

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DELIVERY GROUP

Background

1. The Domestic Violence Delivery Group (DVDG) is a multiagency group which operates across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). Its key purpose is to oversee the progress of the LLR multiagency domestic violence delivery plan, a copy of which is appended to this report.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

2. Launch of Operation Encompass in Leicestershire. This initiative involves the County Council informing schools when children in their care are linked to a domestic violence incident. This allows the school to contextualise any changes in behaviour or marks the child may present with, better safeguarding the child.
3. Launch of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) – a state of the art SARC has opened serving the communities of LLR. This excellent facility co-locates Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs), crisis workers, medical staff and sexual offence investigators. It also arranges therapeutic care for the victims as they move forwards. It is seen as a national centre of excellence. As 47% of rape offences are domestic related, this strongly supports work to tackle Domestic Violence (DV).

Coming Year

4. Mapping of DV related referral pathways between key agencies. This ongoing work is being overseen by Detective Inspector Tim Lindley, who is chairing a multiagency task and finish group. Each agency is being asked to map out how DV related referrals are made to colleagues, and then provide evidence that the pathway is effective. These separate contributions are being amalgamated into a single document to give assurance that agencies are sharing information effectively.
5. Developing DV perpetrator management program. This work is underway as a pilot and utilises the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) methodology.

In one case study at Hinckley, this process reduced demand on the local authority, police, housing and East Midlands Ambulance Service, and reduced the subject's DV offending. The total cost savings were £3.5k for the police alone. As this program develops over the next 12 months, reoffending rate performance data will be captured and a more scientific method of identifying the right offenders to be managed is being developed.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

6. Chairing of MARAC – At present all MARAC (Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference) Chairs are police officers. Non Police agencies/bodies will be encouraged to chair MARACs through a specific programme of MARAC Chair training.
7. De Montfort University are working with the DVDG group to develop PPIT (Priority Perpetrator Identification Tool) - When in full use, this will be used to identify the DV perpetrators who are subject to multiagency IOM

Recommendations for the Board

8. To note the above update

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Appendix

LLR multiagency domestic violence delivery plan.