



Domestic Violence Protection Notice Application

Supporting quicker action to protect victims of domestic abuse

Domestic abuse is prevalent across the country, with the crime survey for England and Wales (CSEW) estimating that 5% of adults aged 16 years and over experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2022.

When officers attend the scene of a domestic violence incident, they have a duty to make the victim(s) as safe as possible. One of the ways they can do this is by issuing a domestic violence protection notice (DVPN) or domestic violence protection order (DVPO), to ensure the provision of emergency protection to the 'person to be protected'.

At present, the process behind the issue of a DVPN or DVPO is heavily paper based. Officers are required to complete a printed document by hand back at the station, and then manually take this document to be checked, amended (where needed) and approved, before being able to issue a DVPN.

With Node4's purpose-built DVPN Application, this paper-based process can be easily digitised to enable a quicker and more risk-averse process.

Built on the Microsoft Power Platform as a Canvas App and supported by a Microsoft SharePoint site, the DVPN App is centred around a colour coded form that follows this step-by-step process:

1. Information on involved parties and the circumstances behind the DVPN is collected and submitted
2. A gatekeeper check is then carried out to ensure the information captured is correct
3. The DVPN is then reviewed and signed off by a senior officer
4. The order/notice document is generated and provided to officer(s) and other associated parties in PDF format

Key Benefits:

Streamlined process for quicker action

By modernising this traditionally paper-based process, domestic violence protection notices and orders can be issued more quickly, meaning better protection for those at risk.

Created to mirror existing process

While the digitisation of this process will be new, the app is built to mirror the paper-based process, meaning it will still be familiar and easy for officers to follow.

Ensure data is handled securely and with sensitivity

With sensitive and highly personal data being captured at the scene of a domestic incident, using Microsoft technology brings enhanced data safety and security measures.

The digitisation of this process allows for quick and accurate recording of information via a handheld device at the scene of a domestic incident. A guidance section for officers is also available, should they need it, and email notifications are sent as the order progresses through each stage to ensure visibility and prompt action. Additionally, updates are provided to the victim throughout the process.

Forces introducing the DVPN application will see improved and consistent outcomes in court, as well as the ability to quickly safeguard victims, enabling the efficient pursuit of perpetrators.