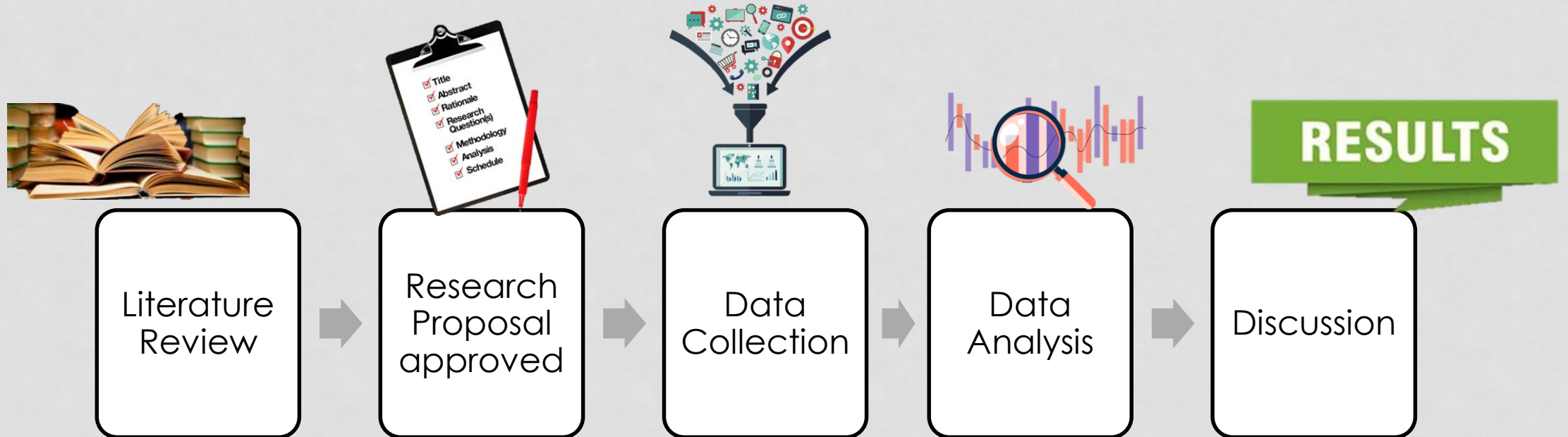


Social Work with AVWs

Social Work Research Conference

March 2025

THE PROCESS



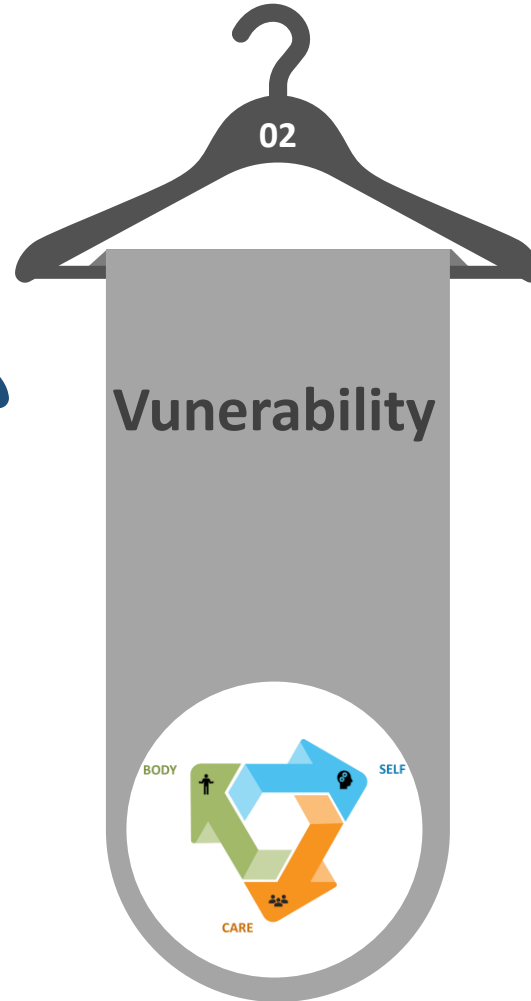
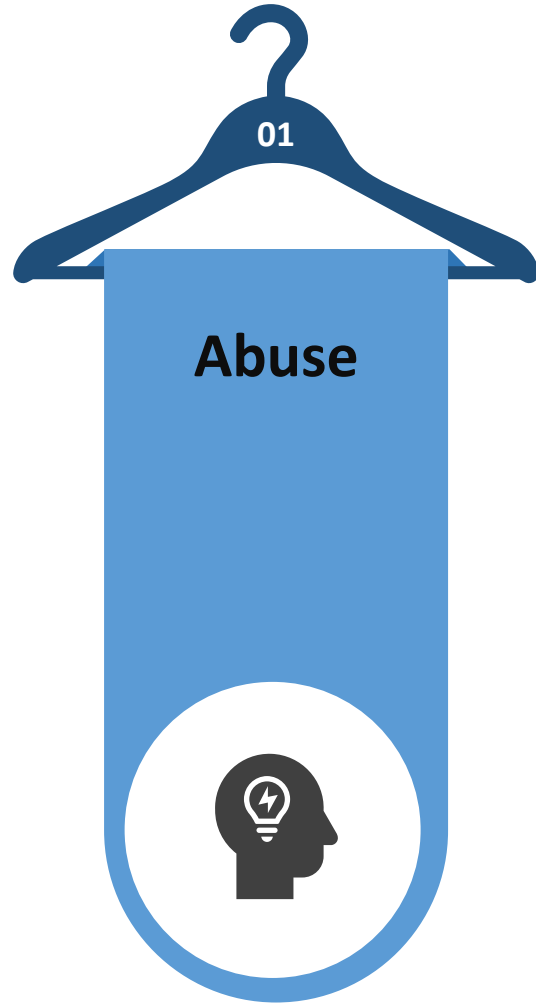


Literature Review



Vulnerability Model





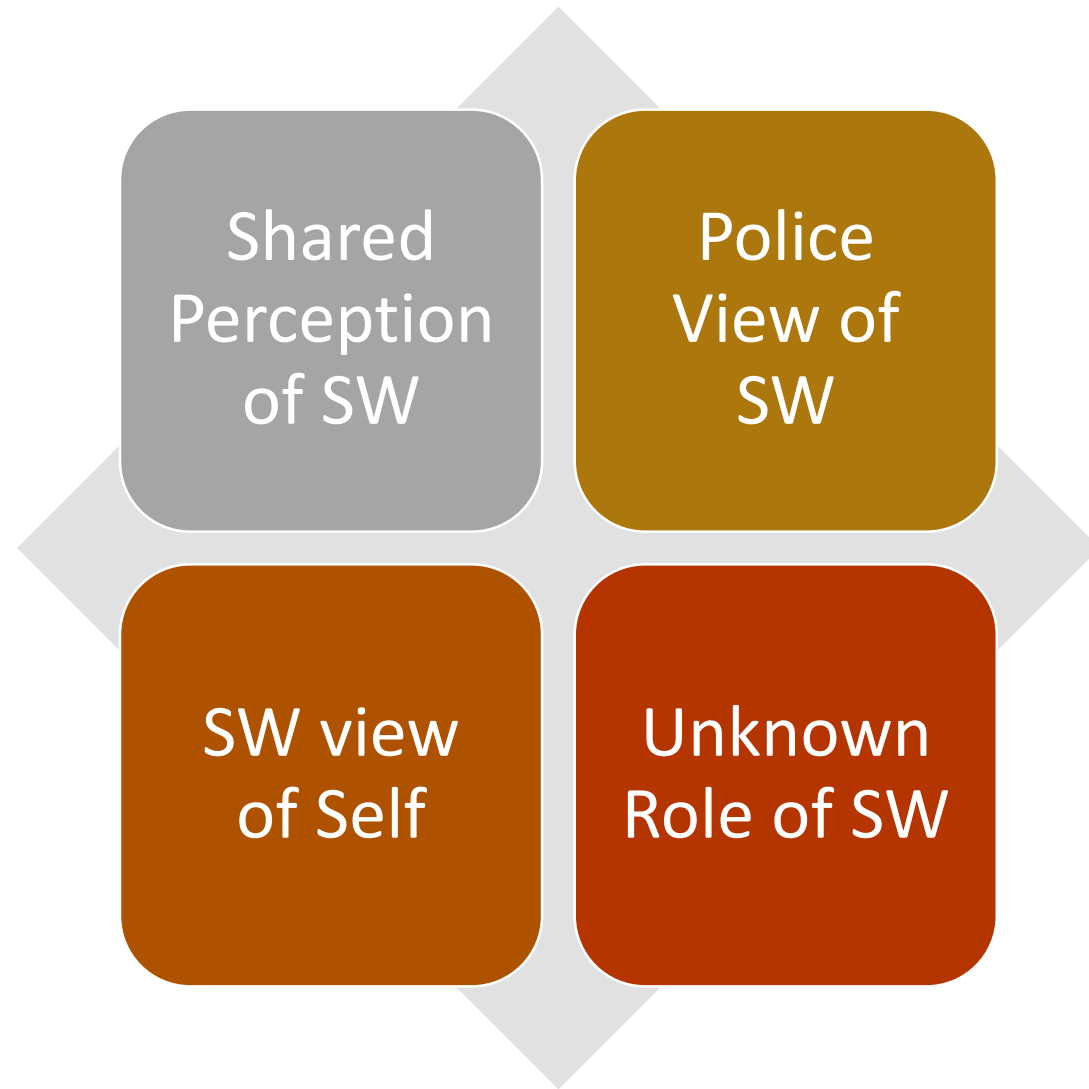
Gathering Data

- Recruitment
- Focus Groups
- Individual Interviews

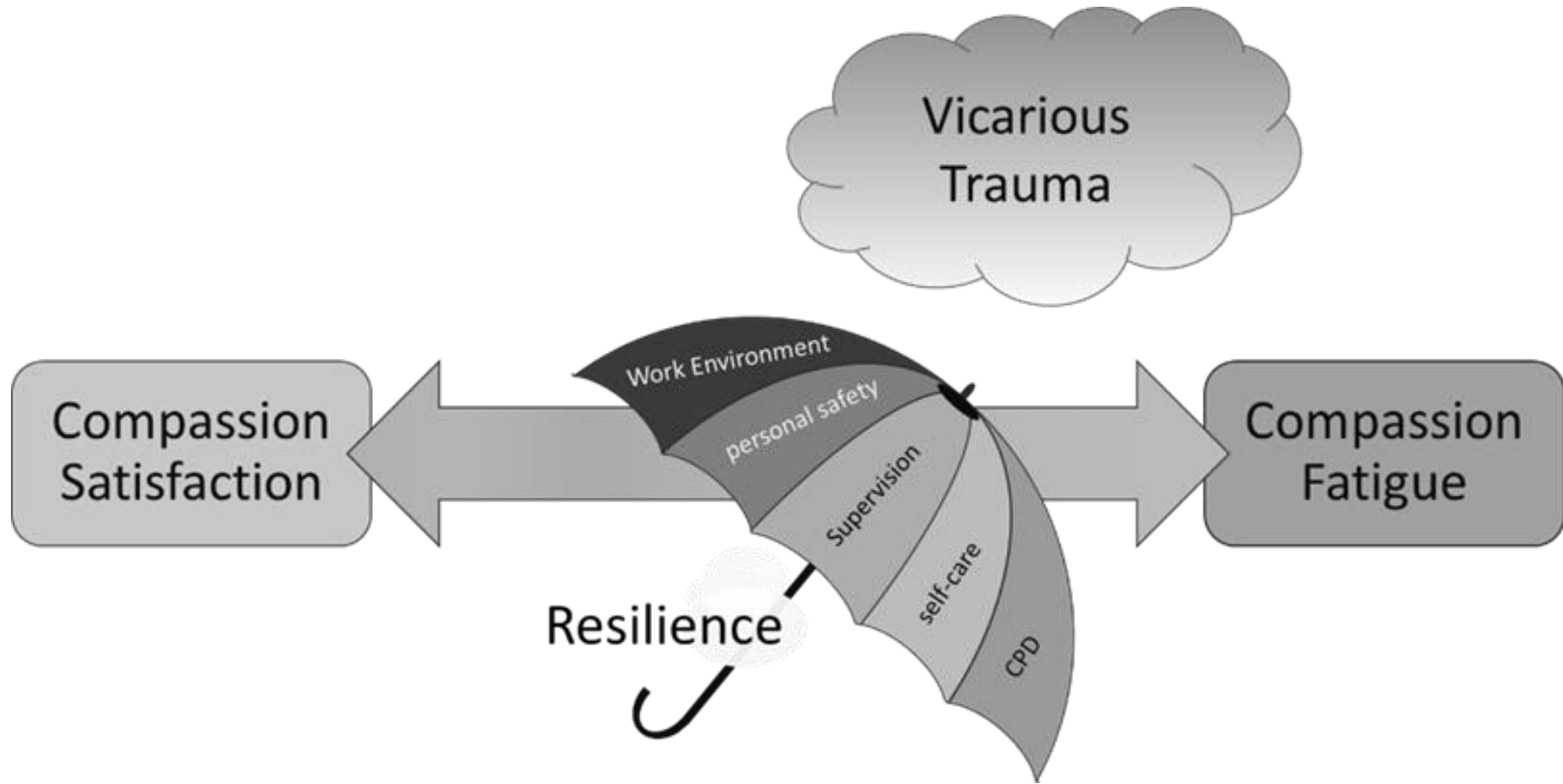


Discussion





The Unknown



Different Agency Perspectives

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the most important reason or purpose for someone or something's existence.



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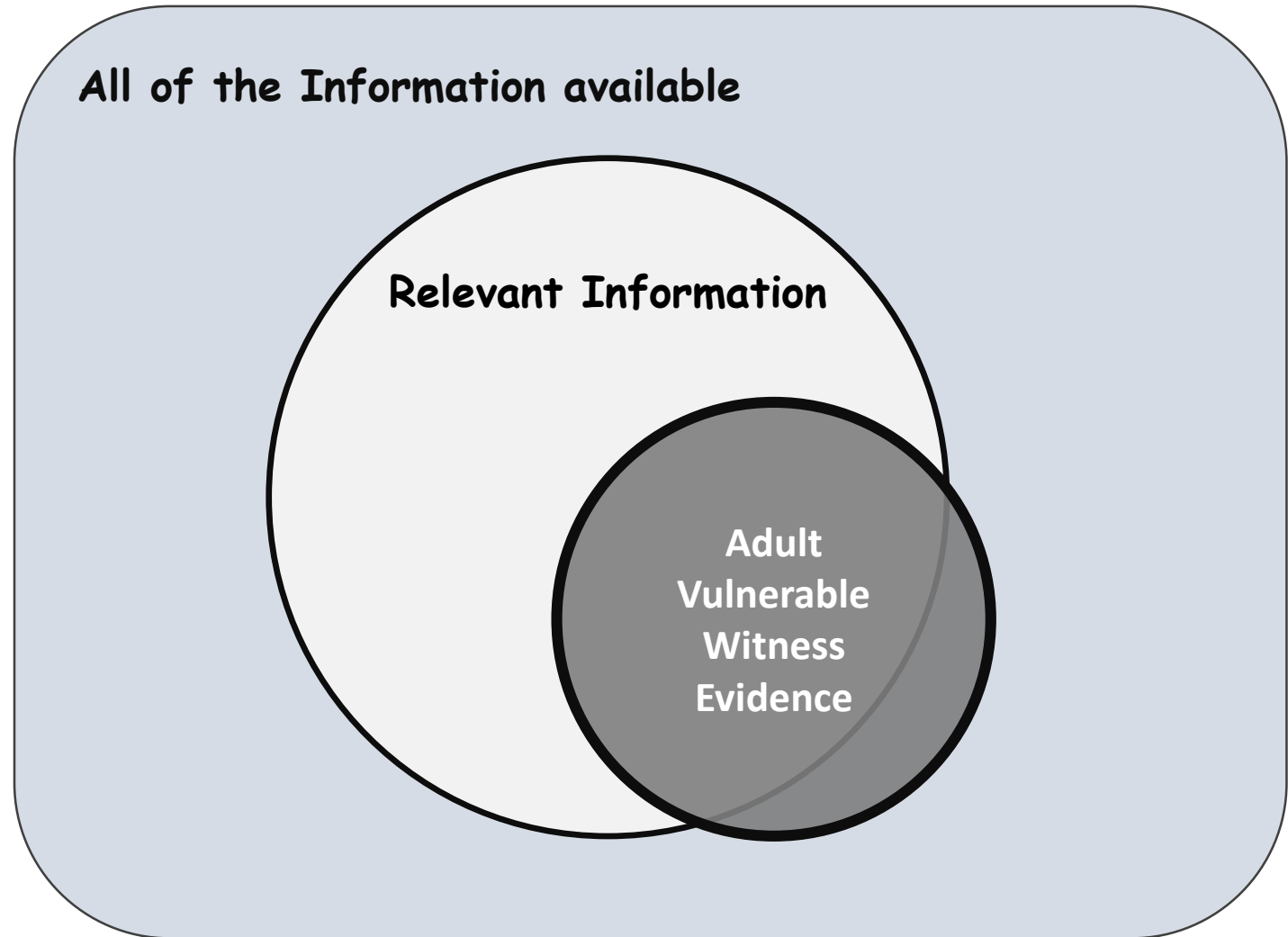
“Social workers generally emphasise social justice and change, the paramilitary structure of the police places greater emphasis on law enforcement.”

Gathering
and Sharing
Information

All of the Information available

Relevant Information

Adult
Vulnerable
Witness
Evidence





Protection Strategy

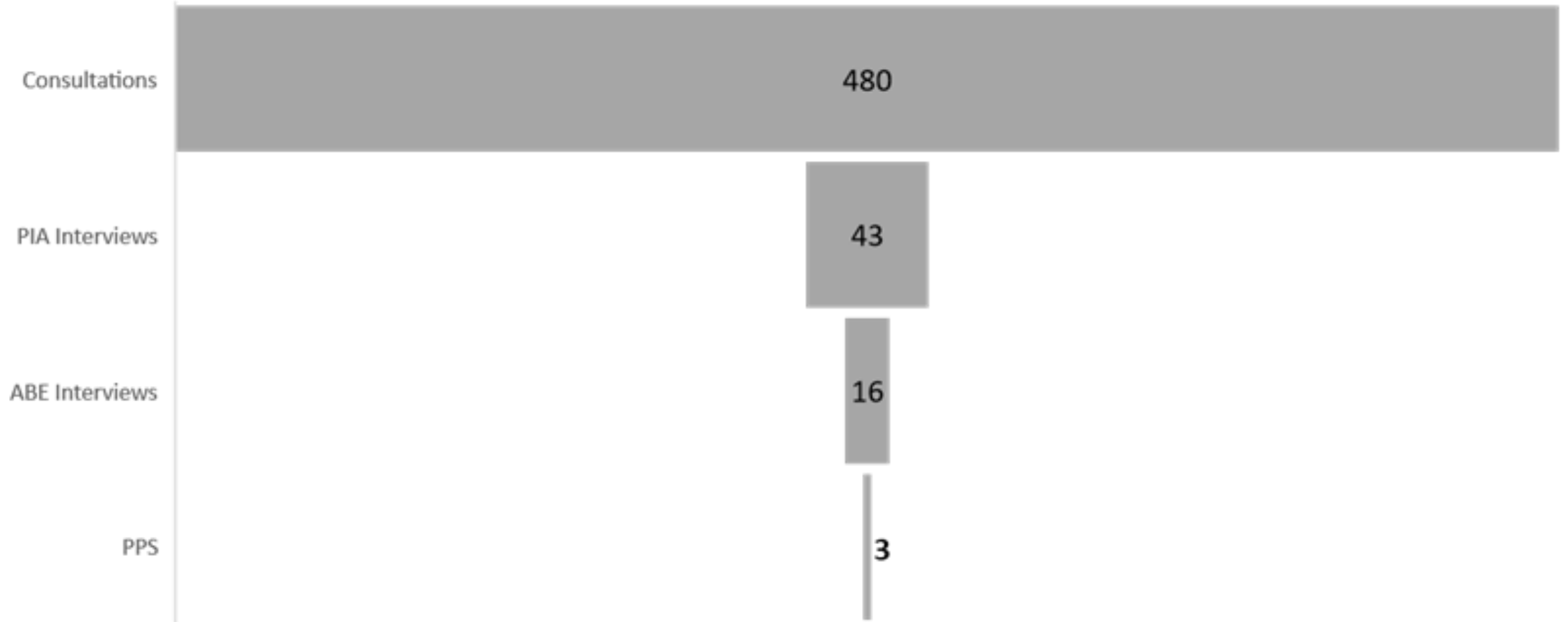


Investigation Strategy



Interlaced Strategy

Funnel chart showing the number of Adult Vulnerable Witnesses
who engaged with each stage of the Adult Joint Protocol
(for a single HSC Trust in Northern Ireland 2021/22)



Different focus regarding
Witness Assessment



pre-interview **ASSESSMENT**

Consent to Interview



To attend Court



Decisions to be taken by the Witness...

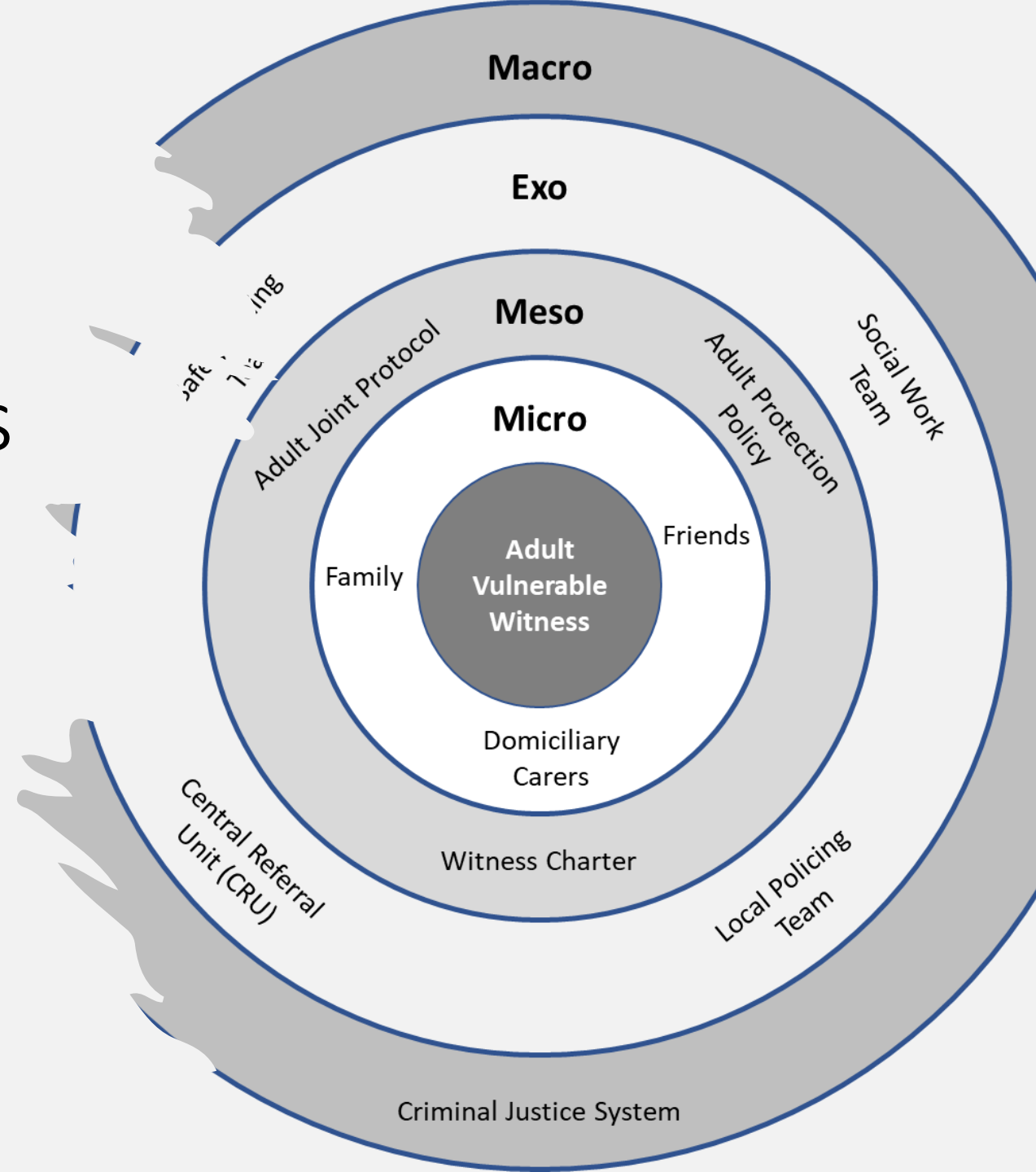
Pre-Interview **ASSESSMENT**



mental capacity **ASSESSMENT**



Ecology of Adult Vulnerable Witness Systems





- Measure Success



- Clearer Inclusion Criteria



- Social Work Training