



Towards the effective cooperation between police and other stakeholders: model for identification, support and prevention of domestic violence

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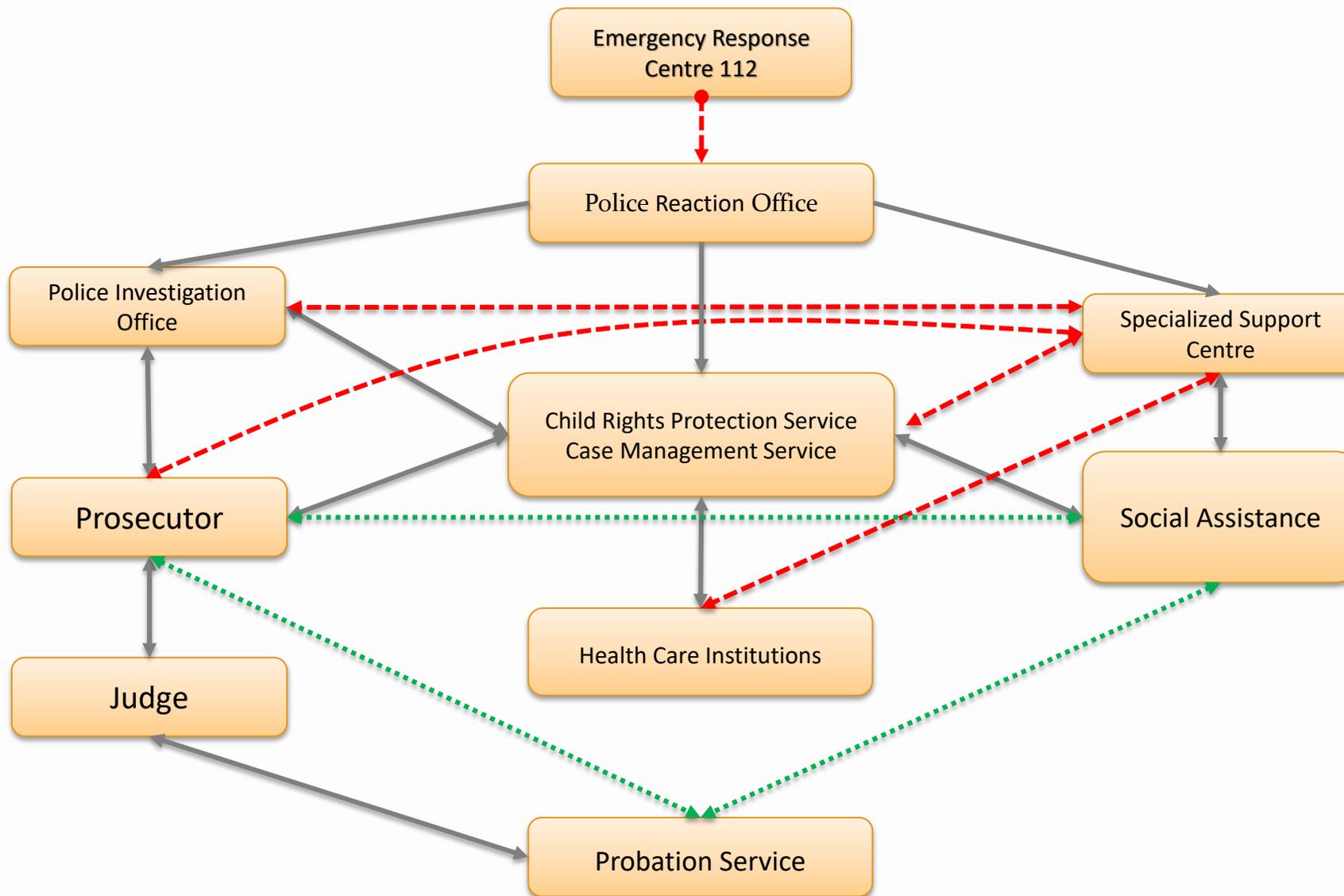
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Outline: Paving the way for effective collaborative model for identification, support and prevention of domestic violence in Lithuania

- **Context:** Lack of cooperation between police and other stakeholders
- **Opportunities:** assistance is necessary not only for victims but also for perpetrators, e. g., to participate in the programmes addressing violent behaviour
- **Challenges:** Although programmes for violent offenders are provided in probation system, much more opportunities of social assistance for violent offenders involving other stakeholders are needed

- The project aims to assess the mechanisms of identification of violence, existing assistance, preventive measures for victims of domestic violence, **the peculiarities of work with perpetrators**, and the creation of a model for cooperation between police and other interested institutions.
- The collaborative model will include a practical algorithm - schemes and guidelines for work with domestic violence cases.
- The dissemination of the study has been carried out by organizing a workshop for stakeholder organizations (**police officers, prosecutors, social support centres, NGOs working in the area of domestic violence**), and final discussion that will present a model for cooperation, discuss practical implementation issues and share methodological material.





Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention 2011)

- **Article 16 – Preventive intervention and treatment programmes**
 1. Parties shall take the necessary legislative or other measures to set up or support **programmes aimed at teaching perpetrators of domestic violence** to adopt non-violent behaviour in interpersonal relationships with a view to preventing further violence and changing violent behavioural patterns.
 2. In taking these measures Parties shall ensure that the safety of, support for and the **human rights of victims are of primary concern** and that, where appropriate, these programmes are set up and implemented in close co-ordination with specialist support services for victims.



Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania (2000)

- An adult person released from criminal liability may be subject to the penal measures

Participation in the Programmes Addressing Violent Behaviour (Art. 72² of the CC)

- The court shall place under the obligation to participate in violence correction programmes the persons who have committed criminal acts in respect of a close relative or family member. This obligation must be complied with within a time limit laid down by the court.

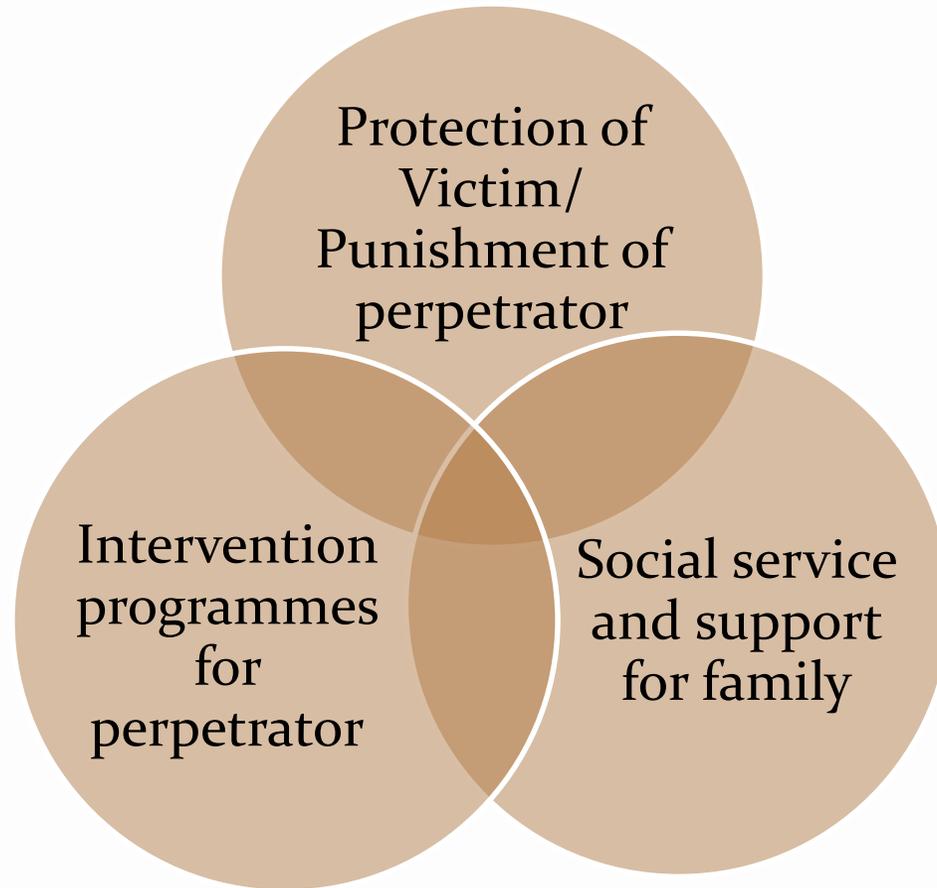
Law on Protection against Domestic Violence (2011)

Article 5. Measures Ensuring the Protection of a Victim of Violence

1. Where the fact of an incident of domestic violence is established, the following measures of protection of a victim of violence shall be imposed:

- 1) the **obligation** for the perpetrator of violence **to temporarily move out of the place of residence**, if he resides together with the victim of violence;
- 2) the **obligation for the perpetrator of violence not to approach the victim of violence**, not to communicate and not to seek contact therewith.

Institutional attitudes towards domestic violence



Institutional attitudes towards domestic violence: punishment of perpetrator

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- Criminal sanctions are the most effective in an attempt to prevent reoffending

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- Protection of victim vs treatment of perpetrator

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- “Whole family” intervention or support services should be prohibited in domestic violence cases.

Intervention programmes for perpetrator

Participation in the programmes addressing violent behaviour as a penal sanction.

Improving accessibility of high- quality social services

Strengthening the non-governmental organizations providing services to men abusing in close environment f.i. Men's Crisis Centres



Social services and support to whole family



Governmental institutions- Case management services and State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service

Non- governmental institutions- private consultation and programmes

Thank you!

