

Tower Hamlets' Domestic Violence Action Plan 2016-2017

Objective	Activity	Total cost	Funding Source	Targets	Outcome	Lead Officer	Quarter 1 Progress Update (April - June 2016)
Ensuring support & protection for victims	1 Victim Support	£110K	LBTH core budget Home Office funding	Number of referrals received per quarter Number referrals per source Number of open and closed service deliveries Number of cases to MARAC % of clients engaged Number of referrals refused the service	Victims supported to increase their safety	Maddi Joshi Senior Service Delivery Manager, Victim Support	
	2 Sanctuary Project	£90K	LBTH HHAS	Number of victims referred per quarter Number of victims refused Number of works completed	Reduced repeat victimisation - victims supported to remain safely in their homes	Shahanaz Begum LBTH DV & HC Team	
	3 Third Party Reporting Project continue to promote TPR as means of reporting		Core Funding	Updates on reports & actions Number of training advisers each quarter	End of year feedback to the DV Forum reflecting outcomes and achievements	Benedicta Dikeocha LBTH DV & HC Team	
	4 Hestia Refuge & Floating Support Services		LBTH Supporting People	Number of refuge referrals received and accepted Number of floating support services referrals received and accepted Number of MARAC referrals received and accepted Number of IDVA referrals received and accepted Number of cases to MARAC % of clients engaged per quarter By THAWA/Look Ahead/Refuge	Victims of DV placed in temporary accommodation are provided with specialist support to live free of violence and maintain independent living/or living within their own homes	Sharon Benoit - Service Manager	
	5 Multiple Disadvantages DV Project	£64K	DCLG	4 Women with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) bedspaces & support 10 women receive emergency accommodation 40 professionals trained on capacity building for multiple disadvantaged clients 20 women receive legal support 30 women receive holistic support	Single women with NRPF receive wrap around support & accommodation	Menara Ahmed Helena Doyle (Look Ahead) Lucy Allwright (AVA) Rights of Women	
	6 MARAC		Core Funding	No of cases No of repeat cases presented Reduce number of repeat victimisation No of children involved in MARAC cases 96 MARAC cases to be heard per quarter (Bi-monthly meeting - 16 cases = 32 monthly)	To increase safety of victims through multi-agency partnership working	Nicola Proud (LBTH DV & HC Team)	
	7 DV One Stop Shop		Core Funding	Number of referrals Breakdown of gender referrals Referrals to the IPST	To allow access to a joint up working practice with key agencies and partners	Shahanaz Begum (LBTH DV & HC Team)	
	8 Homelessness Service DV Drop in Surgery		Core Funding	Overall analysis of works undertaken whilst at HOST	Joint up working practice with the housing professionals coming into contact with clients fleeing through DV.	Zahra Jones, DV & HC Team	
	9 Barkantine Medical Health Centre DV Drop in service	Core funding	Core Funding	How many referrals received in quarter involving DV How many cases referred to the MARAC	To provide a platform for anyone to approach and get advice about DV services as well as disclose to a DV professional	Shahanaz Begum (LBTH DV & HC Team)	

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10	Barts Health NHS Trust DA Training Strategy			Numbers of staff trained at level 1, 2 and 3 (Implement and deliver the Barts Health domestic abuse training strategy)	Barts Health NHS Trust staff will be adequately supported when identifying and responding to domestic abuse by clear policies and pathways, training supervision and access to resources. Improved information sharing to increase the safety to high risk victims and their families. Barts Health will also contribute to the wider domestic abuse partnership work in Tower Hamlets.	Rosey Wrack Barts Health safeguarding domestic abuse sub group.	
11	Barts Health NHS Trust			To provide update on continued support on domestic abuse to the Health Visitor, school Health and Family Nurse partnership services through service level agreements.			
12	Barts Health NHS Trust Health Visitors and Family Nurses to have access to quarterly domestic abuse support groups			Update on quarterly domestic abuse support groups (Offer one in each Health Visitor locality per quarter and one for family nurses per quarter).			
13	Barts Health NHS Trust			Update on reaudit of Health Visitor, School Nurse and Family Nurse action on receipt of information about cases discussed at MARAC.			
14	Faith Regen Foundation (FRF): DV Worker to provide advocacy and 121 support to women who have experienced VAWG	FRF, Big Lottery Funding		The DV worker, based in the London Muslim Centre, will support 50 clients from April 2016 to April 2017	Ensuring support and protection for victims of DV	Julia Martin (Project Manager, FRF)	
15	ONE SUPPORT Focused support for YP coping with mental health WHITES ROW Engagement Activities "Cut the Funnel" "Talk it Out" "Open the Box"	TBC	One Housing Group	1. One 1:1 sessions every week 2. 2 engagement sessions offered each week for service users 3. On site access to a counsellor offered to all young people. 4. 25% customer engagement, monitored quarterly.	Supporting service users to cope with mental health, including emotional difficulties and domestic violence.	Christina Jewell, Team Manager, Whites Row Assessment Centre Faz Bukhari, Support Assistant, Whites Row Assessment Centre	
16	ONE SUPPORT Training & Resources		N/A	1. All staff to access domestic violence awareness training by 1st November 2016. 2. Safeguarding online training to be completed by all staff by 1st July 2016. 3. Support Assistants to ensure local resources are available and accessible related to domestic violence support.	All staff to be aware of domestic violence signs and how to signpost young people for support.	Faz Bukhari, Support Assisnat, Whites Row Assessment Centre. Nicolin Afflick - Harto, Support Assisnat, Whites Row Assessment Centre.	
17	ONE SUPPORT			1. 100 % of young people to discuss safeguarding and abuse with their Support Officers. 2. 1 social inclusion a quarter to focus on specific topic of safeguarding and abuse.	Young People to be aware of safeguarding and abuse, how to be respectful of one another, and where to access local resources.	Nicolin Afflick - Harto, Support Assistant, Whites Row Assessment Centre.	
18	The Kipper Project Staff team are trained around domestic violence and harmful practices by 31st March 2017		The Kipper Project	Update on staff training	Team are able to identify DV and know routes to support.	Anoushka Constantinescu (Kipper North Manager)	

Ensuring support & protection for victims	19	London Black Women's Project (LBWP) provides women with free legal advice and rights based advocacy that supports survivors through the legal system. Information services cover domestic violence including HP and housing advice. Women also supported to access immigration advice.			Number of women supported per quarter	Provide a rights based approach for women and girls suffering all forms of violence	Baljit Banga	
	20	LBWP provides emergency accommodation for women & children. They offer housing support services, counselling services for both women and children, and resettlement support. Bedspaces available to support disabled women and women suffering from harmful practices.			Number of women supported per quarter	Services provided for women and children fleeing all forms of violence against women.	Baljit Banga	
	21	LBWP offers a support service to women and girls who are at risk or suffering domestic and sexual violence. Advocacy, individual intensive support, support groups and keyworking are offered.			Number of women supported per quarter	Support services provided to women and girls who are at risk or suffering domestic and sexual violence including harmful practices .	Baljit Banga	
Ensuring support & protection for victims	22	Housing			Number of DV referrals - Offers of temporary accommodation to families - Offers of temporary accommodation to single people - Breakdown of referrals by gender - Number of clients refused to further engage in DV services - Number of clients referred to MARAC - Number of clients referred to Sanctuary Project	Victim supported to increase their safety	George Denton-Ashley Riad Akbur/Janet V Slater (LBTH HOST/Children & Families Team)	
	23	Solace Women's Aid —advice line for DV victims/survivors who can receive telephone casework and/or be referred to other specialist services			Number of women from LBTH supported per quarter via telephone helpline	Victims receive telephone support as well as supported to access other specialist services	Stephanie Orel (leaving Solace on 29/07/16) from then onwards lead officer is Sharmeen Narayan	
	24	Praxis work to secure the fundamental rights of vulnerable migrants including refugees, survivors of human trafficking and gender-based violence and their families.	Praxis Community Projects		Number of individuals experiencing DV supported per quarter	Support for vulnerable migrants who are victims of domestic violence to understand their rights and the protection available to them. Move them away from a point of crisis, isolation and destitution towards safety, security, and the means to secure their own livelihoods. Victims are supported to report to police and access support from specialist services.	Alessandra Rossi Gender-based Violence caseworker at Praxis.	

Raising awareness to encourage reporting of domestic abuse/ reducing social tolerance	1	IRIS Project			Joint up working practice with Victim Support and General Practitioners to ensure that the signs of domestic abuse are acknowledged and assisted with follow up support	Joy Parsons, Domestic Violence Manager, Victim Support	
	2	Barts Health NHS Trust to be actively involved in all domestic abuse partnership initiatives, including raising public awareness events.			Provide update on events	Barts Health will contribute to the wider domestic abuse partnership work in Tower Hamlets.	Rosey Wrack
	3	FRF: The aim is for Faith Leaders to hold sermons with a strong anti DV message and for Community Leaders to commit to campaigning against DV locally		FRF, Big Lottery Funding	Hold 4 workshops for Faith and Community leaders focusing on raising awareness of Harmful Practices	Greater awareness of DV and Harmful Practices. Reduction of social tolerance, stigma and fear of reporting DV	Julia Martin (Project Manager, FRF)
Raising awareness to encourage reporting of domestic abuse/ reducing social tolerance	4	FRF: Hold HP awareness raising workshops for our women's ESOL class		FRF, Big Lottery Funding	For each 6 week course in the London Muslim Centre there will be at least one class about Harmful Practices and Tower Hamlets Council's DV leaflets will be given to the women.	Raising awareness and encourage reporting	Julia Martin (Project Manager, FRF)
	5	Swan Housing		Swan Housing Association	One article to be included some time during 2016/17. Include at least one article about domestic abuse in The Communicator (newsletter for Swan Housing Association residents) each year.	Greater awareness of domestic abuse to encourage reporting.	Anna Williams (Housing Diversity Manager, Swan Housing Association)
	6	Swan Housing Regularly promote awareness of domestic abuse and the help available on Swan's digital platforms.		Swan Housing Association	Provide update on digital platforms	Greater awareness of domestic abuse to encourage reporting.	Anna Williams (Housing Diversity Manager, Swan Housing Association)
	7	The Kipper Project Up to date Domestic Violence posters at all schemes - recognising DV and support services. Posters checked at least monthly and new posters put up when received.		The Kipper Project	Provide update on posters	Greater awareness for service users to report concerns about neighbours and other service users.	Anoushka Constantinescu (Kipper North Manager, The Kipper Project)

Raising awareness to encourage reporting of domestic abuse/ reducing social tolerance	8	LBWP – Specialist project Work with young women and girls will take place: advocacy and individualised support to young women and girls at risk and information and referral, workshops on healthy/unhealthy relationships, challenging attitudes and behaviours and raising awareness of violence and abuse.			Numbers of women supported	Address the normalisation, tolerance and acceptance of violence against women and girls	Baljit Banga	
	9	Domestic Abuse No Excuse Campaign - Team Publicity DV/VAWG Training Events/Multi Agency Events	TBC	Core Funding	10 annual community events - raising awareness of the Domestic Abuse, No Excuse campaign	To raise awareness and educate on issues of DV, DV approaches and DV Services and ensure that professionals and the community are aware of options available. This can and should include reduction of social tolerance of DV and increasing safer choice options for victims.	DV & HC Team	
Holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable/Improving sanction detection rates and successful prosecutions	1	DV Database		Core Funding	Number of referrals Overall number of cases Breakdown of gender Length of time taken to access a service (average months & years) Overall number of children living with clients	Reduce the average length of time victims experience DV before accessing specialist services	Zahra Jones (LBTH DV&HC Team)	
	2	MASH/IPST			How many referrals received in quarter involving DV How many cases referred to the MARAC Number of core assessments completed within quarter for which domestic violence was a feature. Number of children subject to Child Protection Plans under the emotional category	Improved working relationship with Childrens Services and partner agencies	James Coumbe, Strategic Performance Manager Eni Olatunde-Shittu, Performance and Data Manager - Social Care	
	3	Specialist Domestic Violence Court	£40k	LBTH	1. % decrease unsuccessful prosecutions (base line 41%) 2. % Improve victim attendance to court (base line 79%) 3. % increase in victim satisfaction within in the CJS (baseline 80%)	Improved effectiveness of trials in DV cases Increased confidence in the CJS by victims	Nenah Myriskos (LBTHDV & HC Team)	
	4	Domestic Violence Homicide		Police	Feedback provided to all relevant agencies Publication of DHR once quality assured from H.Office Recommendations formulated into action plan	To ensure that feedback is given to agencies and that recommendations of each review are provided to Forum members	Menara Ahmed	
	5	Positive Action Policy		Police		Mointoring of Met Positive Action Policy	Helen Barling (Met Police)	
	6	Clare's Law		Police	Overall arrest rate Number of Right to Know/Right to Ask Clare's Law	Monitoring of Clare's Law	Helen Barling (Met Police)	

	<p>3 LBWP delivers the following activities: awareness raising workshops, violence prevention work and safety planning, and advocacy and support to those at risk or suffering violence and abuse.</p>			<p>Numbers of women supported</p>	<p>Identifying risk and providing support to young women and girls.</p>	<p>Baljit Banga</p>	
<p>Prevention of and early identification and intervention of domestic abuse</p>	<p>4 The Kipper Project Monthly Safeguarding Good Practice Meeting where incidents and trends are discussed and analysed</p>		<p>Providence Row Housing Association & The Kipper Project</p>	<p>Update on incident and trends discussed and analysed at Safeguarding Good Practice Group</p>	<p>Learning from national incidents disseminated across the organisation.</p>	<p>Anoushka Constantinescu (Kipper North Manager, The Kipper Project)</p>	
	<p>5 The Kipper Project MARAC without consent submitted where staff have serious concerns</p>		<p>The Kipper Project</p>	<p>Numbers of referrals to MARAC</p>	<p>Increased safeguarding inter-agency plans for vulnerable young women and men.</p>	<p>Anoushka Constantinescu (Kipper North Manager, The Kipper Project)</p>	