



7 June 2016

Dear Mr COLLINS,

I will answer your OIA request (Request #16/889/3 (COLLINS, Zane) in two parts:

### **Part 1**

*'What is the training you provide for policemen so that they are able to assess Domestic Violence'.*

Family Violence training Police Recruits currently receive is:

Under the new Career Foundation Initial Training Programme (CFIT), Family Violence Training starts before recruits even arrive at the College with foundation learning provided by UNITEC. Within the UNITEC 12 week programme there is a Family Violence component which is made up of informative awareness material and a research component.

When recruits arrive at the College they are introduced to Te Puna (Police online Learning Centre) and the CFIT Course material via Learner Pages. Family Violence Training then follows:

#### **Induction Phase - creating mindset:**

1. **Prevention First** NPC, 1 hr
2. **IN01 - FV Initial Action** FV, Response and attendance and appreciation process, 2hrs
3. **FV01 - Victim Advocate** Victims Manager, 2 hrs
4. **FV02 - What is Family Violence?** Examines the World of FV and what it is like to live in that world, 4 hr workshop
5. **FV03 - Victim Support** - The services they provide to victims of FV, 1 hr
6. **FV04 - The FV Perpetrator** - A Perpetrators Perspective, 3 hrs
7. **FV05 - Working with FV Victims and Perpetrators.** Exposure to FV Episodes and problem solving, 3 hr workshop

**Police Process:**

8. **FV06 - Quality Data Collection FV Form set + FVIR Formative Written Assessment,** 4 hrs
9. **FV07 - Intro to IPV and ODARA,** 2 hrs
10. **FV08 - Intro to Child Risk Factors and Reports of Concern,** 1hr
11. **Summative Two Practical Assessment.** Witness Statement. Taking a statement from a witness to a FV incident, 4 hrs
12. **FV09 - Protection Orders,** 1 hr
13. **FV10 - Police Safety Orders -** 1hr
14. **FV 11 - Victim Impact Statements, new legislation,** 2hrs
15. **FV12 - Role of District Family Safety Teams / FV Agencies.** \*Also covers **Victim Intervention Plans, Case Management** 2 hrs (External presenter - Operational perspective, building relationships)
16. **SU08 - Prosecution Pathways - Arrest and Court Process + Victim Notification Register and Court Services Victims** 2hrs (Based on FV Episode theme throughout the course. Covers FULL arrest file documentation and full court process / pathways)
17. **FV 13 - Whole of Course Review,** 3 hrs
18. **Te Puna E-Learning** (Mandatory)
  - ✓ Family Violence Response
  - ✓ Victims Focus - Tools and Tactics
  - ✓ Child Protection Protocols
  - ✓ Police Safety Orders
  - ✓ Enhanced Victims Rights Act 2014
19. **Final Exam - ECPK** - FV, Victims and Prevention questions

**Additional Resources available:**

20. **FV & Victims Work Book** Brings together above sessions - Te Puna based and self directed learning

## **Part 2**

*As per the DV act that any police officer can arrest a man, if they have a "good cause".*

### **Domestic Violence Act 1995 – Section 50**

#### **Power to arrest for breach of protection order**

Where a protection order is in force, any constable may arrest, without warrant, any person who the constable has good cause to suspect has—

(a) contravened the protection order; or

(b) failed to comply with any condition of the protection order. **NOTE: DVA**

***power of arrest is covered in FV09***

As outlined, Police officers are very well trained to be able to 'assess Domestic Violence' and conduct thorough Family Harm investigations.

Kind regards,



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