

Annexe B: domestic abuse in Kirklees

National, Regional and Local Prevalence

The main sources for accessing national prevalence data about domestic abuse are the Office for National Statistics (ONS); and the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW).

For the year ending March 2021, figures show that:

The Police recorded a total of **845,734** domestic abuse-related crimes nationally, which is an increase of **6%** from the previous year (ONS).

Nationally, domestic abuse related crimes make up **18%** of all recorded crimes.

In West Yorkshire domestic abuse related crimes make up **21%** of all recorded crimes.

West Yorkshire Police statistics show an increase of **2%** in 2020/21 to **53,508** domestic abuse related crimes.

In terms of outcomes as a result of reporting of incidents of domestic abuse to West Yorkshire Police it is noted that for the period April 2020 to November 2021 across West Yorkshire there were:

58.6% Victim Declines/Withdraws Support

29% Evidential Difficulties (Police)

4.1% Charged

3.5% Evidential Difficulties (Crown Prosecution Service)

Furthermore, there was an attrition rate regionally of **23.6%** (Kirklees rate is **21.2%**). The reasons for the attrition were attributable to:

Victim fails to attend in **60.8%**

Acquittal after trial **12.1%**

Victim refuses to give evidence or retracts **6.5%**

Administration finalised **4.8%**

Undermining evidence received or evidence ruled inadmissible **3.9%**

Priority One: Supporting perpetrators to change their behaviour

In order for the partnership to support as many perpetrators as possible it is important to understand who is likely to commit domestic abuse, challenges they face, and likelihood to accept support.

Between April 2019 and March 2021 **94** high / medium risk males attended the Domestic Abuse Prevention Programme (DAPP) sessions, which is available to male perpetrators.

Attendees are **60% White** and **40% BME** and likely to be aged **30 to 39**

Perpetrators, of victims supported with securing housing were likely to have mental health issues (**48%**), drug issues (**69%**), or alcohol issues (**69%**)

Of the reports made into the Police between January 2019 and October 2021 the perpetrators were more likely to be aged between **21 – 40 (48%)** and **male**.

Priority Two: Partnership response to victims with multiple needs

A **third** of victims supported with securing housing had **mental** and /or **physical** disabilities. Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership (**PDAP**) are commissioned to deliver the IDA Service in Kirklees. From January 2019 to October 2021, PDAP have summarised that:

709 victims have accessed support.

34% of victims supported by PDAP have physical and or mental health disabilities.

40% of victims supported were in receipt of income support.

KRASAC offers support and advisory services for people, aged 13+, who have experienced rape, sexual and domestic abuse, at any time in their lives, living in Kirklees, Calderdale and Wakefield.

Between February 2019 to April 2021 **192** survivors of abuse through domestic violence accessed support.

Over **80%** of survivors have mental and/or physical disabilities.

Priority Three: Whole Family Approach to domestic abuse

“Living in a home where domestic abuse happens can have a serious impact on a child or young person's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as their behaviour. And this can last into adulthood.” - NSPCC

23% of referrals of children into Early Support have been impacted by domestic abuse.

24% of domestic abuse related incidents and crimes occurred when children were present.

18% of survivors engaging with RASAC present with current or historic cases of Child Sexual Abuse.

Priority Four: Supporting victims to maintain or access safe and stable housing

During the period September 2019 to October 2021 **105** homes have been made more secure

PDAP provide refuge accommodation for women in need of emergency protection between January 2019 and October 2021, **1,031** referrals for emergency refuge accommodation were received.

Priority Five: Multi-agency working arrangements

Between Jan 2019 and October 2021 the Kirklees Daily Risk Assessment Management Meetings (DRAMM) dealt with **5,989** medium and high risk cases. Of these, 48% were considered high risk and referred to the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). In cases referred to MARAC:

over **90%** were **female** and **31%** were **BME**

Less than **1%** of DRAMM and MARAC cases were LGBT+

37% of MARAC cases were repeats.

Date provided by Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership (who support victims through the criminal justice system)

541 charges were made by the Police and **251** victims have been supported through the criminal justice process.

56 perpetrators received custodial sentences and **79** restraining orders were granted.