

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
2.	Date:	16 June 2014
3.	Title:	Domestic Abuse Performance Management Framework and Action Plan – Annual Report and performance out turn
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

The Performance Management Framework and Action Plan for Domestic Abuse and the underpinning strategy has now been in place for twelve months, the framework monitors actions against Rotherham's Strategy and is being used to track performance in relation to domestic abuse activity across partner organisations in Rotherham

6. Recommendations

- **That Cabinet Member accepts this annual report and note the actions taken, improvements made and the performance monitoring which is taking place against the key measures around Prevent, Protect and Pursue and the underpinning Violence against Women and Girls Strategy.**
- **Cabinet Member is asked to note the excellent work carried out around the perpetrator programme, by trialing work on Domestic Abuse repeat offenders through a range of partnership interventions which are pre court which has led to a reduction of re-offending of over 90%.**

7. Proposals and Details

The Domestic Abuse Performance Management Framework has been in place since April 2013. It comprises the action plan against the strategy: Violence Against Women and Girls, other key developments from the recent scrutiny review, a HMIC review of domestic abuse and also actions from domestic homicide reviews.

It specifically includes the performance framework around Prevent, Pursue and Protect with a series of measures and performance indicators to track and monitor improvements in services that are provided across the partnership.

Some highlights in progress during the year have included:

- Awareness raising has been very successful particularly around the changes following the change in definition of Domestic Abuse to include 16 and 17 year olds.
- A champion has been identified following the scrutiny review and the subsequent merger of the Domestic Abuse Forum and Domestic Priority Group.
- Domestic Abuse will be a feature of the Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub through the IDVAs being located in the MASH, which is currently planned for early August 2014.
- There has been an increase in the number of reported DA incidents that are classified as a crime.
- The number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to SYP has exceeded its target of 60000 increasing from 5555 to 6401.
- Increase in the number of referrals to IDVA from 420 to 565

The DAPG have been trialling the management of Domestic Abuse repeat offenders through a range of partnership interventions which are pre court, this has been achieved by a problem solving approach, working with offenders and victims to establish the most appropriate partnership services to assist in reducing reoffending and to protect the victims.

The partnership services used have included mental health, drugs, alcohol, voluntary work, support in job applications etc. The Police have worked closely with Troubled Families and Health to facilitate 'fast time' pathways into these services for the offenders.

After some great successes with high risk offenders in December last year when we managed 17 offenders and NONE reoffended, the group moved their focus to medium risk offenders. These offenders place the greatest

demand upon all partners. During March and April we worked with the top 10 medium risk offenders across Rotherham and the results of that work are:

- Two months prior to perpetrator interventions there were a total of **44 domestic incidents involving the 10 offenders**
- Two month period following partnership interventions there were just **6 domestic incidents involving the 10 offenders**
- **A reduction in reoffending of over 90%.**

The work is continuing and the number of offenders being managed has increased to 25. SYP are conducting a full evaluation of the work to identify learning for sharing.

It has been recognised that the framework has fulfilled its original intention to look at activity and key priorities for the first 12 months. However, a full review of both the action plan and the performance framework is currently underway to ensure that all actions and measures are outcome focussed and fit for purpose to underpin our strategy moving forward.

It is worth noting that the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Board has also recognised Domestic Abuse as a priority and its Performance Management Framework also includes a series of Domestic Abuse measures from the framework, the revised Safeguarding Adults Board's framework will include the same.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Domestic abuse is a key priority across the partnership and one of the four identified priorities of SRP. By not tracking and monitoring the improvements of services across the partnership SRP will find it difficult to:

- Evidence that Domestic Abuse features in strategic frameworks
- Evidence that partner agencies are proactively undertaking a risk focused approach to Domestic Abuse, in line with emerging best practice
- Increase confidence of the Public in reporting Domestic Abuse and accessing support
- Evidence its compliance with the Home Office's national agenda to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls
- Withstand scrutiny in a Domestic Homicide Review which is submitted to the Home Office

- Respond to victims and their families effectively

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Performance Management Framework is in place to ensure that progress is made around key actions from the Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Review, the HMIC review and the Domestic Homicide Reviews in addition to actions against the Rotherham strategy

The new OFSTED framework for the inspection of childrens' services will include the review of cases where domestic abuse as a feature.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

National Call to End Violence Against Women and Girls
Safer Rotherham Partnership Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy
2013 - 2016 (draft)
Appendix 1 – Action Plan
Appendix 2 – Performance Management Framework

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