

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE: 13th June 2019
TITLE OF PAPER: Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy 2019/21
<p>1. Purpose of paper</p> <p>To inform members of the Health and Wellbeing Board about the progress and sign off of the Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy 2019/21 and its associated strategic priorities.</p>
<p>2. Background</p> <p>Whilst the governance (and therefore formal sign off) of the Domestic Abuse Strategy sits with the Kirklees Communities Partnership Board, it is recognised that domestic abuse is a cross cutting area that links to a number of policy themes and therefore required the contribution and oversight of wider Council Boards. As part of the engagement plan, the strategy has been shared more widely so that key stakeholders and groups are cited on strategy development, plans for implementation and the partnership capabilities required to respond to this agenda.</p>
<p>3. Proposal</p> <p>The strategy will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board for information and for members to note the key areas of work that are planned for Year 1.</p> <p>Domestic abuse is a complex social problem that can have major human and financial impacts on children, adults, families and communities. Domestic abuse affects people from all demographics and backgrounds and the damage caused to health and wellbeing can often last throughout the person's life course.</p> <p>In addition to the disruption caused by domestic abuse to individuals and families, there are also significant costs involved in addressing domestic abuse across all agencies so a strong partnership response is required to be able to tackle this.</p> <p>The Domestic Abuse Strategy 2019/21 will directly link to the vision outlined in the Kirklees JHWS of <i>'no matter where they live, people in Kirklees live their lives confidently, in better health, for longer and experience less inequality.'</i></p>
<p>4. Financial Implications</p> <p>None, although as part of on-going commissioning arrangements, the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership will continue to seek funds from partner agencies to enable continuation of joint programmes (such as the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate contract which is due for re-tender this year) and any new, evidence based initiatives.</p>
<p>5. Sign off</p> <p>The Domestic Abuse Strategy has been created by the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership which has a wide membership of senior leaders from the council, partners and voluntary and community sector agencies. The emerging plans for the new strategy, along with progress of the 2015/18 strategy and identification of risks/funding implications were discussed at the Council's Overview</p>

and Scrutiny Management Committee on 3rd September 2018. This was followed up by another progress update on 5th November 2019 and shared with the Council's Executive Team on 8th January 2019, where further commitment and funding for the agenda were secured. The new strategy has been communicated with Strategic Directors within Adult Social Care and the Council's Corporate Policy and Strategy Directorate, with formal sign off at the Communities Board on 10th May 2019. In addition to this, the strategy will be presented to the Council's Executive Team on Tuesday 11th June 2019.

6. Next Steps

Once the Domestic Abuse Strategy is shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board, it is anticipated that members will continue to support this agenda and remain receptive to receiving further updates as work progresses. The detailed Year 1 Action Plan is currently being finalised and can be shared with the Board once complete.

7. Recommendations

- That the Board supports the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2019/21, given the links between domestic abuse and the Kirklees JHWS
- That the Board receives further updates regarding progress if required

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