

Safer Middlesbrough Partnership

Domestic Violence Theme Group – Action Plan

AIMS

The 'Domestic Violence Theme Group' is responsible for the development and implementation of a strategy for partner agencies to reduce domestic violence.

The Aims are to: -

- Promote public protection and the preservation of order to enable women and children to live independent lives free from violence and abuse, regardless of their ethnic or socio-economic background.
- Improve the quality, co-ordination and effectiveness of services through educating and informing voluntary and statutory agencies, and the public in all aspects of domestic violence, it's causes, remedies and prevention.
- Hold abusers accountable.
- Reduce the tolerance of Domestic Violence in our communities.
- Improve and collate partnership data recording, collection and interagency tracking systems on domestic violence and deliver performance management information.

The primary objectives are to:-

- Reduce the number of domestic violence incidents and offences of assault, criminal damage and other public order offences.
- Increase the number of domestic violence incidents that are reported.
- To improve the support and Increase safe choices for women and children who experience domestic violence, thereby reducing the fear of crime.
- Promote good practice across all agencies that deliver services to those who experience Domestic Violence.
- Raise awareness of the effects of Domestic Violence and challenge attitudes of tolerance to this crime.

PERFORMANCE DATA – OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

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National Indicator	(MARAC Only) NI32 of LAA PROVISIONAL INDICATOR Reduce the percentage of repeat incidents of Domestic Violence and measures the 'Percentage reduction in repeat victimisation for those domestic violence cases being managed by a MARAC.'	Using the provisional definition to set a baseline 178 women were referred to MARAC in 2007/8, of these 86 (48.31%) had been reviewed at the MARAC in the previous 12 months. Therefore the baseline for 2007-8 could be 48.31%		In quarter 1 and 2 of 2008, 93 cases were referred to MARAC, of these 52 (55.91%) had been reviewed at the MARAC in the previous 12 months. A meeting is taking place nationally mid January to discuss this indicator.																								
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	Number accessing Statutory Men's Perpetrator Programme - CDVP	<p>2007/08</p> <p>67 Orders made</p> <p>40 Commencements</p> <p>27 Completions</p>	<p>April 08- Dec 08</p> <p>12 Orders made</p> <p>32 Commencements</p> <p>15 Completions</p>	NB These figures are for the whole of Teesside.																																				
Victims	Numbers of injunctions served	<p>2007/8</p> <p>50 Injunctions in place</p>																																						
	Numbers accessing support services	2007/8	494 New clients (Jan – Dec 08) - 1909 appointments were attended.																																					
	a) My Sister's Place Women's Advice Centre	2185 Appointments attended.	1283 were contacted through the Police Call back contract																																					
	b) Harbour																																							
Children	Number of Child Protection cases involving Domestic Violence.	01.04.07 - 31.03.08 134 referrals where domestic violence is recorded as a stated issue.	01.04.08 to 28.10.08 there were 74 recorded.	Info requested 22.01.09																																				
	Number of MARAC Cases	2007/8	April 08-Dec 08																																					
	MARAC Number involving children	149	154																																					
		117 – 78%	253 Children																																					
Crime Prevention /	Numbers referred to the Sanctuary Scheme		Sanctuary has																																					

Target Hardening	Number of cases accepted as homeless due to Domestic Violence		received 182 referrals to date. 139 Accepted 98 Completed	5 for first 3 quarters of 2008.
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Public Awareness Campaigns 2009	All partners	Ongoing	<p>Stickers to be placed on back of toilet doors in pubs and bars in Middlesbrough - This is to be readdressed early 2009.</p> <p>A promotional event is taking place for service users and agencies on 14th May 2009.</p> <p>The Awareness Raising Event at Middlesbrough Football Club that took place during International Women's Week in 2008 is hoped to be replicated in March 2009. Laura Gourlay is investigating the feasibility of holding this on the home game on 14th March 2009.</p> <p>Jill Radford is holding a book launch at My Sister's Place – Date to be confirmed.</p>
Education & Training 2009 Work with Statutory, Non-Statutory Sectors, Schools, Colleges and Community Groups to raise awareness and develop training	My Sisters Place	Ongoing	<p>During 2008 My Sister's Place held a number of training sessions around the Domestic Violence processes and services, this training is still available for interested agencies- Contact My Sister's Place on 01642 241864.</p> <p>Some work is planning is ongoing to provide training to the Albert Centre (Drug and Alcohol Counseling Service). The Albert Centre is to reciprocate with Alcohol Awareness Raising Training to MSP and relevant agencies.</p> <p>A UCDP Domestic Violence Course has been developed with the University of Teesside. This was planned for February 2009, however there was not enough interest at this stage. This is to be revisited later in the year.</p>
Deliver and monitor Sanctuary Scheme	MSP / Erimus Housing	Ongoing	<p>See above Output Performance for more details.</p> <p>The Sanctuary Scheme will continue to be commissioned by MSP and Erimus for another year, until review in 2010.</p>
Promote agency use of risk assessment for MARAC	Laura Gourlay / Susan Milburn	Ongoing	<p>GONE have agreed to fund a further Risk Assessment Training Day through the Private Space Violence Fund. This will take place on 12th March 2009 at the MTLIC.</p>

<p>Specialist Court Monitor development of DV court</p>	<p>Between Jan and December 2007, there were 352 cases that went through the SDAC. 180 (51%) Middlesbrough 118 (33.5%) Stockton 52 (14.8%) Langbaugh 2 Unknown</p> <p>Of the 352 cases, 243 (69%) were successful.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The DV Court commences on the 27th November 2006.</p> <p>In 2008 new arrangements in court have improved service at court, however cases are often being bailed to the wrong date. This is to be taken to the Court Steering Group.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Panel Progress development of CPS Panel with Service Users.</p>	<p>Susan Milburn</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Induction training has been arranged for service users that are to be involved with the scrutiny panel.</p> <p>Scrutiny Panel was launched on the 7th February 2008, 1st meeting to take place on the 12th March 2008.</p> <p>3 meetings have now taken place with the 4th planned for 27th January 2009.</p> <p>The good work of this group has been acknowledged through the Cleveland Criminal Justice Awards. The panel won an award for the work with victims and witnesses.</p> <p>Baselines/evidence of the size of the problem.</p> <p>Priority action to develop pathways into alcohol services. The DYEC campaign highlighted that in 60% of the domestic incidents between 14th December until the 6th January, alcohol was involved.</p> <p>Alcohol is often a factor why victims of DV do not access the services available to them. Alcohol use often makes involvement difficult and progression very difficult.</p> <p>This is often due to chaotic lifestyles, resulting from alcohol abuse.</p> <p>An Alcohol Summit took place on the 18th March 2008, where DV came up as a theme on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Care pathways need to be established between alcohol services and all domestic violence cases.</p>
<p>Alcohol and Domestic Violence Develop a plan to reduce the number of alcohol related DV incidents</p>	<p>Laura Gourlay</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Baselines/evidence of the size of the problem.</p> <p>Priority action to develop pathways into alcohol services. The DYEC campaign highlighted that in 60% of the domestic incidents between 14th December until the 6th January, alcohol was involved.</p> <p>Alcohol is often a factor why victims of DV do not access the services available to them. Alcohol use often makes involvement difficult and progression very difficult.</p> <p>This is often due to chaotic lifestyles, resulting from alcohol abuse.</p> <p>An Alcohol Summit took place on the 18th March 2008, where DV came up as a theme on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Care pathways need to be established between alcohol services and all domestic violence cases.</p>

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<p>'Honour' Based Violence Awareness Raising around HBV for DV agencies and partners</p>	Laura Gourlay	Ongoing	
<p>MARAC Development Group Develop a MARAC meeting to provide consistency between areas covered by Cleveland Police in line with the CAADA guidelines</p>	Laura Gourlay	Ongoing	<p>A database system called Paloma has been purchased by GONE for the monitoring of MARAC case information.</p> <p>Helen Eustace is currently working on developing a shared protocol between all MARACs in the Cleveland area. She is also looking into the feasibility of employing a project manager for the implementation of the Paloma database over the region.</p>
<p>Service User Group Involvement All members of the group to encourage service users to get involved in Service User Group.</p>	Susan Milburn	Ongoing	<p>A funding bid for a Tees-wide SU conference has been received. Susan Milburn to update as necessary.</p>