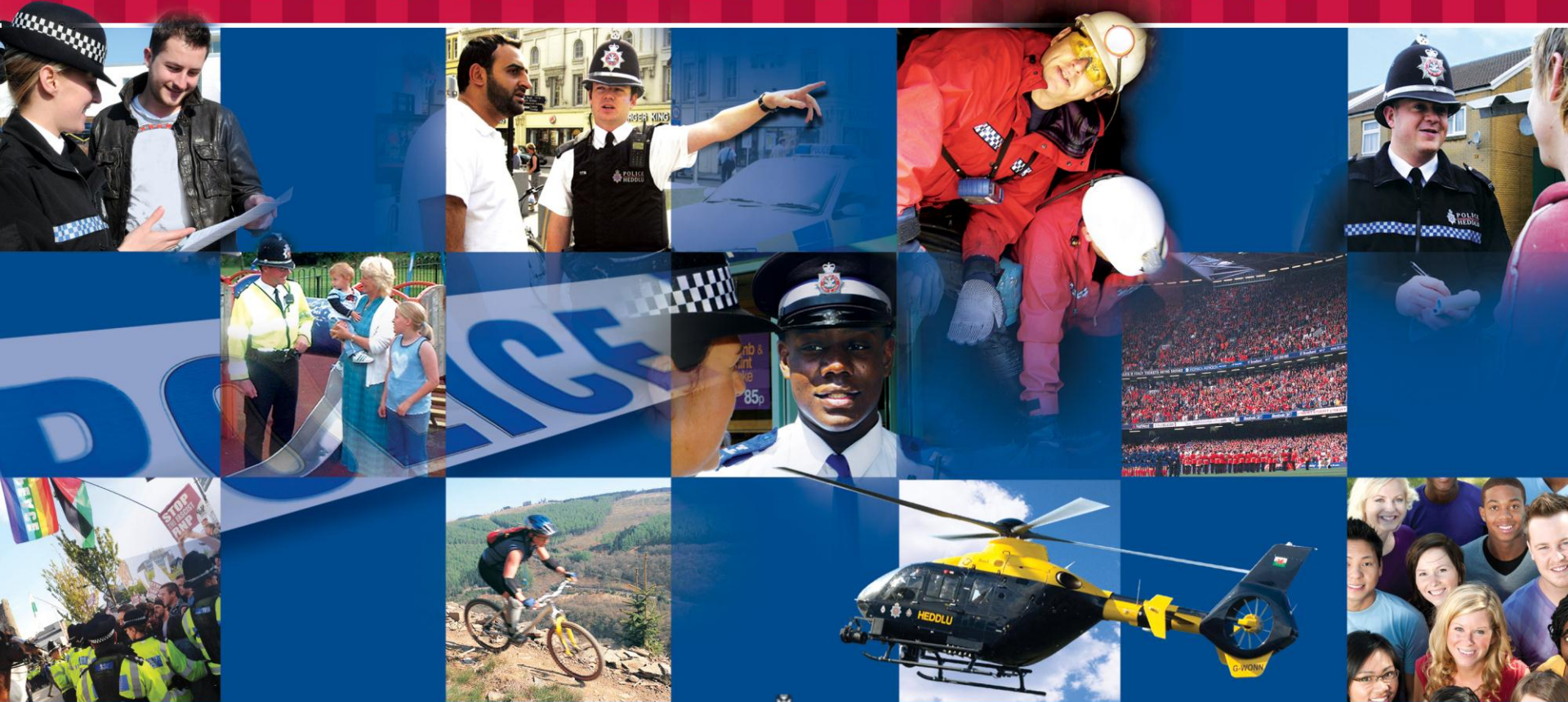


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'SARAH'S LAW'

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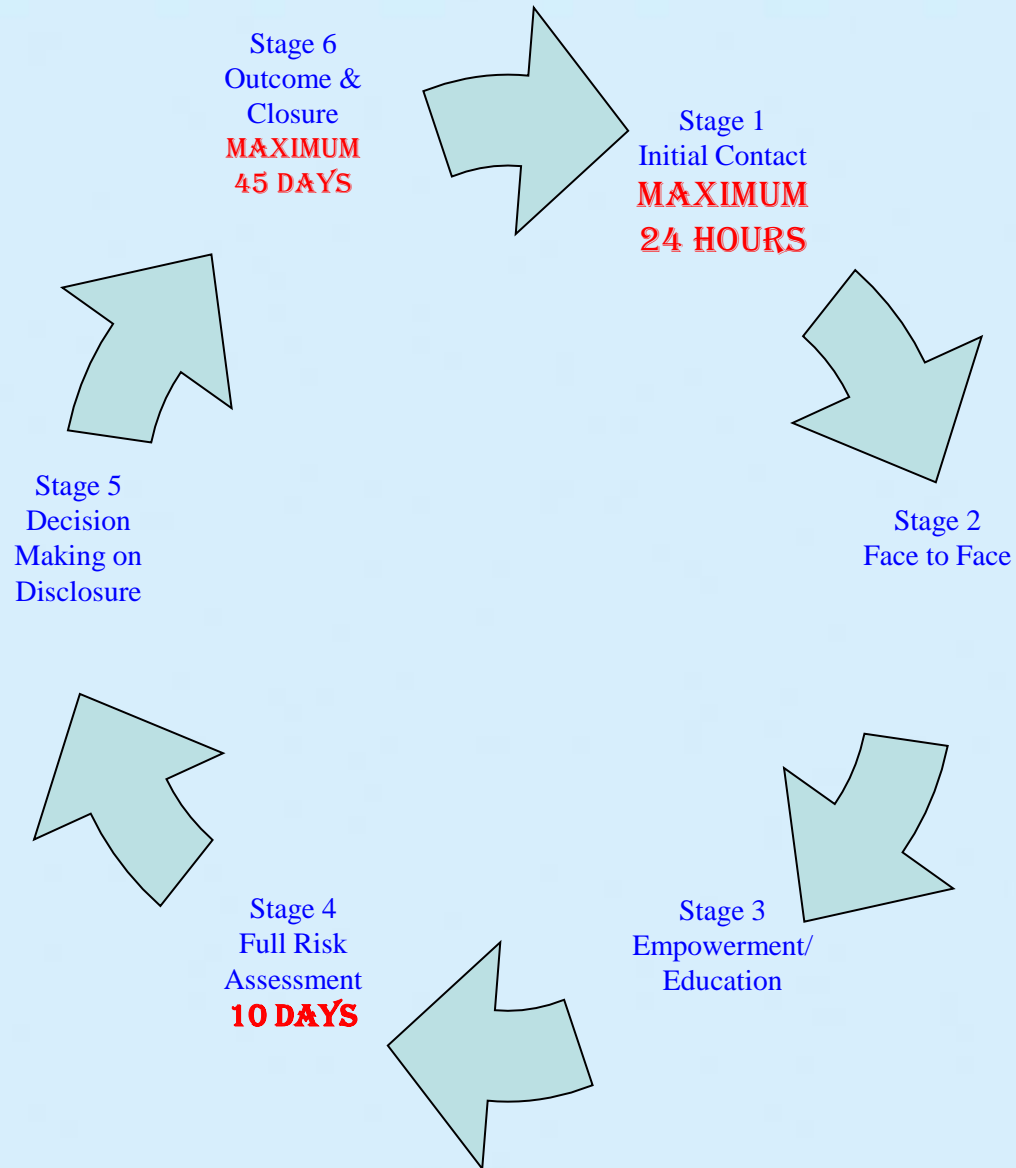
BACKGROUND

- Referred to as the “Child Sex Offender Review (CSOR)” 2007
- Came about as a result of negative headlines around convicted sexual offenders.
- Focussed on how child sexual offenders are managed, how sexual offending against children can be prevented and how to provide greater reassurance to the public.

CHILD SEX OFFENDER DISCLOSURE SCHEME

- Principle Aim: to provide parents, guardians & carers with information that will enable them to better safeguard their childrens' safety & welfare
- **Anyone** can make an application to police to ascertain if a person (known as the subject & who has some form of contact with a child or children) has a child sex offence conviction or otherwise represents a risk to children (disclosure)
- The person making an application would not necessarily receive 'disclosure' as a more appropriate person to receive the disclosure will be the person best placed to protect the child concerned
- Applications must be appropriately considered and any disclosure made proportionate and necessary when balanced against the risk or potential risk posed to a child or children

6 STAGES



PROCESS MAP

- **Stage 1 Initial Contact**

Any person can make an application about a person (the subject) who has some form of contact with a child or children. Basic details obtained about the applicant, child, subject and the nature of the concern.

Initial checks made on PNC, PND & ViSOR and local systems (**within 24hrs**). Assessment made as to whether there is an immediate child protection concern that requires dynamic action.

- **Stage 2 Face to Face Application**

Applicant is seen face to face to obtain further details, including verifying the applicants identity and relationship with the child and subject (if applicable).

- **Stage 3 Empowerment/Information**

Applicant is provided with information about the scheme, keeping children safe and MAPPA via a leaflet pack

PROCESS MAP (cont'd)

- **Stage 4 Full Risk Assessment**

Checks are revisited, then further checks are made on PND and with other agencies (including children's services). Decision taken about whether the application raises 'concerns' or 'no concerns'. Full risk assessment must be completed within **10 days**.

- **Stage 5 Decision Making on Disclosure**

Enquiry will either raise 'concerns' or 'no concerns'. These involve processes on making a decision about whether to disclose information. This will usually involve a multi-agency meeting as part of MAPPA and/or safeguarding children procedures.

- **Stage 6 Outcome and Closure**

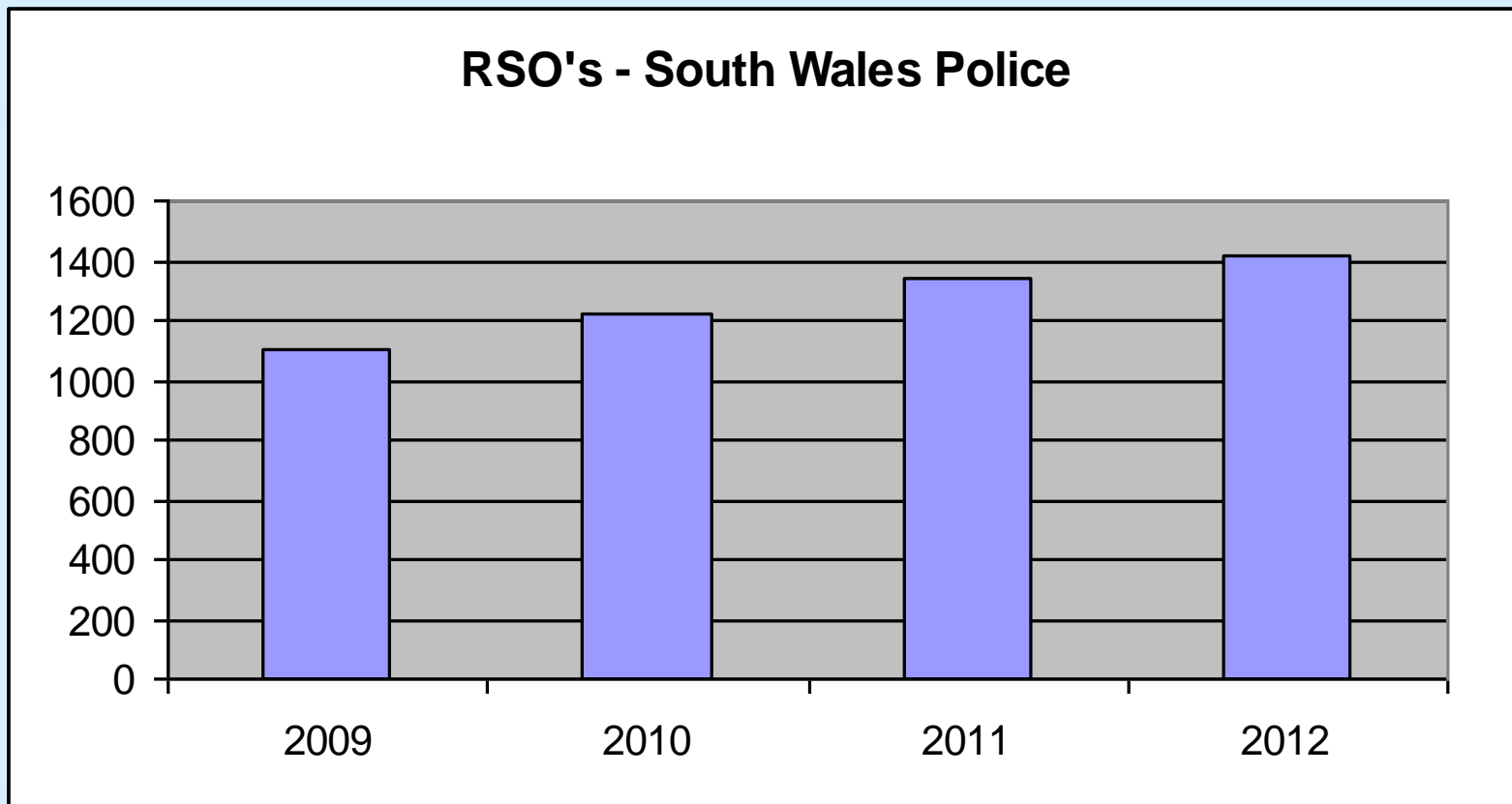
The applicant is contacted and receives disclosure or is alternatively told that there is no information that the police can disclose to them.

It is important that the applicant is told that just because there is no information this does not mean that there is no risk of harm to the child and that they should continue to take steps to safeguard their child(ren).

(**maximum of 45 days**)

SWP REGISTERABLE SEXUAL OFFENDERS

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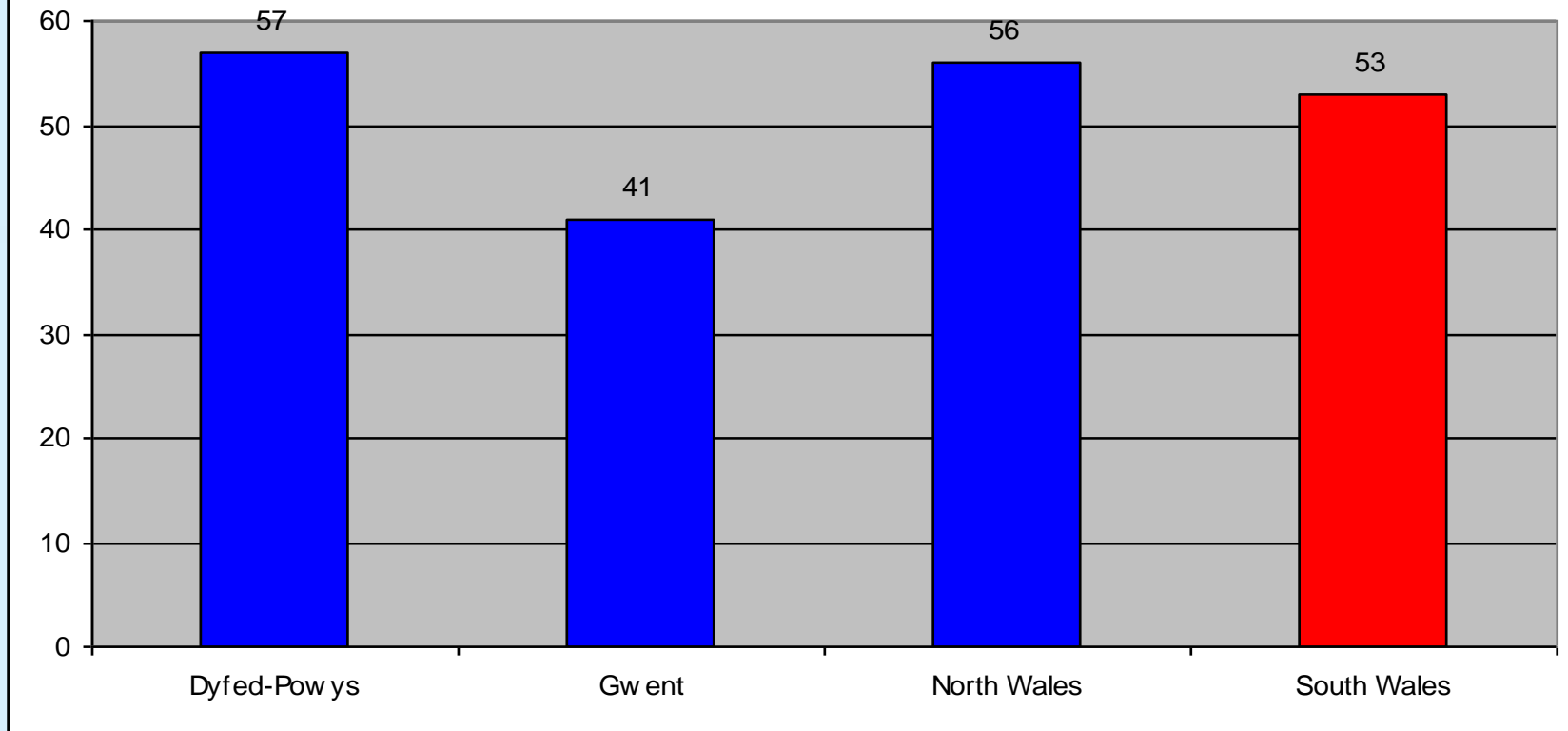


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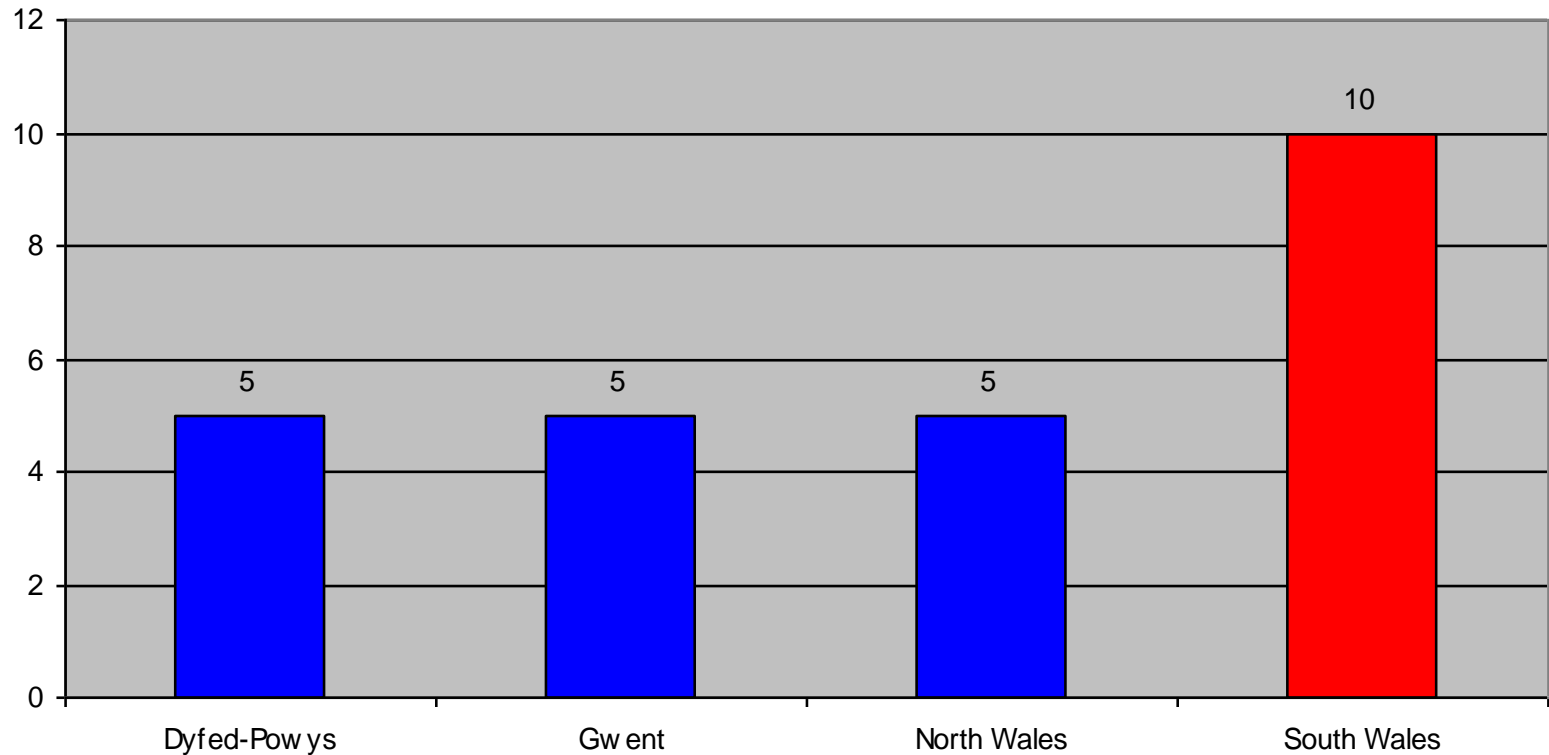
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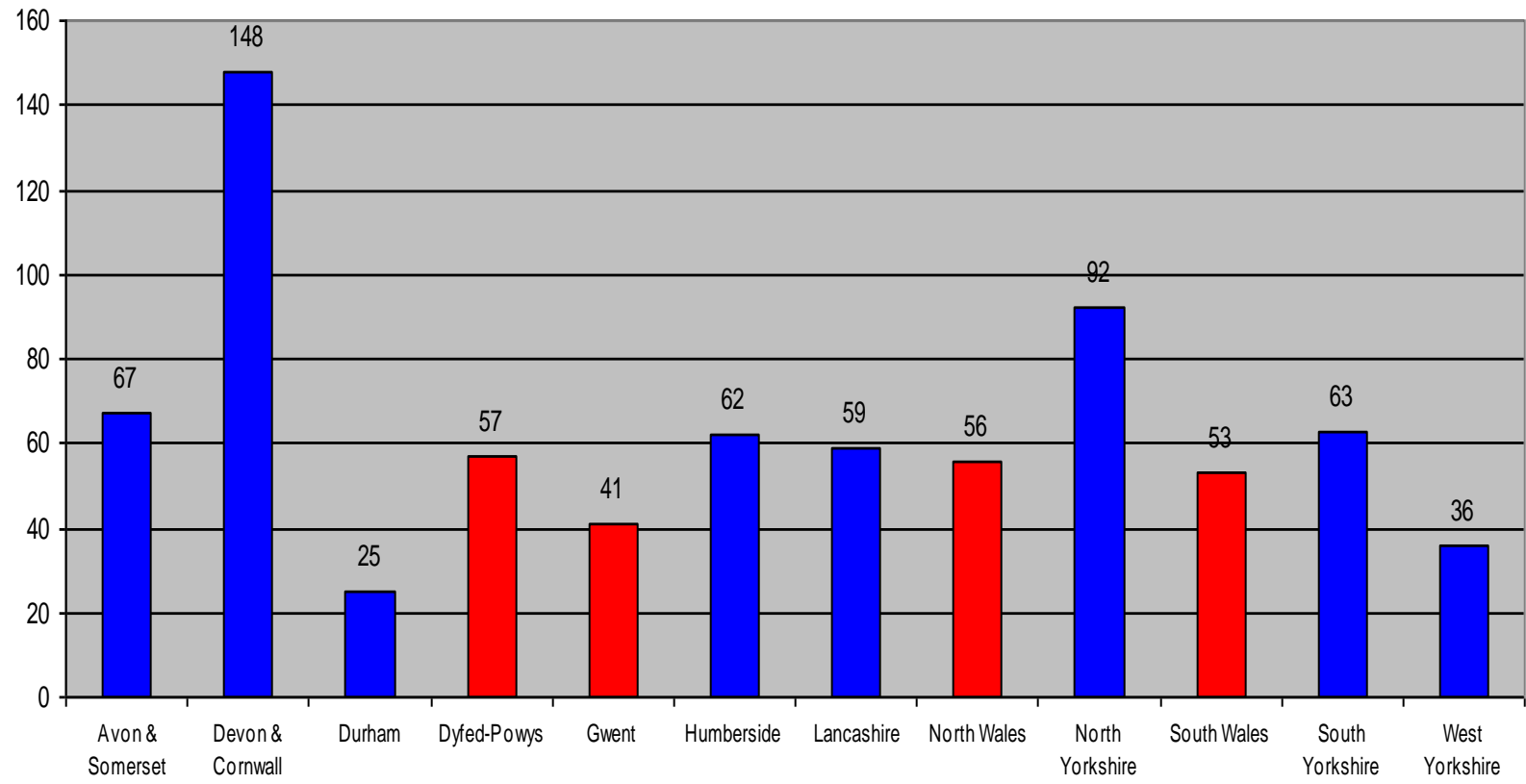
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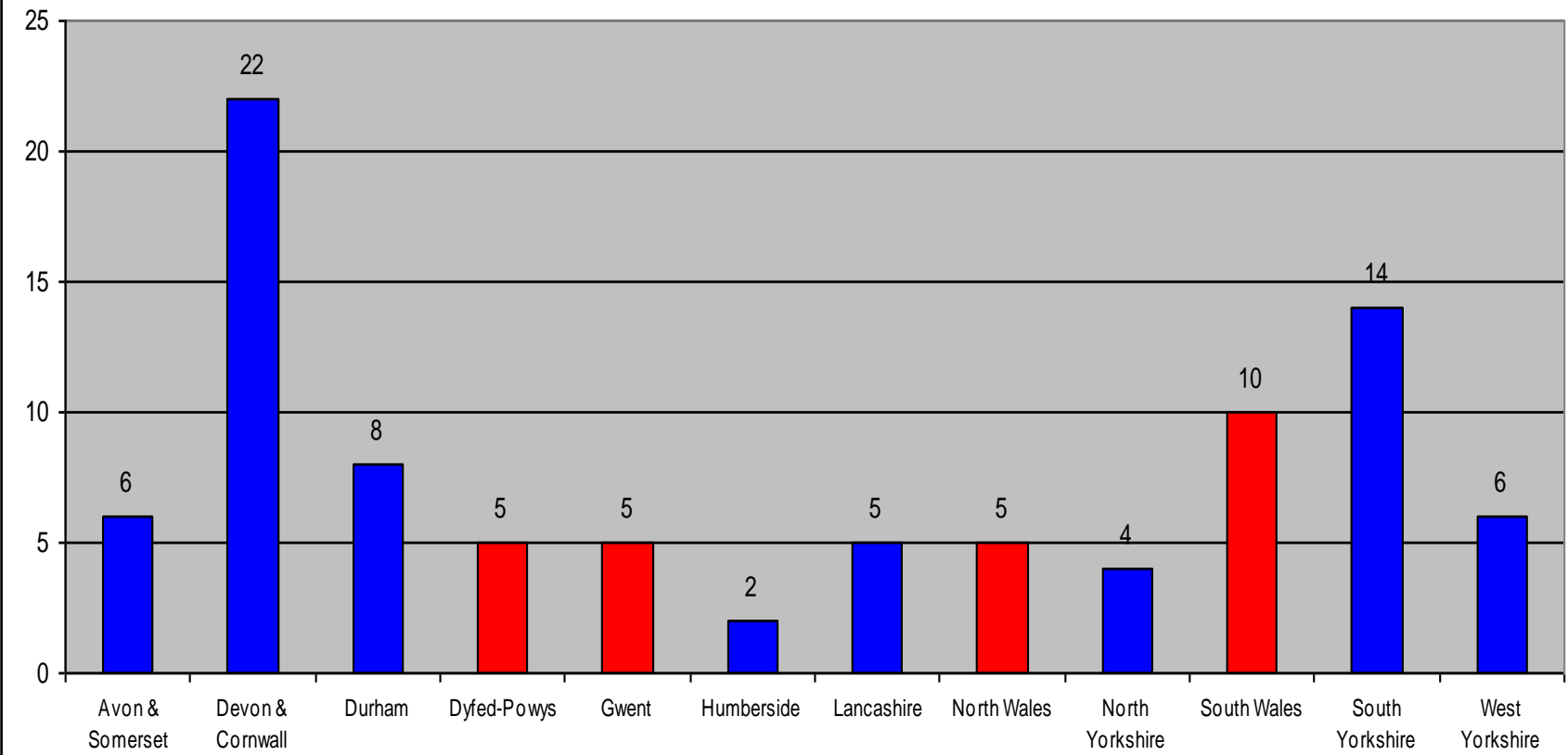


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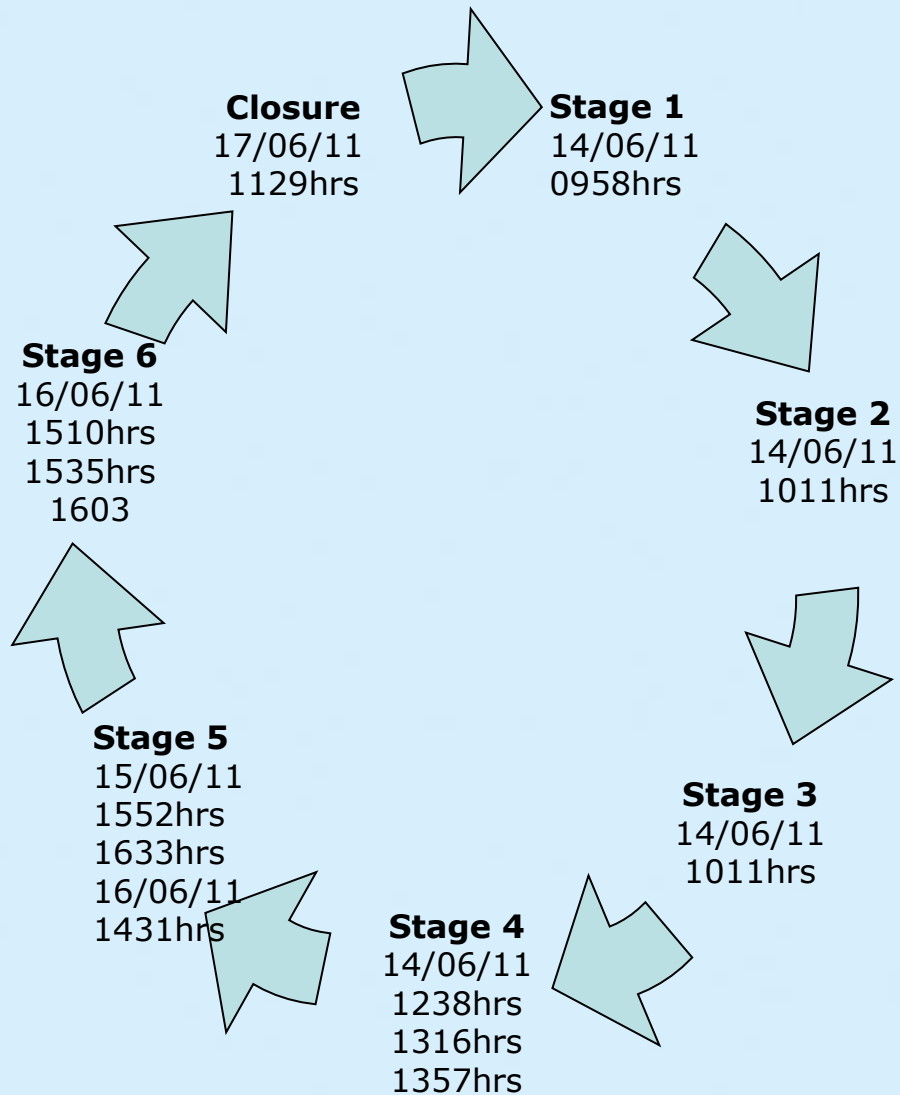
CASE STUDY

- 14/06/2011 0958 hrs **Stage 1** Occurrence created
- 14/06/2011 1011 hrs **Stage 2 & 3** completed (PPD1)
- 14/06/2011 1238 hrs **Stage 4** undertaken (SS contacted)
- 14/06/2011 1300 hrs Strategy Discussion
- 14/06/2011 1316 hrs (decision-conduct home visit to RSO)
- 14/06/2011 1357 hrs (Niche updated with S/D summary)
- 15/06/2011 1400 hrs **Stage 5** pathway (MAPPA)
- 15/06/2011 1552 hrs Niche updated with MAPPA summary
- 15/06/2011 1615 hrs Strat Discussion (agreed joint visit)
- 15/06/2011 1633 hrs (Niche updated with S/D summary)
- 16/06/2011 1431 hrs RSO arrested
- 16/06/2011 1510 hrs **Stage 6** Disclosure to father & mother
- 16/06/2011 1535 hrs RSO cautioned
- 16/06/2011 1603 hrs Bronze Inspector briefed & CIA tasked
- 17/06/2011 1129 hrs Strategy Discussion & Closure

Effective implementation of CSODS (3 days)

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Case Study



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- The initial discussion with a RSO
- Intelligence v Fact
- Right to Ask v Right to Know
- Disclosure Concerns
- Threat Risk & Harm
- Robust Management of process
- POLKA

-ve IMPACT

- Malicious applications
- Domestic Abuse
- Family Court
- C.H.R.I.S
- Social Networking/Internet/
Facebook/Dating sites
- Freedom of Information