

# DASV Redesign and Recommission

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# Current Service

- Age 13+
- A telephone helpline for professionals and the public
- Individual and group support for high risk and medium risk victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Therapeutic interventions, or counselling
- Awareness raising, training and education for professionals and the public

# Additional Provision (County)

- The Domestic Abuse Family Recovery Service (£40,000): children, YP and their families to reduce harmful impact of DA upon child (1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019).
- Perpetrator Programme (£10,000): spot purchase of limited places for Perpetrators of DA and COPA programmes (voluntary).

# Costings

- The total annual contract price is £826,000, of which £231,300 (28%) is funded by the County Council.
- Partner contributions to the contract value are not expected to change.
- Public Health service currently allocates £115,263 per annum for female victims of domestic abuse within two refuges in Leicestershire.

# DA Needs Assessment refresh 2019

- DA offences are increasing on average by 30% year on year
- Children and Young People as secondary victims has increased by 30%
- Referrals to children's services are increasing
- 973 serial perpetrators across LLR (358 offenders accounting for 931 offences)

# Recommissioning Plans (County)

- High Risk
- Generic phone line with specialists
- A key support worker
- Locality based
- Combining refuge provision commissioning
- LCC DA Champions
- Train the trainer
- Early Intervention
- Support for children as victims and witnesses
- Perpetrator work

# Timescales

- Began on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- Probable extension of one year
- Cabinet February 2019 (City, County and Rutland)
- The proposals subject to public consultation for minimum of 12 weeks after elections (May 2019)
- Analyse Autumn 2019
- Redesign

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# The Review of LCC Early Help Services

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- **Supporting Leicestershire Families (SLF)**
  - ~ Intensive mentoring support to families with complex problem
  - ~ Youth support
- **Children's Centre Programme**
  - ~ targeted support to families with 0 to 2 yr olds encountering difficulties
    - referrals linked to mental health, DA, parenting
- **Youth Offending Service**
  - ~ Young people on Court related Orders
  - ~ Young people at the cusp of offending
- **Early Help assessment & Triage Service**
  - ~ triage of incoming referrals, staff delivering 2/3 sessions of support

## The evidence base behind the Early Help Review

- Review into outcomes from 787 SLF & CC families
- 70% of families made positive progress
- Around 55% made improvements in progress to work & around 40% of Leicestershire claims are in relation to a family member gaining employment
- 68% of the families worked with had social care involvement. This fell to 33% after the case closed to early help
- a key success factor is linked to
  - ~ building resilience in families
  - ~ Connecting family with positive influences in family/community
- Leicestershire YOS has a strong prevention offer
  - ~ L/Shire 162 FTE per 100,000 10 to 17 yr olds v 295 East mids & 276 nationally

- The needs of families placed at the centre of the thinking for the new service
- The 4 services were amalgamated into one service **Children and Family Wellbeing Service**
- Introduction of multi skilled locality based teams which enables whole family assessment (needs of parents, siblings)
- Build the service based on needs (new posts)
- Explore efficiency savings

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## Preservation of

- The principles of SLF intensive mentoring led support
- The youth crime prevention offer to yp on the cusp of offending
- Targeted support for families with 0 to 2 year olds

The Offer is based on a tiered approach to intervention based on needs within the family set up

Intensive 1 to 1 support to families with complex needs for up to 12 months is preserved

- ~ **Family Support** : currently based on employment, poor educational attendance, ASB, domestic abuse, mental health, child with needs. **Future flexibility based on evidence**
- ~ **Intensive Youth Offending support**: Based on assessment of risk and need & can be provided to young people on the cusp of offending. Whole family working will influence this **(for example likely to extend to some siblings in high risk families)**

## 5 Steps



- Locality based teams will lead to frontline staff needing to increase knowledge of whole family issues to inform assessments and interventions
- Intensive 1 to 1 family support will develop and become increasingly evidenced based
- Joining Youth and Youth Justice work will lead to increased focused on vulnerability in teenagers & the link to parenting
- The savings have led to some services changes, **reduction in management, reduced duplication across 4 service model, introduction of emotional wellbeing support workers, extending the volunteering offer across the entirety of the service, & a small reduction in frontline staff**
- The closure of 15 children centre sites but a preservation of targeted 0 to 2 focused services

