Appendix D – Specialist Teams terms of reference

	Team	Terms
1	RASSO	RASSO teams will take ownership of and investigate the following crimes when the victim is 18 years or older at the time of reporting: • Rape • Attempt Rape • Penetrative Sexual Offences RASSO also manage Staffordshire Polices reporting and compliance with Serious Crime Analysis Section (SCAS) at the National Crime Agency. RASSO teams may also take ownership of other sexual offences which are escalated due to: • Vulnerability, complexity, risk and harm. • Complex, interfamilial, non-recent abuse. • Suspects in positions of trust or prominence. • Offences linked to emerging trends or patterns. The RASSO team will assume responsibility for all Domestic Abuse (DA) related crimes where there is a **linked** RASSO offence, whether at the time of reporting or historic. This includes cases where a RASSO offence is disclosed during the investigation or as part of the DASH risk assessment process. The inclusion of historical offences ensures a consistent, specialist-led response that reflects the complex nature of these interconnected crime types with a single specialist investigator. RASSO teams provide specialist investigative advice and support internally to colleagues for a range of investigations and delivery SME inputs in support of L&D to upskill and develop the response to sexual offending across Staffordshire. They work closely with Independent Sexual Violence Advisors and specialist CPS RASSO layers to provide the best service to victims.
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