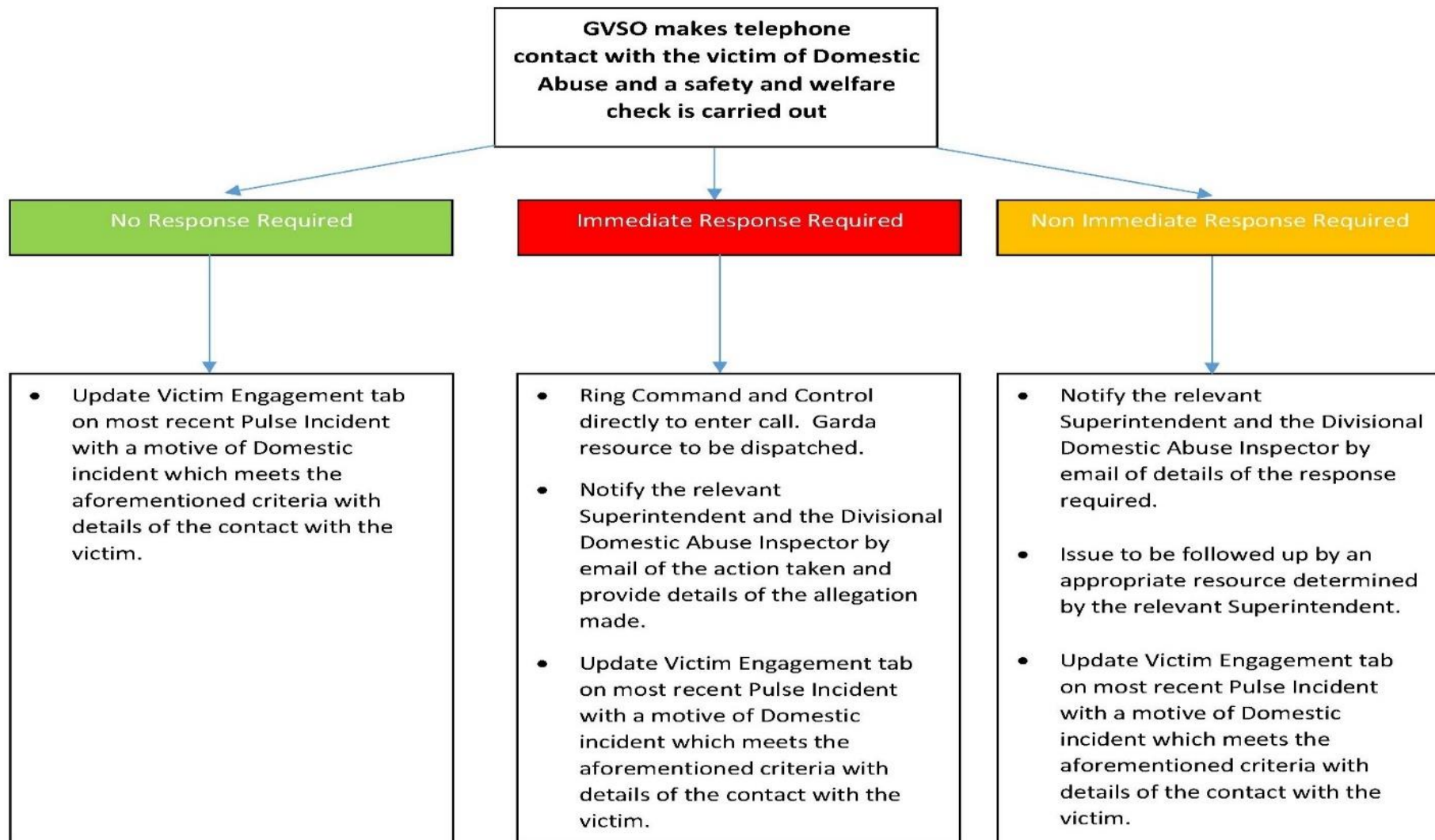
Breach of Domestic Abuse Court Orders

Prosecution of Offenders

- Ensuring the protection of victims through the investigation and detection for breach of Domestic Violence Act Court orders.
- 3 separate operations leading to arrests for breach of order offences



Traffic Light System



Case Studies

- victims of domestic abuse
 - Contacted – discussed safeguarding – welfare check – is everything ok – Do you need help.

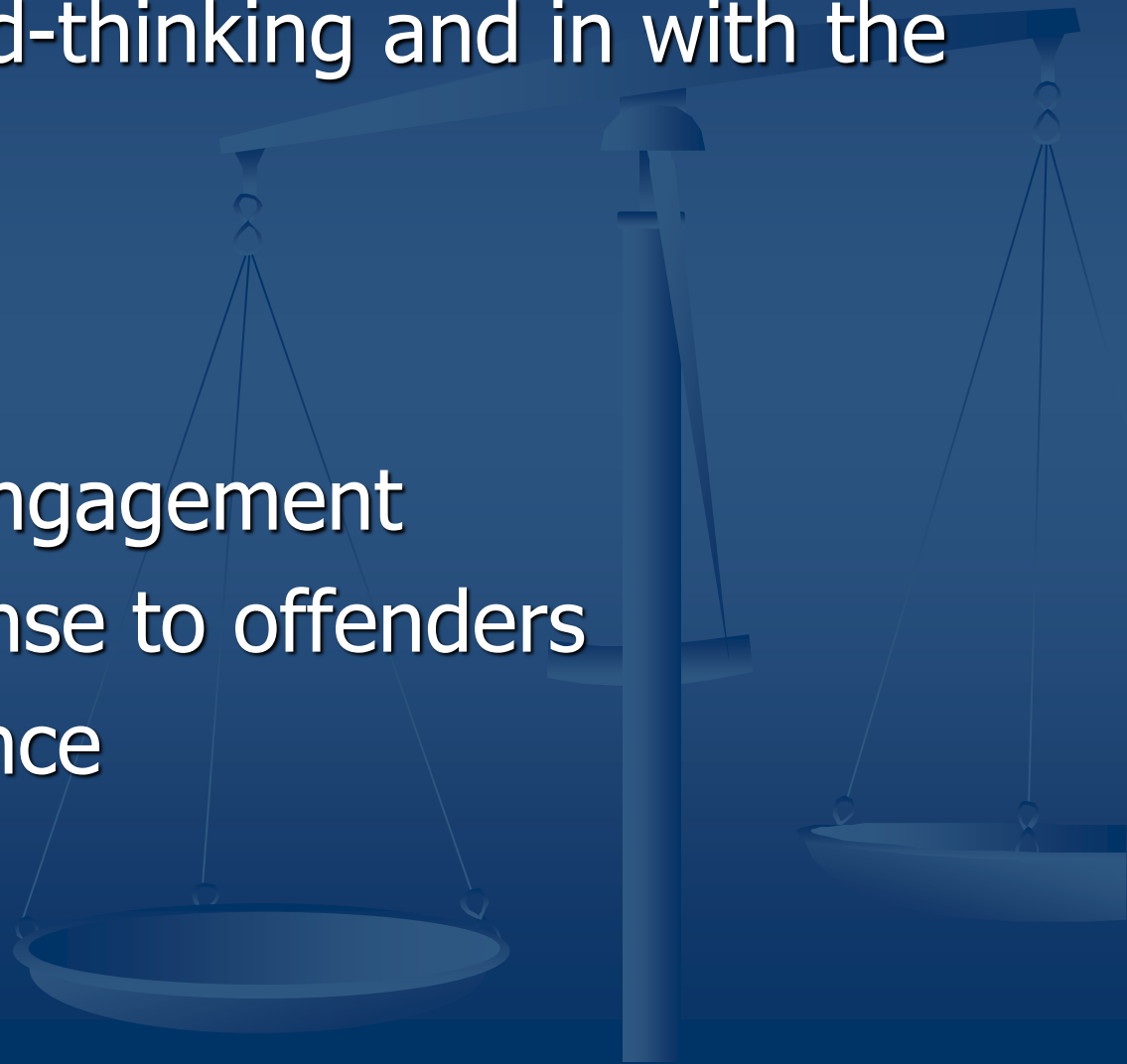
- A. **Mary**
- B. **Nadia**
- C. **Susan**

Outcomes

- 16% increase in calls for service
- 40,000 contacts and attempted contacts
- 24% increase in prosecution of DV offenders
- 7645 charges preferred for DV related crimes
- 25% increase in prosecutions of breach of DV Order
- High level of Public & Victim reassurance
- A Much safer community

Op Faoiseamh- New Thinking

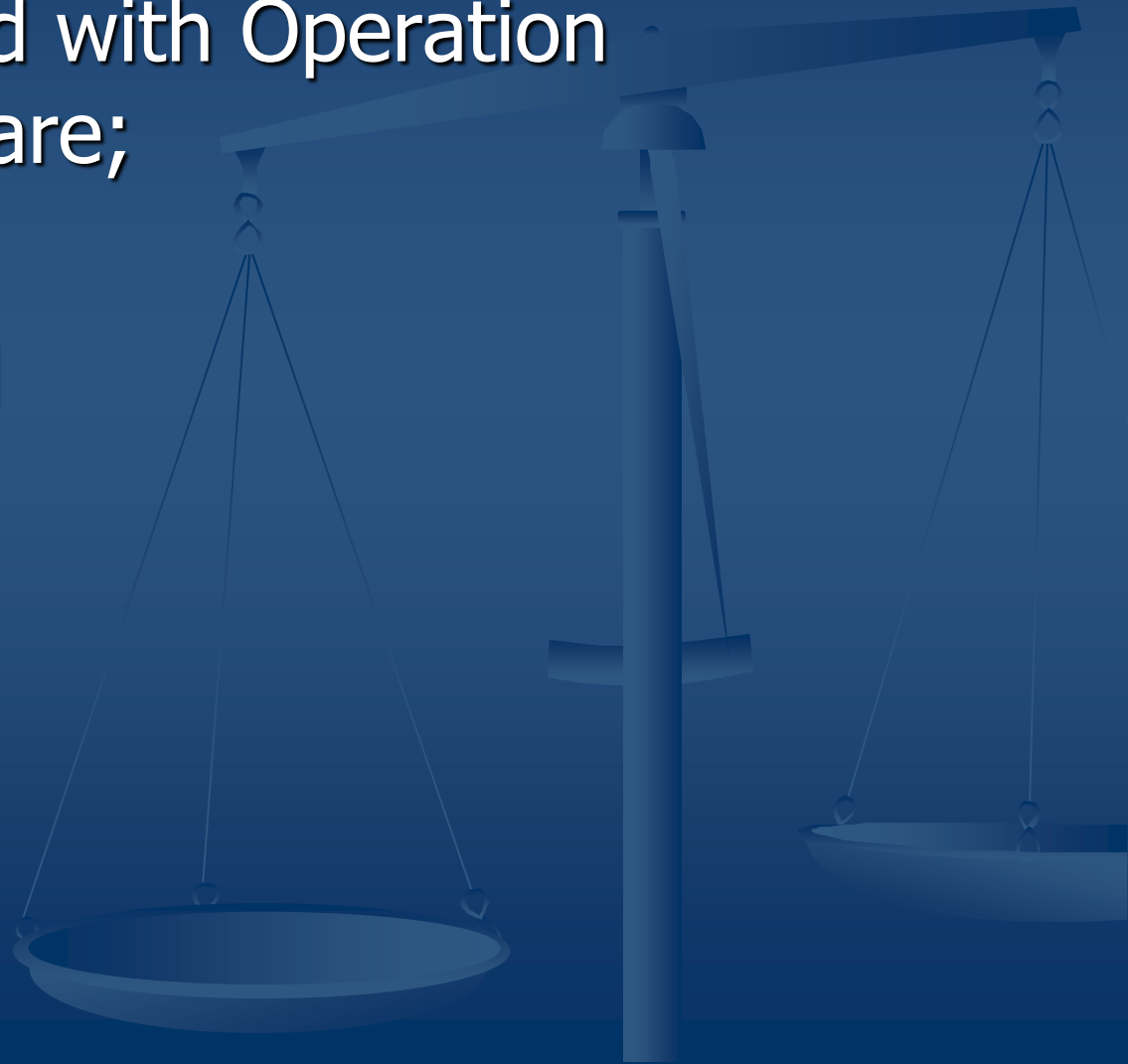
- Out with the Old-thinking and in with the New thinking.
- Proactivity
- Strong Victim engagement
- Targeted response to offenders
- Public reassurance



Challenges v Opportunity

In moving forward with Operation Faoiseamh there are;

- Challenges, and
- Opportunities



Into the Future

- Safety of the victim – could 'cold calling' add to the dangers
- Proactive Approach is the Key Difference
- Be brave in decision making

