

Criminal intelligence IT specialist ABM announces computer software to help identify children and vulnerable adults at risk of domestic violence

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Nottingham, 05 January 2009 – Following harrowing reports of abuse and violent domestic incidents – such as the tragic death of Baby P – criminal intelligence IT specialist ABM, has today announced enhanced computer software to help identify children and vulnerable adults who may be at risk.

Called PROtect, the software enables enforcement agencies to record and manage incidents of domestic violence, children at risk, vulnerable adult and hate crime. Full case management facilities aid instant identification of potential victims and perpetrators so causes for concern can be acted on rapidly. Those at risk can be identified according to their name, known associates, or address.

Importantly, in view of concerns about the breakdown of communications and recording of actions taken, a single PROtect screen overview shows at a glance the current status of individual cases. This is augmented by online recording of risk assessments and warnings issued. A complete case history is also maintained, showing all events associated with a case, such as workflow, antecedences, visits and telephone calls.

Full details of custodial and community based sentences, as well as court orders served, together with action plan, supervision and reparation orders can also be held on the system.

Furthermore, by integrating PROtect with ABM's mapping system – the Prophecy module – incident locations can be displayed graphically on an Ordnance Survey map to allow time of day, day of week and trend analysis.

Anton Roe, Director of Operations at ABM, commented "A key element is being able to bring together pertinent information, which might be held traditionally in many different locations and by different agencies – such as police forces, local authority social services and welfare departments – helping transform raw information and links between items and incidences into intelligence. This helps increase the likelihood that action can be taken before, rather than after, an event.

"Cumulative experience over the years that has lead to statutory guidelines and development of best practice is incorporated into PROtect, allowing application of standardised processes and workflows to enforce adherence to approved procedures. PROtect will play a valuable role in helping to ensure that people at risk are identified before they become victims – and to bring to justice those who are not prevented from committing such offences."

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