

Title: Progress Update on Implementation of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2015-18

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1. Purpose of report

To provide an update on the activities undertaken to progress work within the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2015-18 – Taking up the Challenge Towards Freedom to address domestic abuse.

2. Key points

As part of governance arrangements, the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board has agreed to provide regular progress reports on the implementation of the Strategy to the Community Safety Partnership Executive. A review of actions undertaken from April 2015 to February 2016 is set out in the attached Action Plan and is presented to the Executive for comments.

Key achievements include:

- Funding from Adults Services, Stronger Families, Public Health, Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner pooled to enhance Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service. This tender has now been awarded and start-up phase is due to begin on 21st March 2016
- Service Manager for Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Partnerships started in post mid-February 2016
- Strategic Delivery Group now agreed for Safe & Cohesive Communities to provide funding for MARAC Co-ordinator post 2016/17
- Perpetrator programmes recently started in Kirklees delivered by Yorkshire Children's Centre and CRI working at all tiers of need now linked into local services
- Renewed marketing campaign, *It's Never OK – Having a Baby won't stop Domestic Abuse* commenced 1st March 2016 to target pregnant women (film to be shown)
- Planning commenced for annual snapshot survey with local services (28th April 2016) to capture more detail around local incidence and victims from minority groups
- Initial consultation undertaken with victims and research commenced into specific needs of ethnic minority communities
- Lesbian Bi-sexual Gay and Transgender workstream reviewing provision for victims
- The Step Up Programme provided by Stronger Families to tackle Teen Violence and Abuse towards Parents will be starting mid-April

- Training audit completed – Domestic Abuse Strategy Group agreed to fund basic E-Learning package and mid-level classroom training is in development for 2016/17 (jointly between Children’s and Adult’s Safeguarding Boards). MARAC training programme also scheduled for 2016. Safeguarding Boards & Community Safety Partnership workshop held 05/11/15 identified cross partnership training priorities to be taken forwards (FGM, CSE and Council’s approach to EIP)
- Review of referral pathways into domestic abuse services are underway as part of wider review of Children’s Services and the Integrated Domestic Abuse Team are now co-located with early help and social workers

3. Implications for the Partnership

The Domestic Abuse Strategy Partnership will continue to provide reports to the Executive in the interests of reducing crime, increasing personal safety and protecting people from harm.

4. Consultees and their opinions

The action plan has been discussed at the Domestic Abuse Partnership which comprises managers from key partners and has been circulated to the Domestic Abuse Forum. Progress reports have also been provided to the Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Boards, Integrated Commissioning Executive, Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and updates have been provided in December and January to North Kirklees CCG, Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Board and the Children’s Trust Executive with Health and Wellbeing Board presentation due in March 2016.

5. Next steps

To build on progress made in 2015; to plan activity for implementation during Year 2 of the Strategy and to measure progress, impact and outcomes for children, adults and families.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Executive:

- Notes the progress of work undertaken to address priorities in the Strategy
- Receives further updates in 2016.

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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