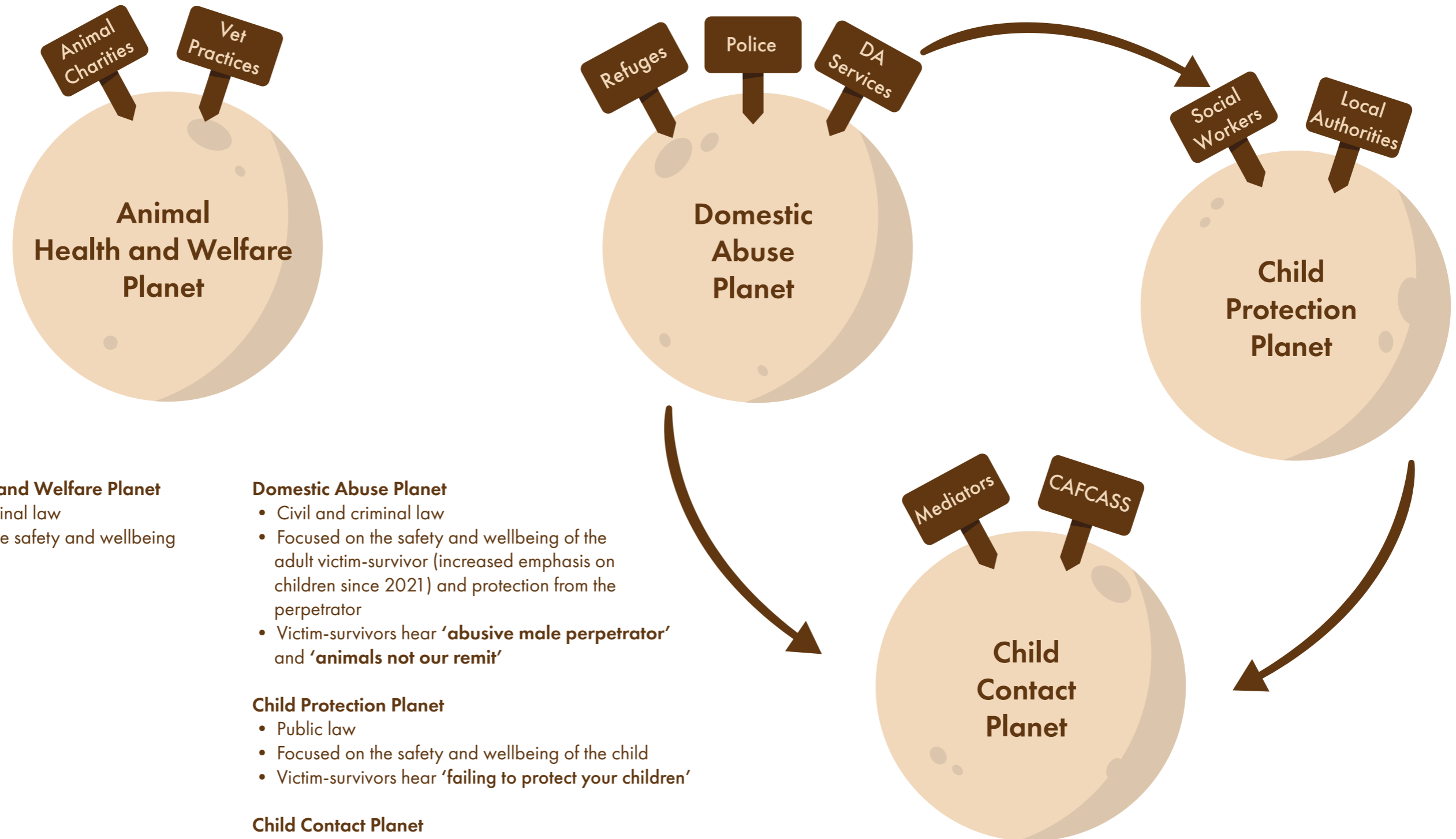


The Four Planets Model

Current approach to women, children and animals safety in the context of domestic abuse



Animal Health and Welfare Planet

- Civil and criminal law
- Focused on the safety and wellbeing of animals

Domestic Abuse Planet

- Civil and criminal law
- Focused on the safety and wellbeing of the adult victim-survivor (increased emphasis on children since 2021) and protection from the perpetrator
- Victim-survivors hear 'abusive male perpetrator' and 'animals not our remit'

Child Protection Planet

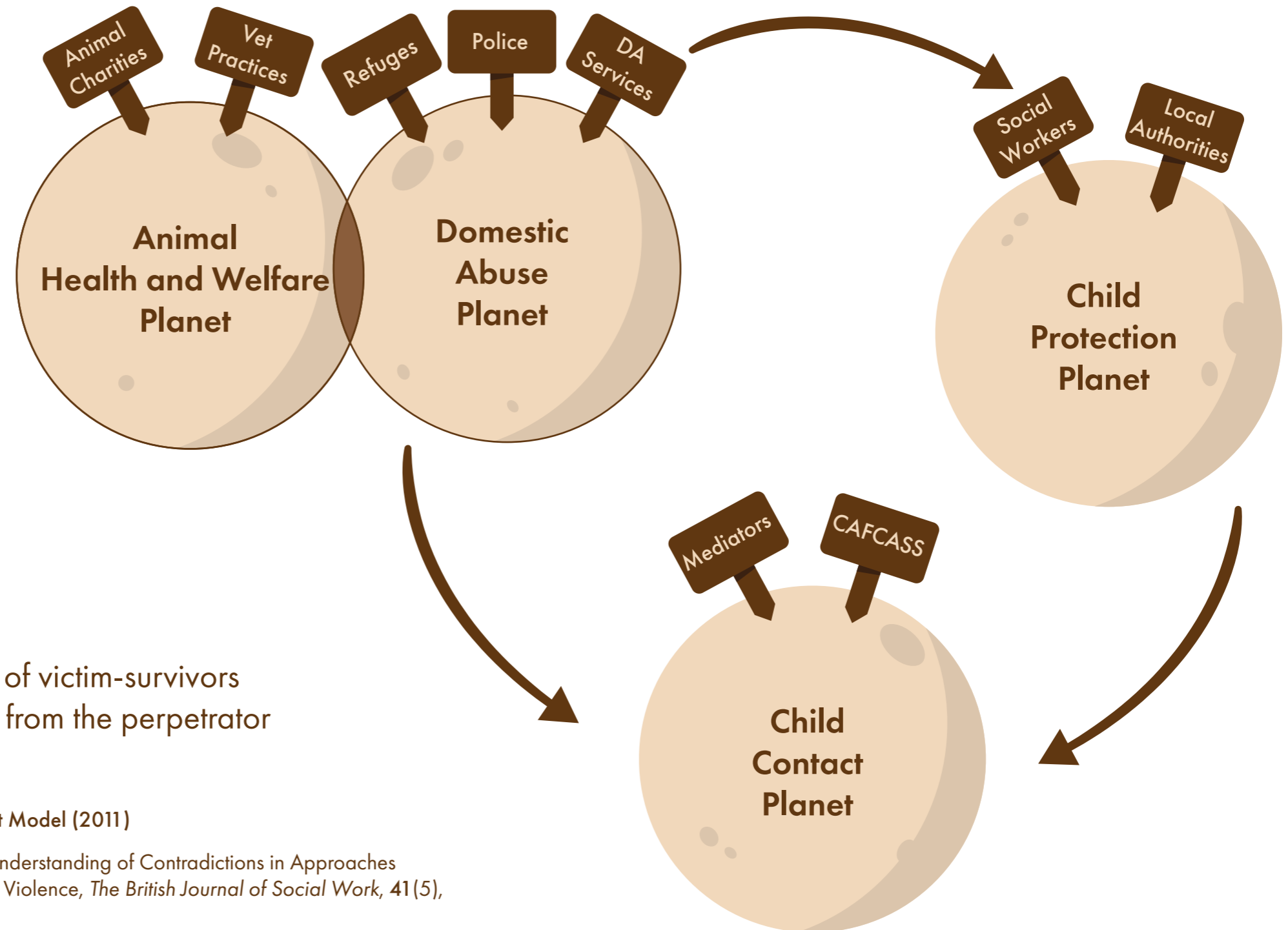
- Public law
- Focused on the safety and wellbeing of the child
- Victim-survivors hear 'failing to protect your children'

Child Contact Planet

- Private law
- Focused on the family including the parental rights of the perpetrator
- Victim-survivors hear 'good enough father'

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A more integrated approach to safeguarding victim-survivors (people and animals)



Animal Health and Welfare and Domestic Abuse Planets integrate

Focused on the safety and wellbeing of victim-survivors (people and animals) and protection from the perpetrator

Adaptation of Professor Marianne Hester's Three Planet Model (2011)

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