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1. Summary

This report provides an update on activity to tackle domestic abuse in Kirklees.

This includes:

- Meeting the new statutory duty to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation
- Development of the 2022-27 Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy; and
- A summary of activity to deliver the strategy, including funding arrangements and impact.

2. Information required to take a decision

2.1 Statutory duty to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation

The 2021 Domestic Abuse Act introduced a new statutory requirement for local authorities to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation.

Local authorities are being supported to meet new statutory requirements with the provision of grant funding, which has been allocated/confirmed as follows:

- 2021/22 £918,922
- 2022/23 £921,466
- 2023/24 £939,899
- 2024/25 £957,632

A summary of how this funding has been allocated is provided as Annexe A. Section 2.2.1 of this report provides an overview of proposals to allocate funding in future years. Sections 2.3 – 2.7 provide further information about funding has had an impact on delivery.

Further to an update to Scrutiny Committee on 9 November 2021, Kirklees has now established all the necessary arrangements to meet statutory requirements, as follows:

Requirement	How requirement has been met	Ongoing activity
Establish local partnership board	Complete – the existing Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership (DASP) meets statutory definition of a local partnership board, and terms of reference have been updated to reflect the legislation.	Monitoring attendance to maintain quoracy
Assess need for support in the local area	Complete – a multi-agency working group mapped existing provision to identify what is working well, gaps and gather intelligence to develop a robust, evidence-based strategy	The needs assessment needs to be completed every three years, and is due to be refreshed in 2024

Requirement	How requirement has been met	Ongoing activity
Publish a strategy for the provision of support for victims in safe accommodation	An addendum to the 2019-21 Domestic Abuse Strategy was published on 26 th October 2021. The 2022-2027 DA Strategy includes provision for supporting victims in safe accommodation	The 2022-27 Domestic Abuse Strategy will be refreshed with emerging priorities, including any new activities that may be identified through the needs assessment (above)
Give effect to the strategy (for example through commissioning arrangements)	Initial funding allocated through a variety of short-term arrangements, including variation to existing contracts, grants, new commissioning activities.	With the certainty of future year's funding, we are working with finance and procurement to develop longer term commissioning arrangements.
Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy	Funded arrangements are subject to partnership oversight through robust monitoring arrangements and presentations to the DASP.	Baseline data collated and arrangements for quarterly monitoring are in development
Report back annually to central government (e) above	Monitoring data requested by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities submitted within deadline (30 th June 2022).	DLUHC hosted a series of workshops to request feedback on monitoring form – feedback submitted on behalf of providers

2.2 Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-27

The 2022-27 Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy was approved by the Communities Board on 14 June 2022 and endorsed by Cabinet on 17 January 2023.

All work to deliver the Strategy is underpinned by the following strategic aims:

- Responding to voices of people who have experienced domestic abuse
- Intelligence
- Supporting our workforce
- Specialist Services
- working with our communities
- Partnership commitment

In the first year of the Strategy, development work has taken place across these aims to establish mechanisms for people who have experienced domestic abuse to share their stories; to refresh the intelligence that supports our delivery; to improve support for our workforce; and to establish key performance measures to track how individual agencies respond to domestic abuse. A summary of these activities is provided as Annexe B.

In addition, there has been significant activity to support our specialist services and to support communities. This is summarised in sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 below.

The Strategy was designed to incorporate all domestic abuse related activity undertaken by the Council and its partners through the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership, and includes the following strategic priorities:

- Whole Family Approach to domestic abuse

- Supporting perpetrators to change behaviour
- Partnership response to victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics
- Supporting victims to maintain or access safe and stable housing
- Multi-agency working arrangements

In the first year, the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership agreed to prioritise activity under the first two strategic priorities (in light of changes to legislation recognises children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right; and of funding opportunities in relation to supporting behaviour change in perpetrators). Further detail regarding delivery against each of these priorities is provided in sections 2.3 – 2.7 below, with supporting data provided as Annexe C.

2.2.1 *Supporting specialist services*

The grant provided by DLUHC provides a significant increase in funding and with it, the opportunity to consider our domestic abuse provision across the system.

With support from Procurement, the Domestic Abuse Team within Communities and Access Services have facilitated sessions for local providers of domestic abuse support services (for victims, children and perpetrators) to reflect on existing commissioning arrangements, the potential for pooling budgets and reducing the number of individual contracts. Local services have commended our approach and look forward to exploring opportunities that enable local services to work together even more closely to support victims and children, and encourage behaviour change in those who cause harm.

2.2.2 *Working with communities*

The Strategy includes a commitment to work with local communities to understand the local picture of domestic abuse, barriers to accessing services and what more is needed to keep victims, survivors and their families safe and hold abusers to account for their behaviour.

Investment by Place Partnerships has provided a valuable opportunity trial a community engagement approach to domestic abuse, with funding available to support the recruitment of four domestic abuse consultants working at place to raise awareness of domestic abuse, particularly the non-physical aspects, and the support that is available.

The Consultants commenced on 25 October 2021 and have conducted 263 engagement activities reaching 2,768 people. Of these:

- 70 awareness raising sessions have been delivered to 739 people based within the community, resulting in attendees reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse;
- 101 awareness raising sessions and issue specific briefings have been delivered to 1062 professionals in Kirklees, resulting in attendees reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse; and
- 92 meetings have been held/attended with 967 professionals, anchors, community leads and members.

Over the last 12 months, the place-based team have worked in alignment with the development of the Inclusive Communities Framework and collaborated with communities to raise awareness of domestic abuse giving a voice to local people, many previously unheard, about domestic abuse and what it means to them and their communities. Through these activities the team has encouraged and supported a better understanding of the complexities of domestic abuse beyond physical violence including a deeper understanding of coercive control fostering greater confidence to recognise and appropriately respond to people affected by domestic abuse, working alongside local people to build confidence and resilience.

Engagement activity is data and intelligence led, using police incident reporting data to highlight the availability of support services and other resources in areas with high reports; and to target areas where there are no reports, working with local community organisations to build confidence in support services and police.

Crucially, consultants have also worked closely with schools and Education Safeguarding to develop domestic abuse training for young people that could be delivered as part of their PSHE curriculum. Designated Safeguarding leads have been trained and supported to deliver the training inhouse so that it can be a sustainable and ongoing part of the young people's curriculum. Feedback has been collected by schools to measure the impact of the training on children and young people and confirm that children now feel more knowledgeable about domestic abuse and who they can approach for support.

The team also works closely with partners to support local initiatives, such as supporting Police to establish Safezones (further detail about the scheme available [here](#) and a list of Safezones provided as Annexe D) and working with the University to support research into stalking. The team seeks to work closely with local ward members to ensure good reach and community insight.

Over the next 12 months the Team will continue to engage with local communities to raise awareness of domestic abuse and deliver a broader range of activity including sessions on economic abuse and working with those who harm.

2.2.3 Whole Family Approach to Domestic Abuse

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on the Whole Family Approach to Domestic Abuse priority, which has identified four strands to supporting whole families where there is a perpetrator of domestic abuse:

- supporting children and young people that have been affected by parental domestic abuse
- supporting young people that are victims or survivors of domestic abuse in their own relationships
- supporting young people that perpetrate abuse against other people, whether in intimate partner relationships or against family members
- direct, preventative work with children and young people to support the development of healthy relationships.

Over this first year of the Strategy, the working group prioritised work on supporting children and young people that have been affected by parental abuse. Further detail on activity under each of these headings is provided below.

Supporting children & young people that have been affected by parental domestic abuse

The funding provided through the DLUHC grant has allowed us to:

- commission a specific service providing therapeutic support for children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse. From April – September 2022, 39 children and young people have engaged in a full programme of support, with each child participating in an (average of) 8-week programme to improve their understanding of how domestic abuse may have affected them; to build confidence and resilience; to rebuild relationships with family; and to reduce feelings of anxiety and sadness through positive coping strategies.
- Invest in children's support workers across all refuge sites, who have worked with 64 children and their mothers during the period April – September 2022. As children in refuge often have complex needs, which require high standards of care, trauma informed practice and an understanding of the impact of domestic abuse, there are a range of sessions and activities available to help the whole family heal from trauma and build positive coping strategies, including yoga, dancing, parent workshops, work experience, mindfulness, Eden Forest, day trips etc. All refuge residents are supported to access and work positively with education, health services, children's services and other local services to achieve better outcomes for their children, and children's workers actively participate in multi-agency arrangements such as Team Around the Family, Child in Need and Child Protection meetings. As a result of this work, children in the refuges show greater trust in and a willingness to fully engage with a range of professionals, and there have been significant increases in children engaging in education.
- Recruit to additional roles within the School Transition and Reach Service (STARs) to provide intensive support to families that have experienced domestic abuse which has impacted on the child's ability to engage positively in education (i.e. attendance to drop to 75% or below, permanent exclusion/frequent exclusions, the need for a part time timetable or significant recorded poor/challenging behaviour). STARs is focused on minimising disengagement from learning at key transition points and addressing a wide range of family outcomes from mental health to challenging behaviour, and the funding provided through the DLUHC grant enables work with a specific cohort to reduce the risk of future involvement in domestic abuse and promote healthy relationships. This service will be open to referrals from February 2023 onwards.

Supporting young people that are victims or survivors of domestic abuse in their own relationships

The working group has mapped existing services to respond to this group of young people. In line with national findings, there are disproportionately low reports to police and other services for this cohort, which may indicate either a lack of knowledge of or trust in local services, and/or a degree of normalising abusive behaviour in intimate relationships. The working group will work with local specialist services and explore funding avenues to increase the availability of specialist support for this cohort.

Supporting young people that perpetrate abuse against other people, whether in intimate partner relationships or against family members

The working group has mapped existing services to respond to young people that harm others. There are limited resources available, either at a local, regional or national level,

that respond specifically to this group of young people. However, recent announcements by the Home Office in relation to the availability of funding for perpetrator interventions indicates that there may be specific streams of funding to support children and young people that cause harm. The working group will work with local specialist services and explore funding avenues to increase the availability of specialist support for this cohort.

Direct, preventative work with children and young people to support the development of healthy relationships.

As outlined in section 2.2.2 above, DACET has worked closely with schools and Education Safeguarding to develop domestic abuse training for young people to be delivered as part of their PSHE curriculum.

In addition, we have been working closely with the None in Three Research school at Huddersfield University to promote the availability of a prosocial online game, which aims to facilitate young people's learning about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like, empowering them to spot and call out the early signs of intimate partner violence, to prevent it in their relationships. It is aimed at young people aged 14+ (at educators' discretion) and is supported by technical notes and a facilitator's guide (ideas for lessons and using the game as a learning resource). The game is available [here](#)

2.2.4 Supporting perpetrators to change their behaviour

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on this priority, which aims to learn from national initiatives like the [Drive project](#), which advocates for changes so that perpetrators posing all levels of risk can no longer get away with abusive behaviour and can access the help they need to stop, the Domestic Abuse Partnership is committing to increasing the support available to support perpetrators to change their behaviour. This support will sit alongside comprehensive services for all victims and survivors.

Kirklees was successful in securing a bid for funding from the Home Office to support Yorkshire Children's centre to deliver a behaviour change programme to high-risk perpetrators of domestic abuse, focussing on fathers. The programme has worked with 49 men since April 2022 to:

- improve fathers' parenting and co-parenting practices;
- reduce the risk of children's further exposure to domestic and family violence; and
- increase fathers' ability to identify the impact of their aggressive behaviour on their children and improve men's responses more generally.

All work that addresses perpetrators abusive behaviour also runs alongside integrated support for the victim/survivor to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of survivors is at the heart of delivery. One-to-one support is offered to victims around their recovery and includes signposting and referral for specialist support (such as counselling); fears, worries, and concerns shared to enable facilitators to effectively challenge perpetrators on areas of concern to survivor; and case management to monitor risk to survivors and children.

In 2022, Yorkshire Children’s Centre partnered with EdShift to run an exhibition, where children of perpetrators participating in perpetrator programmes expressed the impact of domestic abuse through art (including painting, poetry etc) as part of the impact of domestic abuse on children module. The aim of the partnership was to:

- To amplify the voices of children with lived experience
- Increase men’s motivation to change
- Prevent the continuation of violence

100% of the men agreed that the session had had a significant impact on them.

‘It made me think – oh my god what have I done to my children. It was a period of introspection that really made me think – If I could, what would I say to my children and the only appropriate thing I could say is sorry but I couldn’t get the word out’.

98% of the men agreed that their motivation to change significantly increased after the session.

‘My motivation changed because I finally started to see things from my daughter’s perspective and not my own. The impact that my behaviour has had on her and what that might mean for her future is terrifying but that makes me want to change’.

In addition, the working group has mapped existing provision to share best practice (across programmes delivered in the community and by probation) and identify who is currently unable to access behaviour change programmes. The working group is working closely with the West Yorkshire Mayor’s Office to maximise funding for further programmes.

2.2.5 Partnership response to victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on this priority, which recognises that many people experiencing domestic abuse have a wide range of other support needs, some of which will be as a result of the abuse they have experienced or exacerbated by the abuse.

The working group includes representatives from a range of voluntary and community sector groups that can advocate for under-represented (in DA Services) client groups and provide constructive challenge to support local services to be more accessible and to proactively engage with all communities.

The funding provided through the DLUHC grant has allowed us to invest in additional support for victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics, both within refuge and in the community.

In addition, Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership has been successful in securing funding for an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor to boost crisis intervention and coordinate support for male victims of domestic abuse.

The impact of this funding on the diversity of clients engaged with local services is shown below (NB: please note that one client may be counted in more than one group):

Data	2021/22	2022/23 (projected)	increase
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Proportion of clients that are:			
LGBT+	33	26	-21%
BME	145	330	128%
Male victim	13	32	146%
Proportion of clients that report to have:			
Disability	181	440	143%
Mental health	190	370	95%
Substance Misuse	58	110	90%

Over this same period, reports to police have also shown an increase from victims with a range of protected characteristics, as shown below:

	2021/22	2022/23 (projected)	Increase
Proportion of clients that are:			
BME	1,192	1,844	55%
Male victim	2,852	3,114	9%

2.2.6 Supporting victims to maintain or access safe and stable housing

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on this priority, which recognises that home can be the most dangerous place for victims and survivors of domestic abuse. There are concerted efforts in both our housing and domestic sectors to support victims and survivors to access safe and stable housing, but these efforts could be better connected to address the range of housing needs for those experiencing domestic abuse, regardless of their tenure type, to achieve stable housing, live safely and overcome their experiences of abuse, including where perpetrators can be responded to and held accountable to improve victim/survivor safety.

The working group will initially focus on improving the availability of emergency accommodation for victims of domestic abuse and the provision of dedicated support those fleeing domestic abuse.

2.2.7 Multi-agency working arrangements

A specific working group will be established to drive forward work on this priority, which recognises that the Domestic Abuse Partnership has developed a number of processes to support professionals from different agencies to share information, assess risk and increase safety for victims and survivors (including children).

The working group will improve oversight and quality assurance of partnership arrangements to respond to domestic abuse, including our Daily Risk Assessment Management Meeting, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences, Standards Screening and Operation Encompass notification process.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

The activity described in this report is driven by the Domestic Abuse Strategy, which outlines how our whole system, including the third sector, health organisations, housing

providers, social care and the Criminal Justice System, works in a consistent and coordinated way to:

- See and respond to the **whole person**, whether that be victims and survivors (including children), perpetrators or others affected by domestic abuse
- Work with the **whole family** to minimise the harm caused by perpetrators and build resilience
- Work with the **whole community** to minimise the harm caused by perpetrators and support victims and survivors to live the lives they want; and
- Influence the **whole society** through the media, politicians, employers, key opinion formers and commentators by challenging victim blaming and damaging gender stereotypes.

3.2 Working with Partners

All activity to deliver the Domestic Abuse Strategy is coproduced and delivered in partnership with colleagues from voluntary and community services, health agencies, housing providers and criminal justice agencies. Partnership commitment for the strategy is demonstrated through statements of support to be provided by both health and police colleagues.

This report has been developed in collaboration with partners through the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership and the activity described within reflects the contribution and collaboration across the system.

3.3 Place Based Working

The Strategy refers to the work we do in Places and this report includes an overview of the activity that is delivered at place, recognising our partnership arrangements to respond to local communities, including Primary Care Networks, community hub models of working and Local Neighbourhood Policing teams. Extensive Place Based work now underpins the delivery of the strategy with local communities, complimenting and informing the work of our partners.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

No anticipated change.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The Whole Family Approach is a strategic priority within the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership has identified improving outcomes for children as a key focus of activity for the first year of delivering the strategy.

As a result, new investment has provided additional support for children and young people affected by domestic abuse, to improve their understanding of how domestic abuse may have affected them; to build confidence and resilience; to rebuild relationships with family; and to reduce feelings of anxiety and sadness through positive coping strategies.

Given that children affected by domestic abuse are less likely to achieve positive outcomes, this activity is key for improving outcomes for children.

3.6 Financial Implications for the people living or working in Kirklees

The Partnership is mindful that cost of living increases and the subsequent pressure on families has already had an impact on families living with domestic abuse and is likely to

continue to increase risk to victims and children. The Partnership is working hard to maximise opportunities for increasing funding for specialist services and to support the sector to proactively engage with all communities.

3.7 Other (eg Integrated Impact Assessment/Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

This report provides an update on activity and does not propose any new activity that will require Integrated Impact Assessment or have any legal, financial or human resource implications. The Domestic Abuse Strategy that drives this activity was subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment and consultation with legal, finance and HR colleagues.

4. **Consultation**

Representatives of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership collaborated to prepare this report and met on 7 December 2022 to share stories about the impact of funding and ongoing activity that is contained within this report.

5. **Engagement**

The Domestic Abuse Strategy and ongoing activity is coproduced with partners and communities, and is informed by people in the community that have experienced domestic abuse.

Engagement with communities and members encourages active stakeholder participation in our planning and delivery. Our engagement work has progressed through development of positive and trusting relationships with the community and we are committed to continuous improvement that is informed by the voices of local people, staff and partners.

Ongoing work to improve the availability of specialist support has been informed by community consultation and engagement with members (who were invited to attend a number of sessions to provide feedback on the support available and how it might be improved).

The community engagement activity outlined in this report is coproduced and regular updates are provided to members through:

- Monthly reports to Place Partnership Leads (shared via the Democracy Team);
- Quarterly briefings to all councillors in partnership with Safer Kirklees; and
- Regular attendance at place based and ward meetings.

6. **Next steps and timelines**

Following the Committee's consideration of this report, feedback from the Committee will be used to drive forward work in year two of the strategy. The Committee will continue to be updated on an annual basis and on an ad hoc basis as requested.

7. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

It is recommended that the Committee consider the activity described in this report and:

- note the steps taken by the local authority to meet the new statutory duty to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation; and

- provide feedback on the activity to deliver the 2022-27 Domestic Abuse Strategy and direct particular activities that would add further value.

8. Cabinet Portfolio Holder’s recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Communities, Cllr Carole Pattison, recommends that Oversight and Scrutiny Management Committee note the information provided in the report.

The Domestic Abuse Strategy and delivery activity demonstrates how we work in partnership to prevent, respond to, and repair the damage caused to victims, their families and their children because of domestic abuse.

The engagement activity that drives delivery helps us to tailor our services to ensure they are accessible for all Kirklees residents regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic. By working closely with those who have experienced domestic abuse, and listening to and learning from these experiences, we are strengthening our approach to preventing and responding to domestic abuse.

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10. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Date	Item	Decision
17 January 2023	2022-2027 Domestic Abuse Strategy considered by Cabinet	Endorsed
15 March 2022	Domestic Abuse Strategy considered by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	RESOLVED - 1) That the representatives of the Police and Health and officers be thanked for attending the meeting to present the new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-27. 2) That it be recommended that timescales be established for the community engagement activity around raising awareness of what is classed as abuse and its impact, and building confidence in reporting, and that officers be asked to ensure that this work is included in the delivery plan(s).
9 November 2021	New statutory duty to support victims of domestic	RESOLVED -

Date	Item	Decision
	abuse, and their children, provided as an annexe to Draft Strategic Intelligence Assessment for Kirklees and the Communities Partnership Plan	(3) That the following further detail be provided to Members: (i) Domestic abuse figures
29 October 2020	Domestic Abuse Strategic Update	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) That the update in respect of the 2019-21 Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy be noted and that the comments of the Panel be taken into account going forward.</p> <p>(2) That the work undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership to mitigate the additional pressures arising from the pandemic be welcomed.</p>

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Annexe A: summary of activity funded through DLUHC grant

Support for children within safe accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of intensive family support team • Commissioning of therapeutic support service for children affected by domestic abuse • Funding specific posts in local refuges to work directly with and support children 	£465,000
Providing additional capacity for providers to support victims with complex needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific posts in local refuges to support victims with complex needs • Grant funding – victims with complex needs 	£220,000
Supporting victims on a longer-term basis to enable them to thrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funding – supporting victims to recover from the long term effects of domestic abuse 	£128,000
Understanding the need and responding to victims with protected characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funding –experiences of victims with protected characteristics 	£35,000
Supporting the partnership to coordinate our response to domestic abuse	£71,000
	£919,000

Annexe B: Strategic aims of the Domestic Abuse Strategy and supporting activity

Commitment in the Strategy	Activity	Impact	Plans for 2023-24
<p>The Partnership will provide a range of opportunities for people with lived experience to share their stories with us and develop a feedback loop so that victims and survivors can be informed about what services have done in response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collaborative development of semi structured interview to be used by specialist services to gather feedback from service users • development of online form for people to share their stories • lived experience input into training around honour-based abuse and forced marriage • using feedback and case studies as part of contract monitoring arrangements • partners sharing examples of using lived experience and service user feedback in service delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attendees at training that includes personal stories highlighted positive impacts on their understanding of and future responses to domestic abuse • attendees at Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership have highlighted the value of hearing personal stories and how they inspire improvements in service delivery • Example – impact of children’s voices in work with perpetrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online questionnaire feedback to be analysed and fed back to individual agencies and the strategic partnership • Feedback to be provided to people who shared their experiences by producing a ‘you said, we did’ summary • Personal stories to feature in communications promoting the availability of services • Personal stories to be included in more workforce development activities, including training and web resources
<p>The Partnership will continue to build a robust evidence base to inform decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of tableau dashboard based on police data • Improvements in reporting from DRAMM and MARAC processes • Working with the sector around consistency in reporting/ intelligence gathering • Monitoring against identified indicators – repeat cases, reports of coercive controlling behaviour and stalking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tableau dashboard informing work in communities • Better reporting from DRAMM and MARAC will enable better partnership oversight • Improvements in consistency in reporting activities of specialist sector enables us to evidence the impact of funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with specialist services around consistent use of systems/reporting against consistent outcomes • Developing capacity to monitor impact of community engagement work through increased reporting/uptake of services
<p>The Partnership will provide a range of opportunities for learning, development and support to establish a workforce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of specialist training to support front line professionals working with families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A four day skills based training package (Safe and Together) has now been delivered to 71 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling out broader training plan for professionals that ranges from basic awareness to upskilling MARAC chairs

Commitment in the Strategy	Activity	Impact	Plans for 2023-24
with the skills, knowledge, and systems needed to respond effectively to domestic abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic awareness training to people working in communities – delivered in person, online and powerpoint with voice over now available through Council website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> professionals across the partnership • Basic awareness delivered to more than 1800 people in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on accessibility of basic awareness for broader range of community members
The Partnership will support specialist services to be innovative, adequately resourced and embedded across the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the sector to reshape commissioning arrangements • Working with sector to access funding from central government, including VAWG, Victims' Bill and work with perpetrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from sector about exploring co-production approaches • Attracted additional £314,000 to invest in the sector • Submitted bids for further funding from Victims' Bill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling out partnership service - one point of contact and referral route to access range of services • Working with mayor's office around funding
The Partnership will work with local communities to understand the local picture of domestic abuse, barriers to accessing services and what more is needed to keep victims, survivors and their families safe and hold abusers to account for their behaviour.	<p>263 engagement activities reaching 2,768 people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 awareness raising sessions have been delivered to 739 people based within the community • 101 awareness raising sessions and issue specific briefings have been delivered to 1062 professionals in Kirklees • 92 meetings have been held/attended with 967 professionals, anchors, community leads and members. <p>Showcase event scheduled for 23rd February 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 739 people in community reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse; • 1062 people working in the community reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to engage with community to raise awareness • Provide additional briefings and resources on economic abuse and to support working with people who harm
All partners are committed to working internally and in partnership to respond to domestic abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partners to agree key performance measures to track how individual agencies respond to domestic abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, measurable indicators to measure success, challenges, and hold each other to account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassess in 6-12 months against established baseline •

Commitment in the Strategy	Activity	Impact	Plans for 2023-24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using the above to establish a baseline of performance that will be monitored		

Annexe C: Domestic Abuse Data

Prevalence & Crime Data

Reports

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Calls to helplines	689	1,454	111%
Incidents reported to Police	11,436	12,172	6%
Crimes recorded by Police	8373	9772	17%

There has been a significant increase in calls to local helplines, which may be due to greater public awareness of local services through a combination of community engagement activity and national coverage of high profile cases (i.e. Sarah Everard, March 2021). In terms of crimes recorded, West Yorkshire Police have recently been commended for improvements in crime recording and have an incident/crime conversion rate above the national average.

Repeats (police incident data)

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Repeat victim	47.90%	49.60%	1.70%
Repeat perpetrator	44.30%	45.90%	1.60%

Repeat rates are monitored as a key indicator – the Communities Partnership Plan aims to reduce the proportion of repeat incidents. Sadly there has been an increase in the proportion of repeats, both in terms of victims and suspects. Increasing pressure on families due to cost of living is likely to have an impact on domestic abuse rates and the Partnership will continue to monitor the impact of interventions to support victims, children and perpetrators.

Crime types (police crime data)

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Violence	6642	6938	4%
Coercive Controlling Behaviour	295	626	112%
Stalking	616	746	21%
Sexual crimes	262	268	2%

There have been significant increases in recording coercive controlling behaviour crimes in Kirklees, which coincides with a range of activity to raise awareness of coercive control in the community. Increases in coercive controlling behaviour crimes are also showing across West Yorkshire as a result of improvements in investigations and crime recording. Similarly, increases in recording stalking crimes may be attributed to work across the partnership to raise awareness of stalking, stalking protection orders and improvements in recording.

Police outcomes

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Victim declines/withdraws support	5110	5766	13%
Evidential difficulties (WYP)	2545	2448	-4%
Charged	358	362	1%

There has been an increase in the number of cases where victims decline to support police action or withdraw support for participating in a criminal process. The data in Kirklees reflects a national trend, as increasing pressures on the criminal justice process and the delays in cases progressing to court present additional challenges for keeping victims on board until a case can go to court.

Support & Protection for Victims

Victims supported by specialist services

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Community based support	245	254	4%
Complex needs intervention	N/A	128	N/A
Sanctuary Support	78	78	0%
High risk intervention	247	300	21%
Supported in refuge	46	52	15%
Access to therapeutic support	251	605	140%
Support for victims of perpetrators on programme	12	40	233%
Total	648	876	135%

Through new investment, specialist services have been able to increase the support they can provide to victims. Some newer interventions have started to see further increases in quarter two as awareness of services grows and referrals increase.

Whole Family Approach

Prevalence data

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Police incidents with children present	2434	2428	0%
Contacts at front door	744	830	12%
MARAC children linked	663	664	0%

Operation Encompass

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Encompass - calls to schools	1524	1108	-27%
Encompass - how many CYP	1710	1440	-16%

Encompass notifications are passed on to schools during term time, as notifications cannot be shared when schools are closed. Therefore, figures for quarter two (which contributes to the projected data above) are much lower as no calls were made during the summer holiday.

Support provided by services

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Children supported by PDAP therapeutic support	N/A	78	
Children support in refuge	16	28	75%
Children support in refuge	79	160	103%

Increased investment has enabled the partnership to significantly increase the availability of support for children affected by domestic abuse.

Supporting behaviour change in perpetrators

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Supported through DAPP	11	65	491%

Investment in this programme has enable the Partnership to significantly increase support for perpetrators to change their behaviour. This service has seen further increases in quarter two as awareness of services grows and referrals increase.

Supporting victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Proportion of clients that are:			
LGBT	16	26	63%
BME	123	330	168%
Male victim	10	32	220%
Proportion of clients that report to have:			
Disability	157	440	180%
Mental health	135	370	174%
Substance Misuse	41	110	168%

Over this same period, reports to police have also shown an increase in reports from victims with a range of protected characteristics, as shown below:

	2021/22	2022/23 (projected)	Increase
Proportion of clients that are or have:			
BME	1,192	1,844	55%
Male victim	2,852	3,114	9%

Housing

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Number of contacts at Housing Solutions Service for emergency accommodation	80	72	-10%
Referrals to refuge	465	451	-3%
Supported in refuge	67	66	-1%

The funding provided to support victims in safe accommodation is to improve support available, but cannot be used for capital costs that would increase the number of units available for victims to use. Accordingly, funding has improved the support available and enabled services to target a more diverse range of clients, but has not resulted in an increase in the number of victims supported.

Annexe D: Safezones in Kirklees

Safezones are a partnership initiative between Kirklees Police, Kirklees Communities Service and Barnardos to establish areas where a women and children can access seek advice, support and help if they feel unsafe on the street.

Training has now been delivered to more than 70 staff incorporating Barnardo's education about CSE as well as Child Criminal Exploitation and preventing violence against women and girls, to allow the new zones to be established. Special stickers are now being placed in Safe Zone areas including major and local retailers, bus and railway stations, Huddersfield College, the University of Huddersfield and BID offices.

Safezones are supported and promoted by Community Environment Support Officers (CESOS), Detached youth work team, Community Safety Officers, Community Groups, Elected Members, Greenspace Action Team, Cleansing Teams, Traffic Enforcement, Housing and door staff.
Door staff

A full list of Safezone is provided below:

Huddersfield

- The Card Corner, Huddersfield bus station
- Deborah Ingham funeral services, Milnsbridge and Kirkburton
- Debonair unisex salon, Milnsbridge and Bradley
- La Fleur florist, Byram arcade, Huddersfield town centre
- Lions Kitchen, Woodhouse Hill, Fartown
- MHB Technologies, Paddock
- Nailtec, Marsh
- Ruddies Retreat tea rooms, Slaithwaite
- The Branch
- Costa Coffee
- Newspoint
- Unit 9, NHS Our Future Health
- Clinton - Kingsgate
- Clinton- New street
- Mcdonalds
- Huddersfield Bus station
- Huddersfield Railway Station
- University of Huddersfield
- Sainsburys
- Huddersfield Leisure Centre
- Huddersfield College
- Freddie's
- Huddersfield New College
- CHART
- Basement Project

Batley & Spennings

- Al-Hikmah Centre
- The Crescent & Co CIC

Rural

- Lu's Place
- Rudis
- Vanilla bean
- Acorn and Pip
- Joys Café House
- Burton Sweet Emporium and Tearoom
- Hats by Elizabeth Gates
- Maks
- Travel Experience
- THE UNIT FITNESS

Dewsbury

- Dewsbury Town Hall
- Customer Service Centre
- Super drug
- Costa
- Barclays
- Wilko
- Natwest
- Virgin Money
- Poundland
- Dewsbury Library
- Springfield Sixth form Centre Safeguarding Advisor