

Effective lorry collision investigations

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Overview

1. How and why of RoadPeace

2. Collision investigation

Road death investigation report

3. RoadPeace & CLOCS

Survivor advocates

Improved lorry collision investigations

Effective inquests

How and why of RoadPeace

How RoadPeace started

Death of Mansoor Chaudhry

- motorcyclist killed Oct 1990
- by red light violator but only 'Careless Driving'
- RoadPeace formed out of outrage



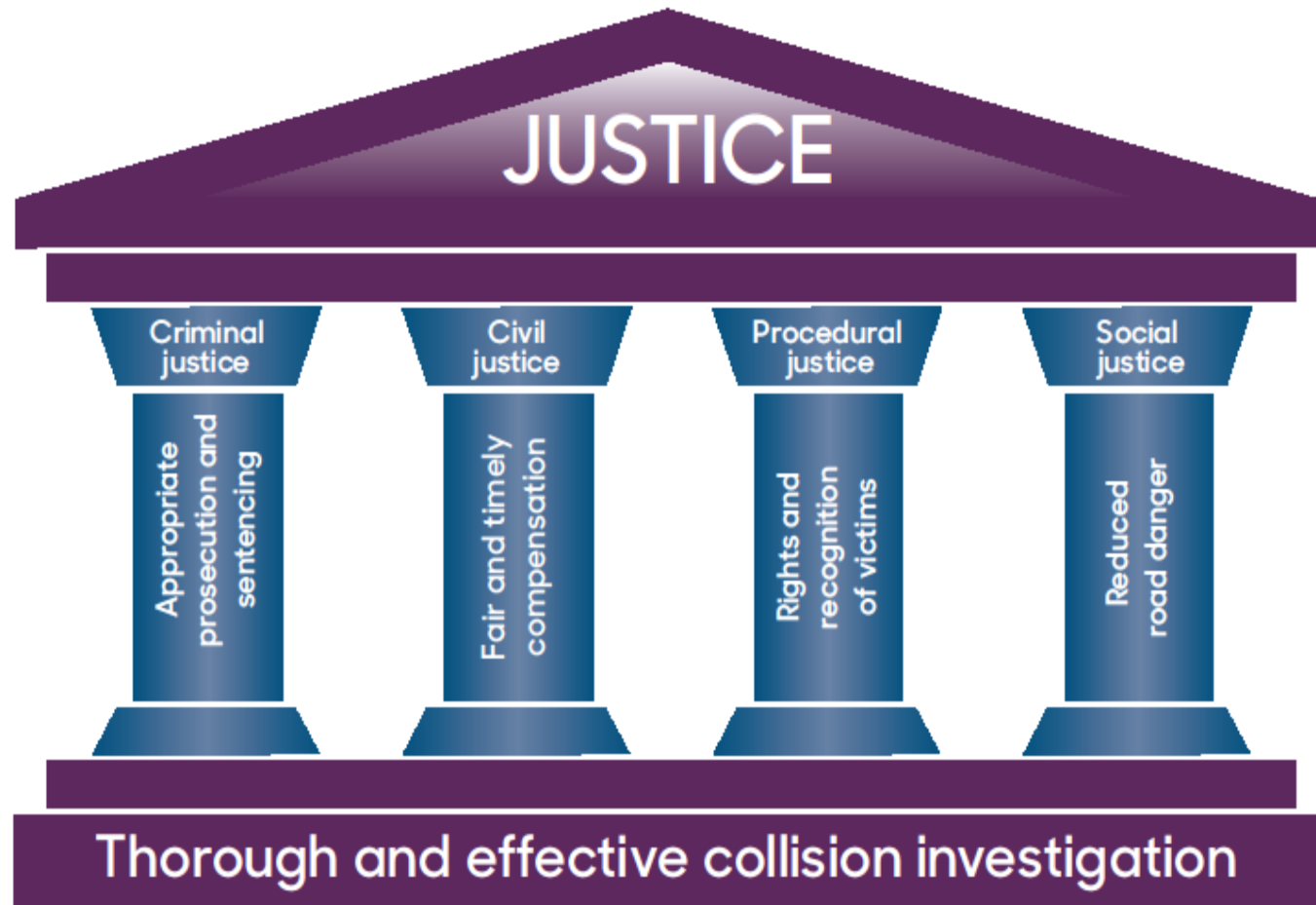
Why RoadPeace & CLOCS?

Death of Alex Jane McVitty

- Cyclist killed by lorry in June 2000
- Mother Cynthia Barlow OBE dedicated her life to reducing lorry danger



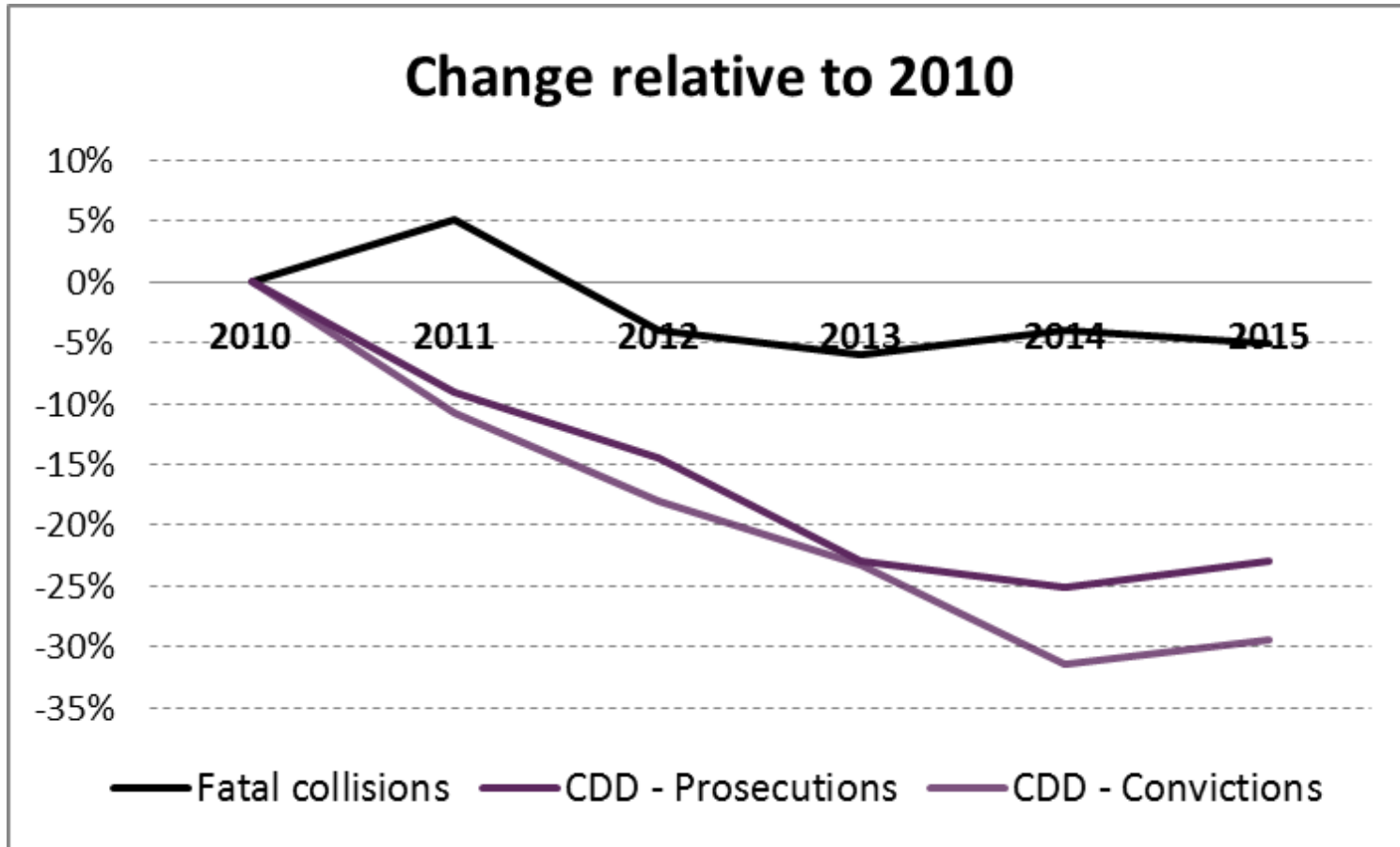
Collision investigation – the cornerstone of justice



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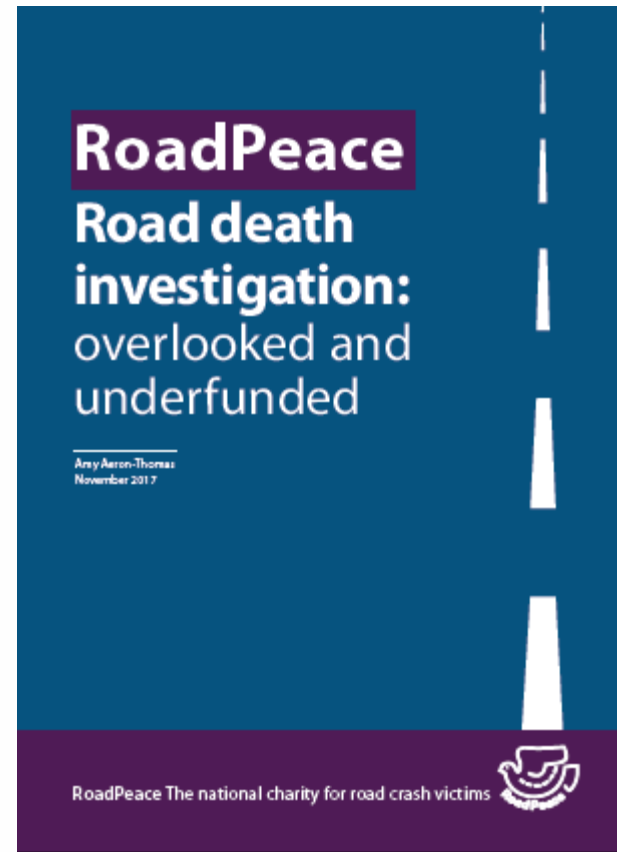
Reason for concern: Fatal Collisions, Prosecutions and Convictions



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Road Death Investigation Report

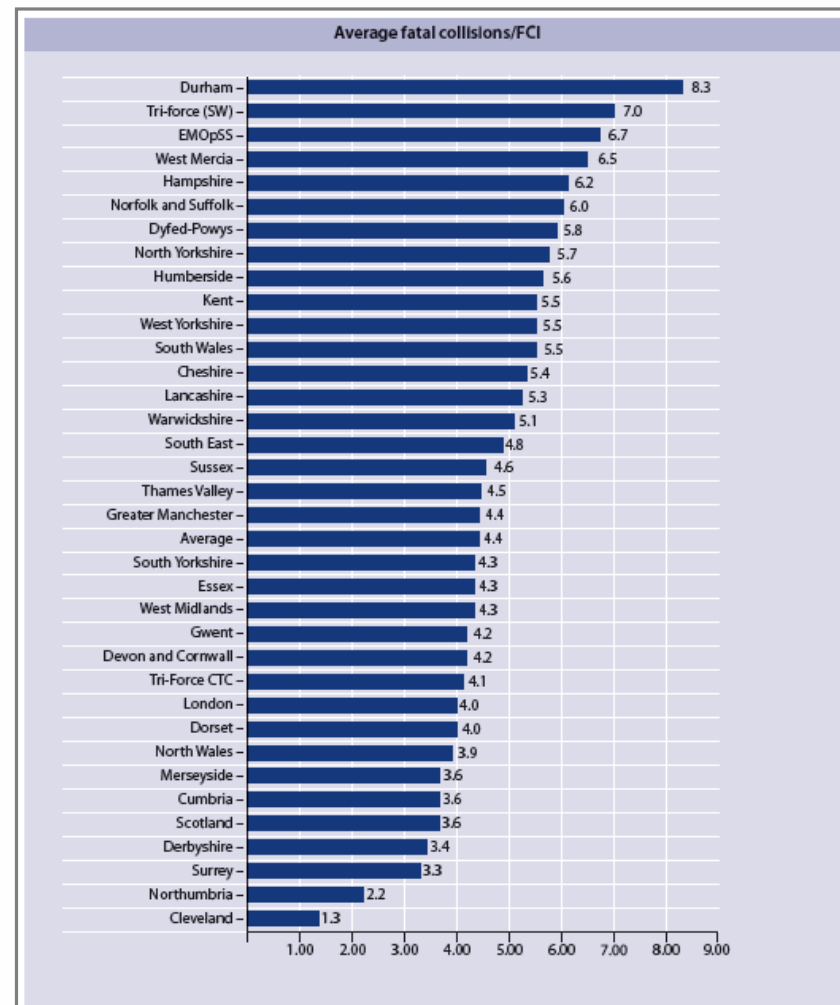
- Background
- Baseline review
- RoadPeace assessment
- Conclusions and calls




Resources

Average fatal collisions/FCI

- Tri-force (SW) 7.0
- *Hampshire* 6.2
- *Thames Valley* 4.5
- *Surrey* 2.3
- Northumbria 2.2



National Guidance



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- Partner agencies
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Road policing


Investigation of fatal and serious injury road collisions

The police are the lead agency for collision investigation, and have the primary duty to investigate and establish the circumstances that have led to road deaths and life changing injuries. They must discharge their responsibilities to the coroner, the wider judiciary and family members. The investigation provides an explanation to family and friends of what has happened to the deceased and/or seriously injured. It should also be used to identify preventive measures to reduce further deaths and serious injuries on the roads (see [NPPCC \(2015\) Policing the Roads in Partnership – 5 Year Strategy 2015 – 2020](#)).

Forces should ensure that:

- there is an appropriate initial response and an investigation stage
- there is effective collision scene management
- an effective forensic collision investigation strategy is in place
- the investigating team have access to appropriate facilities, equipment and external expertise to perform their roles effectively
- there are agreements with partner agencies which clarify roles and responsibilities in relation to road death investigation
- specific roles and responsibilities are set out.

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Calls: Quality assurance

1. National Oversight Group

NPCC, HMIC, College of Policing, Home Office, DfT, Forensic Science Regulator, Police Federation, MPS, Coroners Society, stakeholders

2. National guidance and best practice standards

Guidance update and standards agreed

Case file template

RoadPeace and CLOCS

1. Developing survivor advocates
2. Promoting thorough investigations
3. Facilitating coroner reports to prevent future lorry deaths

Coroners and Prevention



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Reports to Prevent Future Deaths

Paragraph 7 of Schedule 5, Coroners and Justice Act 2009, provides coroners with the duty to make reports to a person, organisation, local authority or government department or agency where the coroner believes that action should be taken to prevent future deaths.

All reports (formerly known as Rule 43 reports) and responses must be sent to the Chief Coroner. In most cases the Chief Coroner will publish the reports and responses on this website. Details of the procedures are set out in [Regulations 28 and 29, Coroners \(Investigations\) Regulations 2013](#).

The Chief Coroner's Office is currently working to upload all Reports made since 25 July 2013. Please ensure you check back with this page on a regular basis.

[View all Reports to Prevent Future Deaths \(PFDs\)](#)



Lorry death inquests



RoadPeace at January 31, 2018

Limited learning from Lucia Ciccioli's inquest

Direct Vision Standards (DVS) for lorries cannot come soon enough. The week the consultation on the introduction of DVS for [...]

Coroner prevention checklist

Collision site	Collision record, Community concerns, Police traffic inspection visit
Lorry	HGV safety equipment
Lorry company	CLOCS compliant
Route	Approved, Near O/D (last mile)
Driver	Driver training, Distraction (hands free phone)
Victim	Route familiarity, Aware of lorry risk

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