



## **Domestic Abuse Forum - Action Plan**

The Domestic Abuse Forum provides effective leadership in the areas of domestic abuse to ensure shared strategic objectives and joint approach across all services and sectors promoting multi agency working, collective decision-making and comprehensive information sharing and data collection.

The Domestic Abuse Forum is accountable to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) that has a statutory responsibility around reducing crime and disorder.

### **The aims of the forum are:**

- To contribute to the reduction and prevention of domestic abuse and when it occurs, an increased confidence amongst those affected by domestic abuse to report it.
- To promote and ensure an effective response to incidents of domestic abuse through co-operation between the private, public and voluntary sectors in the provision of high-quality services
- To strengthen the protection of adults and children experiencing, affected by or at risk of suffering domestic abuse.
- To act as a hub for best practice and evidence-based interventions
- To respond to changes in national guidelines and the introduction of new legislation to ensure best practice is adopted.

### **Priorities:**

#### **Priority 1 – To prevent domestic abuse (and associated harm) from taking place**

**Action 1a:** To oversee and guide the development of targeted campaigns, key messages and materials, utilising existing programmes and media. Campaigns will promote key messages that emphasise:

- Healthy relationships
- Domestic abuse will not be tolerated
- Freedom from abuse and from the fear of violence is a basic right
- Sexual assault may accompany domestic violence
- Those who have experienced domestic abuse are not responsible for it
- Help is available from a wide range of services
- People identifying domestic abuse should work with victims and perpetrators to stop it where it is safe to do so

Campaigns will be diverse and address domestic abuse within a wide variety of relationships including heterosexual relationships, child/parental conflict, adolescents, elders, same sex relationship and disabled adults.

**Action 1b:** Ensure that staff are trained to an appropriate level for their role that provides the right skills and knowledge about domestic abuse.

Workers from varying disciplines and organisational backgrounds, possessing a range of skills and abilities, currently provide a frontline response to families and individuals experiencing and / or perpetrating domestic abuse. These workers require varying levels of training, development and support to enable them to work safely, effectively and consistently.

**Action 1c:** Those experiencing domestic abuse can access services and support through a clear pathway

It is important that any barriers that prevent people accessing services need to be identified and removed. This should be done in consultation with local groups that have an equality remit (including organisations representing the interests of specific groups), and in line with statutory requirements. This includes; people from black and minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, older people, transgender people and lesbian, gay or bisexual people.

## **Priority 2 - To plan and deliver co-ordinated, effective and sustainable services to victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse**

**Action 2a:** To oversee and guide the integrated commissioning of services for those affected by domestic abuse, ensuring that services are responsive, effective, fit for purpose and provide value for money.

**Action 2b:** Engage and work with other multi-agency partnerships (e.g. Safeguarding Adults Board, IOW Safeguarding Children's Board) in ensuring strategies and action plans reference and address effective and co-ordinated multi-agency responses to domestic abuse including those with complex needs.

## **Priority 3: To understand our local needs and priorities for future planning with regards to domestic abuse services**

**Action 3a:** To ensure that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Community Safety Assessments explicitly address the incidence and prevalence of domestic abuse, ensuring that this informs future commissioning

## Priority 1 - To prevent domestic abuse (and associated harm) from taking place

Task	Outcome	Resources	Actions	Completion	Progress
To provide an annual programme for campaigns and support focus group work, in order to promote key messages on domestic abuse.	The public are informed on what constitutes a healthy relationship and are made aware of the support and services available on the Isle of Wight for those at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse.	Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Forum (DAF)	To provide Community Safety Partnership with an annual programme for campaigns.	May 2020	2 campaign meetings have taken place and 2 more are booked in for the rest of the year. Training planning meeting to take place.
	Victims access services more quickly, leading to early intervention and a reduction in further harm.	Domestic Abuse Project Officer finances for materials. Communications support	To take the lead in co-ordinating 6 x key campaigns per annum, supported by a focus group, and as defined by the DAF.	Dec 2020	<p><b>Family Safety Week – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – cancelled due to COVID-19</b> Look at the effect of DV on children Raise awareness on APV and support available Series on media messages to highlight these both.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 - COVID-19 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March onwards</b> Regular social media messages sent out to promote the support available IOW Council website updated to include COVID-19 updates and links to support available Press Release – 1/4/20 “Services still available for victims of Domestic Abuse during the Coronavirus pandemic. Neighbours urged to look out for each other” IOW Live radio interview on 8/4/20 Press Release – 22/4/20 “Surge in calls to Island Domestic Abuse services during Coronavirus lockdown” BBC Radio Solent interview postponed due to technical issues.</p> <p><b>EURO 2020 – 12<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – postponed until 2021</b></p> <p><b>Elder abuse day – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b> To increase awareness in the elderly community and increase referrals for support. Bus stop advertising and press release.</p> <p><b>PRIDE – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020- postponed</b></p> <p><b>September 2020 and January 2021</b> Increase in self-referrals at this time of year following main school holidays. Weekly social media messages to promote the support that is available. September Campaign to focus on the impact on children</p> <p><b>16 Days of Action – 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inc White Ribbon Day 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b></p>

					<p>"Our Community against domestic violence" – its inclusive aim is to educate and inform the community about domestic abuse and sexual violence and how to support family, friends and/or community members. A robust campaign which will focus on different themes and types of support for everyone.</p> <p>Press release at the start of the campaign with 3 social media posts throughout the 16 days. 16 daily interactive Facebook stories throughout the campaign to focus on raising awareness and signposting for support. 3 bus stop posters created with advertising throughout December.</p>
<p>Support organisations to ensure their staff are trained to an appropriate level for their role that provides the right skills and knowledge about Domestic Abuse.</p>	<p>Victims access services more quickly, leading to early intervention and a reduction in further harm.</p> <p>Frontline staff can recognise indicators of domestic abuse and ask relevant questions to support people in disclosing current or past experiences and enable access to services. Increased referrals to DA services from a range of organisations</p>	<p>Domestic Abuse Project Officer</p> <p>Resource availability and cost ICT</p> <p>Dragonfly Costs and time implications</p>	<p>To work with the Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership to establish the current training provision. Identify any gaps against the above guidance. Identify options and resource implications for delivering against those gaps.</p> <p>Dragonfly training is free and accessible to all frontline staff</p>	<p>March 2020</p> <p>Quarterly</p>	<p>Free e learning for all council employees is now available and talks are taking place to see if this can be rolled out to our partner organisations and what the costings may be. Training available for all school staff and learning providers from September.</p> <p>6 sessions of DASH training have been agreed to be provided by You First in 2020- . Update: DASH training to be replaced with 5 additional Dragonfly training dates with DASH training provided additionally where appropriate.</p> <p>Multi agency training that SCP do twice each year on the trio of disadvantage (Domestic Abuse, Adult mental ill health and Adult substance misuse) which looks at how these link and are rarely seen in isolation. You Trust are part of this delivery as well as RAFT team members.</p> <p>RPC training is free and available to all frontline staff. Website contains information and training dates as well as links to DA pages. All Barnardos staff have received the training.</p> <p><b>Break for Change</b> – delivered by YOT. Last programme to be delivered Winter 2020. Parenting Officer Eileen Eaton has temporary additional hours to support parents who are being impact by APV and referrals currently being made to Barnardos Who's in Charge programme.</p> <p><b>Who's in Charge-</b> delivered by Barnardos. Currently offering on a one to one basis with a worker doing weekly calls and sending the pre reading for parents for every session. They are doing some video conference style sessions and workshops as an interim and some involve logging in to do a session independently and then having phone support and others involve being part of a live group. Requests continue to be responded to in the same way as usual with an initial phone call to establish the needs and then to offer the service that suits best. Just not face to face currently. YOT staff have now completed Who's in charge training and will be delivering it to parents of YP open to YOT</p>

					<p><b>Dragonfly training</b> – to deliver training too high volume geographical areas identified in report. 5 additional sessions arranged – 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November. Dragonfly training also available throughout the 16 Days of Action Campaign.</p> <p><b>WightDASH</b> - Freedom Programme starts online in mid August. DA Recovery toolkit will begin shortly after that and ACE's. WOW centre to re-open once it is COVID secure for booked slots and limited numbers. One to one work is still available and we are seeing an increased demand across a range of issues. Taster session for professionals available for Freedom programme during 16 days of action campaign.</p> <p><b>HDAP</b> Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership training information is sent to DAF and circulated.</p>
To develop a clear single pathway to access support services to present to DAF	Those experiencing DA can access services through a clear pathway. Agencies have a better understanding of the referral process and are confident in signposting	Hampshire DA Partnership Communications	To produce a pathway document to share across all agencies.  To produce a training directory	May 2020	DA Pathway completed and sent to all schools, partners and members and is available to download at <a href="http://www.wight/domesticabuse">www.wight/domesticabuse</a> Hampshire are developing a similar pathway for offenders which they will share with us.  Training directory being organised and will be put on webpages once completed. Training sub group to discuss and plan future training.
To receive quarterly reports relating to MARAC	To strengthen the process through implementation of HRDA process	Domestic Abuse Forum Commissioned provider	To encourage the reporting of incidents to ensure a comprehensive service is received	Quarterly	MARAC cases recorded within agency data collection and HRDA meeting now taking place.

## Priority 2 - To plan and deliver co-ordinated, effective and sustainable services to victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse

Task	Outcome	Resources	Actions	Completion	Progress
Domestic abuse is prioritised across strategic partnership boards with recognition of the impact on outcomes and need for co-ordinated responses.	Domestic abuse services are effective, and deliver co-ordinated support to victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse and provide value for money.	Integrated Commissioning Unit and Commissioned Provider	To provide quarterly performance reports to DAF incorporating commissioned providers' reporting against KPIs, to include feedback and evidence of best practice and issues for consideration by commissioners.	Quarterly	Reports provided and discussed at monitoring meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Ensure JSNA and CSA address the incidence and prevalence of DA	This information informs future commissioning and recommendations to the DAF.	Public Health and Community Safety Partnership	Strategic partnership boards to confirm that DA is being prioritised and reflected in their resources		
The recommendations and learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews, Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Serious Case Reviews where domestic abuse is a factor are completed and embedded.	To learn lessons and help prevent further domestic homicides and serious incidents.	DAF and partner agencies	To ensure training is provided through learning reviews.	Quarterly	Miss N Learning review completed, and feedback provided to DAF on 3/9/20
A better understanding of repeat victims and how they can be supported better.	Services and campaigns deliver projects to reduce repeat victims	Service user group to feedback	To develop a profile and needs assessment of repeat victims	December 2020	To be discussed at December 2020 meeting as an agenda item.

### Priority 3 – To understand our local needs and priorities for future planning

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Data capture proposal developed and implemented to track trends.	Local need is better understood	Partner agencies	Agencies to collect data each quarter and report to DAF.	Quarterly	Data is now collected from 11 agencies and includes a narrative. Emma has had a brief overview of the data and it has been put into a spreadsheet. Awaiting further analysis to be provided by December 2020.