

Domestic Abuse

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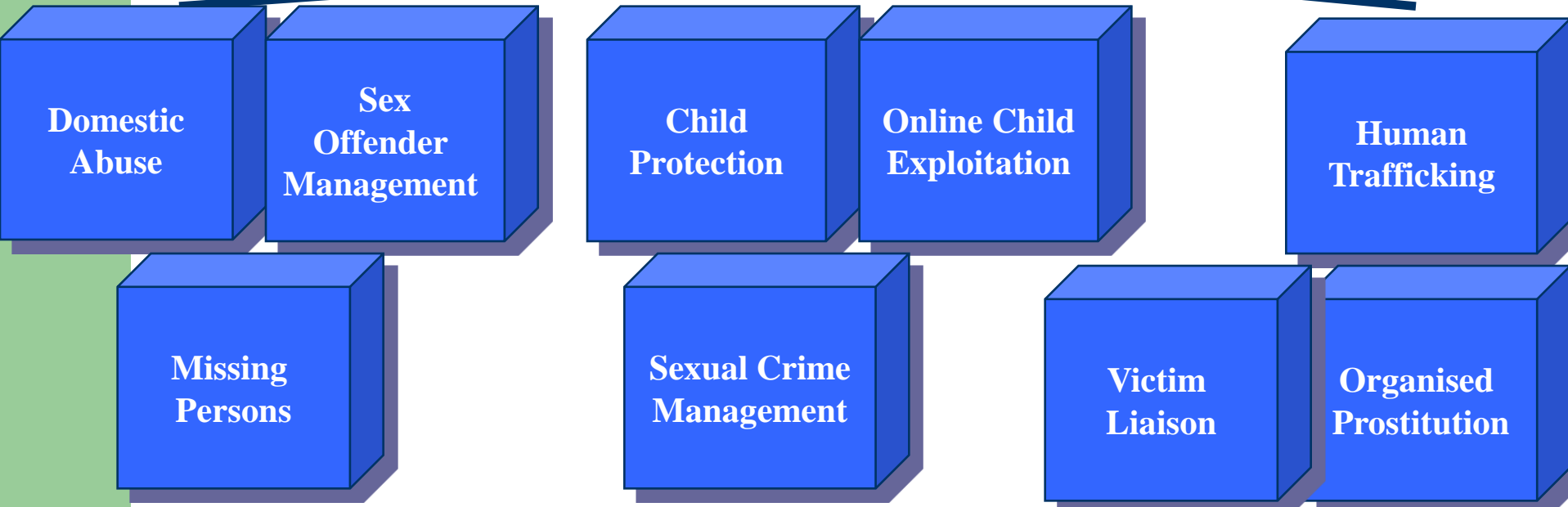
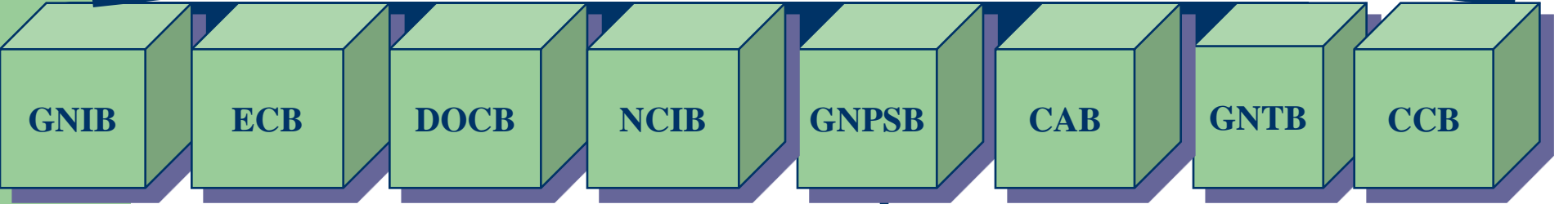


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Special Crime Operations





National and Local Remit

- An Garda Síochána
- GNPSB
 - National Oversight
 - policy
 - Liaison
- Local Intervention
 - Practical
 - Investigation
 - Domestic Abuse Intervention Inspectors
 - Future - DPSUs



Law

- No such crime as “Domestic Violence/Abuse”
- Domestic Violence Act 1996 (as **amended**)

Court Orders

- Safety Order
 - Protection Order
- Barring Order
 - Interim Barring Order
- Other Relevant Offences



Future Legislation

- Domestic Violence Bill 2015
 - Consolidation
 - Court Accompaniment
- Planned EU Directive – will make orders granted in one country valid and enforceable in other EU countries



Policy

- **Domestic Abuse:**

Physical, sexual, financial, emotional or mental abuse of one partner by the other partner in a relationship which may or may not be one of marriage or cohabitation and includes abuse by any family member against whom a Safety Order or a Baring Order may be obtained by another family member.



Policy – Procedure

- Process from Initial call
- Background Information
- Pro-Arrest Policy
- Evidence (Kits)
- Follow Up
- Specific Issues



Policy & the Future

- EU Victims Directive
 - Information
 - Support
 - Protection
- 3 Tier Risk Assessment
- DPSUs



Child Protection

- Domestic Abuse = Emotional Abuse
- Tusla, the Child and Family Agency
- Children First National Guidance 2011
- Children First Act 2015
- An Garda Síochána must Report – Children First
- Aim of Reporting to Tusla is Support



Information and Support

- Cosc – Department of Justice
 - www.cosc.ie
 - www.womensaid.ie (www.2in2u.ie)
 - www.safeireland.ie
 - www.amen.ie
 - www.moveireland.ie
 - www.rcni.ie
 - www.drcc.ie
- Dolphin House Support Service



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