

Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Forum



Annual Report 2015/16

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Foreword by IW Council Lead Member for Domestic Abuse

I am pleased to introduce the Domestic Abuse Forum Annual Report for 2015 – 2016. This report outlines the work of the forum over the past year and I would like to take this opportunity thank every one of our members for their commitment and dedication to tackling violence and abuse on our Island.

Domestic abuse and sexual violence are generally hidden in our society and it remains our priority to raise awareness and encourage the reporting of incidents. Domestic abuse and violence has a caustic effect on families where children as well as the victim can be exposed to significant risk and harm. Working closely with our partners in both the statutory and voluntary sector is essential to ensure that we work in the most collaborative way to minimise this risk. In the past year there have been 236 recorded incidents where the victim was deemed to be at high risk of significant harm or murder. These incidents had an impact on 377 children where further safeguarding considerations needed to be made.

The Island's Domestic Abuse Forum is a multi-agency partnership whose remit is to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence, to encourage and allow victims to have the confidence to report incidents. This allows our partners to assess risk and sign post effective services to support victims and their children. Central to our work is the understanding that reduction of domestic abuse is a long term goal that will not be achieved without a coordinated approach of prevention and early intervention.

A great deal of good work has been done, but there is inevitably much more for us to do. Recent changes in legislation to combat Controlling or Coercive Behaviour and the launch of the Governments Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2016-2020 will provide extra support to encourage victims to report crimes to the police and receive essential support to break away from abusive relationships. We will continue forward to ensure that every opportunity to reduce domestic violence and abuse is achieved and strive to make the Island a safe place to live and work.



Councillor Phil Jordan

1.0 Introduction

Welcome to the 4th Annual Report of the Domestic Abuse Forum.

This has been a challenging year to maintain and improve the provision of domestic abuse services on the Island. Funding streams from the Isle of Wight Council and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have become more restricted and this is the penultimate year of support from the Home Office to provide IDVA funding. There is currently no statutory requirement in UK law to provide domestic abuse refuge accommodation or outreach support (which includes IDVA provision). This has an impact on the long term sustainability of services where providers have uncertainty from one year to the next on budget availability to meet service needs. Whilst the UK Government has not been a signatory to EU Directive 2012/29/EU to establish a minimum standard on the Rights, Support and Protection of victims of crime, there has been a strategy launch which may offer more long term funding security for the future.

In March 2016 HM Government launched the 'Ending Violence against Woman and Girls Strategy 2016-2020'. The Government has pledged to provide £80 million of dedicated funding over the spending review period for core support to refuges and other accommodation based services, helping local areas ensure that no woman is turned away from the support she needs. From 2017 this funding will be delivered through a VAWG Service Transformation Fund for the provision of IDVA, ISVA and MARAC Coordinators and the Department of Communities and Local Government will provide funding for the provision of accommodation based support services (Refuge) and other local reforms required to meet the 'National Statement of Expectations' (NSE) which is yet to be published.

The strategy identifies that £720m funding into the 'Troubled Families Programme 2016-2020' should be to the benefit of tackling VAWG as well as the requirement for CCG's to take more of an active role in the provision of mental health support where domestic violence and abuse is present.

Work will be taking place over the forthcoming financial year to ensure the Isle of Wight maximizes every available benefit from this strategy through a complimentary Isle of Wight VAWG Strategy. We will work closely with our partners to seize long term funding opportunities to ensure that critical services are maintained for our most vulnerable and investigate opportunities for long term solutions to break perpetual cycles of abuse that confront so many survivors and their children on the Island.

'We know that these terrible crimes are disproportionately gendered which is why our approach must be framed within a violence against woman and girls strategy. However, I recognise that men can also be victims of violence and abuse and the approach set out in this strategy will benefit all victims of these crimes.'

Too many women are still victims of domestic and sexual violence. We must help young people to understand what a healthy relationship is and to re-think their views of controlling behaviour, violence, abuse, sexual abuse and consent. Our new campaign aims to prevent the onset of domestic violence in adults by challenging attitudes and behaviours amongst teenage boys and girls that abuse in relationships is acceptable'

Karen Bradley MP
Minister for Preventing Abuse,
Exploitation and Crime

1.1 What is Domestic Violence and Abuse?

The cross Government definition of Domestic Violence and Abuse is:

'Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality' The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to:

- psychological
- physical
- sexual
- financial
- emotional

And also includes:

Controlling behaviour

Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape, and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour

Coercive behaviour is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.

1.2 New offence of ‘Controlling or Coercive Behaviour’

A new criminal offence was introduced on the 29th December 2015 of ‘Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an intimate or Family Relationship’¹ which carries a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a fine or both.

The offence closes the gap in law around patterns of controlling or coercive behaviour that occurs during a relationship between intimate partners, former partners who still live together or family members and sends a clear message that this form of domestic abuse can constitute a serious offence.

While the legislation is gender neutral, statistics consistently show that women and girls are disproportionately affected by crimes of domestic violence and abuse. In 2014/15 92.4% of defendants in Domestic Abuse flagged cases were male.

Victims of ‘Controlling or Coercive Behaviour’ may not recognise themselves as such. It is therefore important that agencies dealing with and supporting victims of domestic abuse recognise the potential evidence that can identify this offence. The types of behaviour a perpetrator might demonstrate might include:

- Isolating a person from their family and friends;
- Depriving them of their basic needs;
- Monitoring their time;
- Depriving them of access to support services, such as specialist support or medical services;
- Repeatedly putting them down such as telling them they are worthless;
- Enforcing rules and activity which humiliate degrade or dehumanise the victim;
- Financial abuse which includes the controlling of finances, such as only allowing a punitive allowance.

There may be other forms of behaviour or abuse that will constitute offences in their own right such as assault, rape, criminal damage or threats to kill.

1.3 Who is affected by Domestic Abuse and Violence?

Domestic Violence and Abuse is a complex issue which can be experienced by women and men in heterosexual and same sex marriages and relationships. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse but the prevalence of physical assaults from a partner or adult family member is higher among heterosexual woman than among men. Moreover, heterosexual women experience more repeated physical violence, more severe violence, much more sexual violence, more coercive control, more injuries and more fear of their partner.

In 2015-16 there were 82,157 defendants charged in England and Wales with Domestic Abuse related offences of which 92.1% were male.²

¹ Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015

A recent national review of services indicated that around 85% of victims/survivors of domestic abuse seek help from professionals at least five times before getting the help they need³. It is vital that better use is made of these critical opportunities to identify incidents and implement support.

1.4 Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Forum

The current structure of the IoW DAF has been in place since 2013. The current membership includes NHS Trust, CCG, ASC and CSC reps, voluntary sector, Education, Housing, Community Safety, Police, elected member, CPS, Housing and the Fire Service. Meetings are held quarterly and current accountability of the forum sits under the Local Safeguarding Adults Board & Community Safety Partnership.

There are agreed Terms of Reference that provide the Vision, Aims and Objectives for the Forum.

The Forum is chaired by the Director of Adult Services and Councillor Phil Jordan attends as an Executive Member of IOW Council.



VISION

‘Our vision is for an Island that is a safe place for all residents to live; where acts of Domestic Abuse and gender based violence are not tolerated and where victims are supported and perpetrators held to account for their actions’

² CPS VAWG Annual Report 2015/16

³ HMIC report 4/2014 ‘Improving the Police Response to Domestic Abuse’

AIMS

- To reduce the incidence of Domestic Abuse and gender based violence on the Island.
- To achieve a policy of co-operation and co-ordination of services between agencies.
- To ensure that each agency plays an integral role in providing a response that is strategic in the prevention of Domestic Abuse and gender based violence.
- To identify gaps in service provision and make recommendations for the development of future services on the Island.
- To achieve successful sustainable provision of services that is meaningful to the individual seeking help.
- To identify mechanisms and subsequent support systems for perpetrators which hold them accountable for their behaviour.
- To raise awareness and understanding of Domestic Abuse and gender based violence amongst the general public.

CORE PRINCIPLES

- The views and experiences of service users and carers will be actively sought and used to inform service planning and delivery.
- An annual report will be produced in relation to activities on the Island.
- Implementation of the Domestic Abuse and Gender Based Violence Strategy will take into account the full continuum of services, regardless of differences in the way services are commissioned or provided.
- Safeguarding is a fundamental principle.

2.0 Provision

Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs)

Independent Domestic Violence Advisors are specialist case workers who work with high risk victims of domestic abuse - those who are at risk of significant harm or murder - and they are a key part of the Murder Prevention Strategy. The IDVA is a key component of the MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) and SDAC (Specialist Domestic Abuse Court) processes and their involvement has been shown to decrease victimisation, increase notification of children at risk and reduce the number of victims unwilling to support a prosecution. The IDVA service is independent of statutory services and run by the Island Women's Refuge (now known as Wight DASH)

The IDVA works with both male and female victims at high risk of harm. In 2015/16 **236** cases were deemed to be at high risk of murder were taken to MARAC that included **377**

children living in households where high risk domestic abuse incidents were taking place⁴. The service has continued to operate at capacity levels with the support of 2 IDVA's. Funding is provided from Public Health and the Home Office to support this vital role.

Refuge

The Island Women's Refuge provides emergency accommodation for women and children at immediate risk of harm through domestic abuse. Demand continues to outstrip supply with an increase in numbers accommodated in the refuge in 2015 and difficulties relating to the move on of single women due to the lack of housing available for single women and changes to housing benefit. In 2015 **15** women and **25** children have been accommodated in the Refuge.

Outreach

The Island Women's Refuge Outreach Programme works with victims of domestic abuse in the community. This is the largest part of IWR's work, with **over 530** outreach contacts in 2015. This is a significant change in client numbers from 2014 with a 25% increase. The client group includes those who have left an abusive relationship and are re-building their lives and those who are still within an abusive relationship who need specialist support to remain safe. Children in these families will be defined as Children in Need (CIN) and many will be on a child protection plan or will be Looked After by the Local Authority. The service also deals with high numbers of women who have associated health issues, for example mental health and drug and alcohol misuse.

Family Intervention Team (FIT)

In November 2015 we saw the introduction of the FIT workers with the Children In Need (CIN) teams of Children's Services. In a 12 month pilot, Social Workers will be supported by Domestic Abuse, Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health specialists to provide a more holistic problem solving approach to families where the Toxic Trio presents a risk of significant harm or murder. Two IDVA's seconded from IWR will be supporting this new approach.

Freedom Programme

Freedom is a 12 week, two hour a week rolling group work education / empowerment programme for women who have experience of an unequal relationship. Freedom courses are frequently cited by the women who attend them as the single most effective intervention for domestic abuse. In 2015 there were 156 women who commenced the programme.

⁴ Safelives MARAC data for Isle of Wight April 2015 to March 2016

Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA) Service

The ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Adviser) provides a support and advice service to male and female victims of sexual abuse over the age of 18 years. The ISVA works in partnership with Criminal and Civil Justice agencies, health services, the voluntary sector and Victim and Witness Services in providing support and a single point of contact to both victims who access the criminal justice process and those who do not. Delivered by The Hampton Trust on the Island, the average live case load for the ISVA is **56 cases** with the receipt of **85 referrals** in the past financial year.

Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Service

A new and very much needed service has been introduced to the Island in the past 12 months which offers a counselling service to Woman and Men over the age of 18 who have been the victims of rape and serious sexual assault. Southampton Rape Crisis (now known as 'Yellow Door') provides this service which is funded through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Since the introduction of the service in August 2015 there has been a significant demand for counselling with **73 referrals** being received and counselling support provided to **34 clients**.

3.0 Protection and Justice

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

Every month, the cases of approximately 20 – 25 victims determined to be at the highest risk of murder are considered at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). The MARAC is chaired by the police (deputy Chair is the IWR Chief Executive) and attended by a wide range of agencies (children's social care, health, housing, etc.). The aim of the meeting is to share information to enable a safety plan to be compiled for the victim and any children, and to consider the risk to staff from any agency that may have contact with the family. Agency participation at MARAC on the Island is very good where partners are able to identify the holistic risk posed to survivors and their children.

Specialist Domestic Abuse Court (SDAC)

The SDAC is a court convened specially to hear domestic abuse cases, in which the aim is that all staff, from magistrates to the ushers have received training on domestic abuse. Special measures for victims can be provided if required and an IDVA should be at hand to ensure victims receive support whilst a case progresses through the criminal justice process.

The new, in post, Domestic Abuse Coordinator has now taken a lead for the SDAC steering group which has now been merged (as a standing agenda item) into the Domestic Abuse Forum. It is hoped that in the next financial year progress can be made to engage with

HMCTS, CPS, Police and National Probation Service to ensure that the SDAC is as effective as possible to ensure victim support through the Criminal Justice process and maximise positive prosecution outcomes.

4.0 Prevention and Awareness

Isle of Wight Festival and Bestival 2015

Working with volunteers from St Mary's Hospital Sexual Health, Barnardo's and Southampton Rape Crisis, the Strategic Domestic Abuse Forum has repeated previous year's interactions with Festival Goers to raise awareness around healthy and respectful sexual relationships.

It is recognised in data available from the Ministry of Justice that only 15% of rape victims make a formal complaint to the police. Our volunteer's offer a counselling service to victims who may not wish to make a formal complaint to the police but still offer an opportunity to provide forensic samples should they wish to make a formal complaint to police at a later stage.

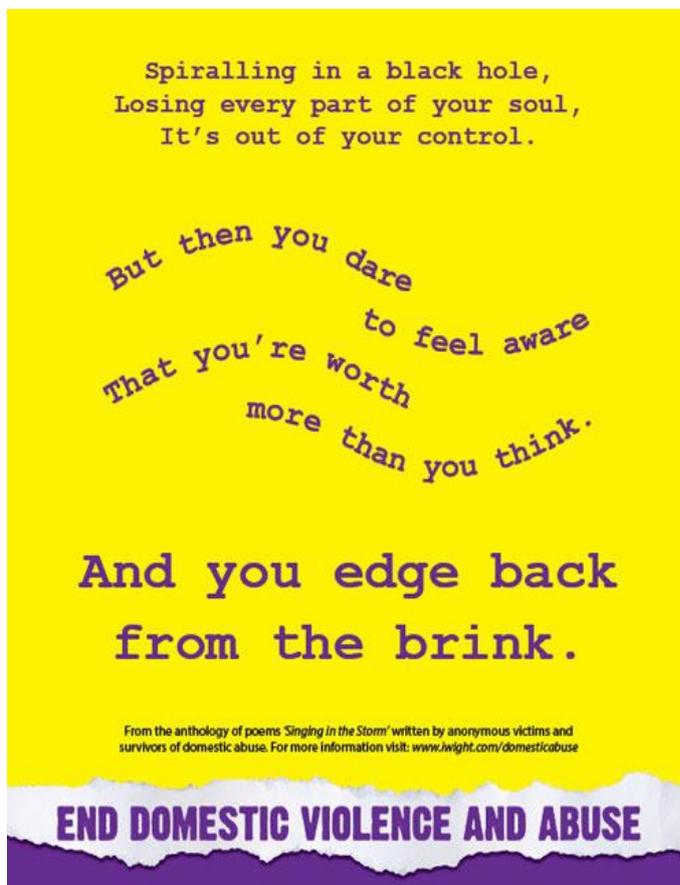
Bracelet making has proved to be an effective engagement tool over the past 2 years allowing the team to talk to hundreds of festival goers and raise their awareness to enjoying a safe festival.

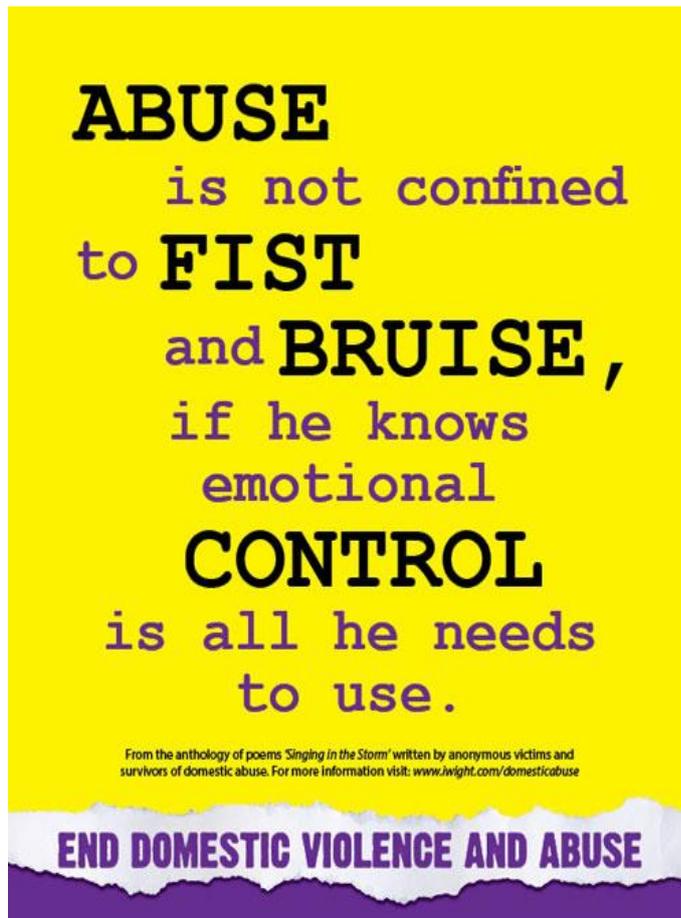




Poster Campaigns

Over the past year we have reviewed our poster material to ensure we raise awareness and encourage reporting of Domestic and Sexual violence and abuse, and continued to distribute our barcode DV leaflets to ensure that victims know who to contact when the need arises.





5.0 Progress against Domestic Abuse Priorities for 2015/16

The following were the key priorities for the Forum:

1. Work with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on the integrated commissioning of specialist services.
2. Maintain, and where possible increase, the current levels of informed and knowledgeable support for survivors of sexual violence and domestic abuse.
3. Ensure information on domestic abuse, rape and the services that can help are more widely available to the general public and to professionals.
4. Bring a specialist counselling service for survivors of rape and sexual assault to the Island.
5. Continue our focus on working with partners to improve access to education for all children and young people on domestic abuse / sexual violence.

Priority 1: Integrated Commissioning

Joint work and public consultation has taken place with the Isle of Wight Council and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner over the past 2 years to introduce the integrated and joint commissioning of Domestic and Sexual Abuse services for the Island. This would ensure during these times of austerity that essential services are maintained to support survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. Consultation has taken place throughout the financial year 2015/16 to implement Integrated Commissioning with effect from April 2017. However, assuring key funding streams to take this priority forward has proved to be problematic and will delay implementation until late 2017/early 2018.

It is therefore likely that grant funding will continue for the financial year 2017/18. The introduction of Integrated Commissioning remains a priority and will be rolled over into next year's strategic plan.

Priority 2: Maintain / Increase current levels of support

All services have been maintained over the past financial year and we have been able to secure OPCC funding for the provision of some additional services to the Island, namely;

The introduction of a rape and serious sexual assault counselling service provided by Yellow Door (previously known as Southampton Rape Crisis) providing a counselling service to women and men over the age of 18.

AgeUK support worker for women and men over the age of 50 who are the victims of domestic abuse and violence. This service also provides a specialist worker who can provide support to the LGBT community.

Priority 3: Information

The DAF webpages contain information on Domestic Violence campaigns and ways to access support. This has also been extended to provide a Professional's page where training courses (e-learning and classroom) can be accessed.

Domestic and Sexual Abuse posters continue to be distributed to our partner agencies as well as more of the Domestic abuse 'z-card' contact cards which are printed to look like receipts were also distributed to partner agencies. We have been able to maintain our bus shelter poster campaign.

A review of poster campaign material is taking place to introduce new material during the 2016/17 financial year.

Priority 4: Specialist counselling for Rape / Sexual Violence

A successful bid to the OPCC by the DAF has meant that Southampton Rape Crisis is now able to provide specialist counselling for adult victims (men and women) of rape and sexual abuse on-Island rather than victims having to travel to Southampton. Demand for this much needed service has dramatically exceeded capacity.

Priority 5: Education

This remains an on-going project. In 2014 / 15 it was agreed that Public Health would lead on supporting and encouraging schools to provide a holistic PHSE programme including domestic abuse, sexual health and healthy relationships. Forum members have supported these attempts and provided information and links for schools to Home Office approved evidence based programmes that can be used in primary and secondary schools. There will be ongoing work in the 2016/17 financial year to improve school engagement and raise awareness to respectful relationships in coordination with the Local Children Safeguarding Board.

6.0 Partner Agency Updates

6.1 Wight DASH (Domestic Abuse Support Hub)

As an organisation we decided it was time to rebrand to better represent the breadth of work we undertake; we continue to provide refuge accommodation, outreach, IDVA service, Young Women's project, Freedom Programme and therapeutic work with children. IDVA and outreach are available to both women and men who are or who have experienced domestic abuse. Our new identity is Wight DASH. We learned at the end of 2015 that we had been successful in an application to Big Lottery to open a Women's Centre, which will be known as WOW! (Women on the Wight). We have two domestic abuse workers embedded in children's social care as part of a DfE pilot project.

6.2 Isle of Wight Council Housing Services.

The following tables show the number of approaches Housing Services have received for requests for advice and assistance and in particular those who have sighted 'relationship breakdown – violent' as their reasons for approach. They also show detail of the outcome of those approaches.

Approaches for advice and assistance with housing			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
No of approaches	1961	1566	1485
No giving fleeing DA as a reason	65	55	58
Percentage of overall approaches	3.31%	3.51%	3.9%

Outcomes of approaches						
Advice only	26	40%	23	42%	25	43%
No further contact with client	14	21.5%	10	18%	9	15.5%
Assistance unsuccessful	10	15.5%	10	18%	8	14%
Alternative accommodation secured	12	18.5%	6	11%	11	19%
Enabled to remain at home	3	4.5%	6	11%	5	8.5%

Whilst the number of households approaching with domestic abuse as their reasons has shown a slight increase over the last three years in comparison to the overall number of approaches, the outcomes remain fairly static in terms of unsuccessful assistance although the successful outcomes and ability to remain in contact with clients appears to be improving.

The upgrading of the Island HomeFinder web based database in October 2015 also saw the introduction of a Housing Assessment tool for applicants to complete prior to applying to join the register for social housing. This tool allowed applicants to highlight any needs they may have in terms of housing which would then provide a tailored action plan with advice, options and signposting to supportive agencies. The Housing Assessment also asks specific questions around domestic abuse so that this can be identified at the point of approach for assistance with housing so the relevant support and advice can be identified early on in the process.

The contract with the Island's Women's Refuge to provide accommodation based and community based housing related support to households affected by domestic abuse

expired on 31 March 2016. The Housing and Family Support Services were able to offer a further one year contract to the Women's Refuge intended to run for one year up to March 2017 whilst the integrated commissioning of domestic abuse services is being considered.

6.3 Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)

This has been a period of significant change as the CRC moves to a new organisational structure & delivery model. The new Interchange manager role combines both the operational delivery on the Isle of Wight as well as some of the more strategic oversight.

The CRC continues to manage Domestic Abuse service users in the community and on licence. A snapshot of our data showed that we manage a caseload of approximately 251 cases of which 70 have committed offences of Domestic Violence.

The CRC continues to offer the Building Better Relationships course (a group work programme) and the Integrated Domestic Abuse Strategy (individual programme)

All service users who have committed DA are assessed using the SARA tool.

DA training is provided to all practitioners in the CRC as a matter of course. There is awareness training, BBR case manager training, SARA and IDAM training. This is delivered in house and Probation officers (Senior Case Managers) were already trained at the start of 2015. During 2015/16 two of our Case Managers attended further training.

The CRC will be adopting the new SARA tool during 2016 and there will be training to support this.

The CRC's business priorities are:

Priority 1: Continuity of quality service delivery to reduce re-offending

Priority 2: Effective use of resources to manage risk and protect the public

This is applied to all cases including Domestic Abuse.

6.4 Safeguarding Children Team and Safeguarding Adult Team (St Mary's Hospital)

- Throughout the past year there has been a continued focus to ensure that Domestic Abuse awareness and training has taken place to ensure staff confidence in the completion of the DASH/RIC assessment tool and know where to signpost support.
- Level 1 Adult Safeguarding training within the Trust references domestic violence and abuse

- Level 1 and Level 2 Safeguarding Training within the Trust discusses domestic abuse and the effects on children, it also covers local statistics, services and how to make a referral to Childrens Social Care.
- Additional domestic abuse awareness training is being trialled where there is a high risk of domestic abuse within the service demographic
- Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children attends the Monthly MARAC meeting and shares all relevant health information regarding children living with domestic abuse.
- Health Visitors and School Nurses are informed which children have been discussed at MARAC- so they can continue to safeguard the children.
- The Trust requires that information from mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services is available at MARAC.
- At risk adults are identified as requiring an additional safeguarding response and further support to ensure their ability to take actions in line with their own wishes
- School Nurses and Health Visitors have bi-monthly supervision to discuss any families which are vulnerable, including families where Domestic Abuse is a concern.
- The Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children works closely with the Named Nurse for Adult Safeguarding and the Designated Child/Adult lead to co-ordinate how best to collect data re domestic abuse and offer support to families where domestic abuse is prevalent.

Priorities for next 12 months:

- To ratify a Domestic Abuse Policy as part of the Trust's strategic safeguarding duty to patients, service users and staff

6.5 CCG Safeguarding Children and Adults

The CCG Designated Nurse has attended both the VAWG Integrated Commissioning meetings and the DAF meetings, feeding back to the CCG some of the current challenges and threats to continuing service provision.

Whilst commissioned services have some level of awareness, responses to individuals presenting with a history of domestic abuse is variable. As stronger partnership working is now re-established, the CCG is reporting an increase in requests for information as investigations are undertaken involving a range of providers, particularly in relation to the MARAC forum. What is evident is that there is a need to support providers, specifically Primary care in improving its capacity to effectively understand and discharge its safeguarding duties, however this work has begun and the CCG is supporting Primary care in examining and developing this capacity.

The CCG has been collating a wide range of support materials for the CCG Intranet Safeguarding page which is to be uploaded. These includes a summary of GP responsibilities in relation to Domestic abuse and violence and the regular newsletters produced which detail contact numbers and services for domestic abuse and violence.

The CCG remains committed to increasing access to psychological advice and therapies via CAMHS for under 18 year olds, which will include those experiencing domestic abuse and meeting the referral criteria.

All CCG and provider staff are required to undertake safeguarding adults training in line with both statutory requirements and their role and function, with providers monitoring compliance. The CCG has undertaken an audit over summer of all CCG staff in an effort to identify the baseline position moving forward. This is due to be analysed and will inform a CCG wide announcement in relation to current position and statutory requirements (role-specific). Whilst CCG and provider staff will not all direct providers, accessing LSAB training will develop basic awareness of domestic abuse in a local and safeguarding context for staff requiring that level, with higher level training being available via the LSCB for those roles requiring it.

Priorities for next 12 months:

- Increasing access to psychological advice and therapies via CAMHS for under 18 year olds, which will include those experiencing domestic abuse and meeting the referral criteria.
- Improving information flow between Primary Care and the MARAC Forum to improve the safeguarding of these vulnerable individuals and/or their families.
- To continue to attend and participate in the integrated commissioning group and remain committed to the continuation of services for those affected by domestic abuse and violence.

6.6 IOW Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

The priorities for the CSP are:

- Reduce reoffending
- Respond effectively to ASB
- Reduce violent crime
- Protect vulnerable members of the community including Domestic Abuse
- Delivery of prevent (counter terrorism) duty
- Road Safety

6.7 IOW Youth Offending Team (YOT)

Key developments over the past 12 months:

1. Hampshire and IOW YOT confirmed their Position Statement for Domestic Abuse and Adolescent to Parent Violence.

2. Hampshire and IOW YOT reviewed their “Risk Assessment and Management” and “Safety and Wellbeing” Policy Documents to include reference to Domestic Abuse and relevant processes (eg MARAC).
3. IOW YOT has a designated MARAC Rep (Assistant Team Manager) and has reviewed processes in relation to MARAC checks and contributions.
4. The IOW YOT Parenting Officer has attended facilitator training for ‘Break for Change’ and ‘Who’s In Charge’ and is currently exploring options for delivery.
5. IOW YOT Team Manager has attended Festival and Bestival alongside IOW colleagues under the banner of “Reclaim the Night” to provide on-site support and develop networking opportunities.

The IOW YOT Team Manager is member of IOW LSCB Workforce Development Sub Group and Children’s Trust Workforce Development Sub Group respectively. This has included contribution to wider training needs analysis, and development of training courses.

Priorities for 2016/17

- Confirm delivery of programmes specifically relating to APV and Healthy Relationships
- Confirm content for specific ‘Girls’ programme including relevant themes
- Ensure relevant team members are appropriately trained to deliver above and aware of all pathways/mechanisms for onward referral/signposting

7.0 VAWG Strategy 2016-2020

Victims/survivors of Domestic Abuse are supported by excellent specialist services on the Isle of Wight. The commitment and passion of the Island’s voluntary sector ensures that the highest level of urgent and essential support is provided to women, men and children suffering Domestic Abuse.

The MARAC functions very well with a high level of agency attendance, support and interaction. This ensures that effective action plans are implemented to support survivors with clear care pathways to minimise the risk of further harm or repeat victimisation. However, significant gaps exist within current service provision – most notably dedicated support to children and young people who have suffered sexual abuse and a domestic abuse perpetrator programme.

In preparation for financial year 2016/17, there will be;

- A review of the structure and membership of the DAF and who the forum should report to.
- Preparation of a 3-5 year Strategic Plan for the delivery of DA services to the Island.
- The introduction of Integrated Commissioning to ensure that the most effective service is delivered and maximise value for money.
- A review the current performance framework and introduction of KPI's consistent with the strategic delivery plan.
- Encouragement for improved joined up working between IWC Departments, statutory and VSO partners to deliver single delivery approach
- Ensure that VAWG training/awareness is a common thread through the strategy.

This will need to be interwoven into HM Governments 'Ending Violence Against Woman and Girls' Strategy 2016-2020 which will be implemented towards the end of 2016. The Government has pledged £80 million of funding for this 4 year period to ensure that prevention and early intervention is at the foundation of this strategy.

Between December 2015 and February 2016 we have worked with key partners from Island Women's Refuge (IWR), Adult Social Care, Childrens Services, Housing, Public Health, CCG and Hampshire Constabulary to ensure that any future strategy is inclusive of all partner agencies views and contribution. A new four year VAWG Strategy will be launched for the Island in April 2016.

Glossary

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
ASC	Adult Social Care
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CIN	Children in Need
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
CRC	Community Rehabilitation Company
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DA	Domestic Abuse
DAF	Domestic Abuse Forum
DASH	Domestic Abuse Stalking Harassment (form used to identify Risk Indicator Score)
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
DoLS	Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards
DV	Domestic Violence
HMCTS	Her Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service
HMP	Her Majesty's Prison
IDVA	Individual Domestic Violence Advisor
IoW	Isle of Wight
ISVA	Individual Sexual Violence Advisor
IWR	Island Women's Refuge (now known as WightDASH since Oct 2016)
IWSAB	Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adults Board
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Local Area Coordinator
LSAB	Local Safeguarding Adults Board
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MCA	Mental Capacity Act
MSP	Making Safeguarding Personal
NHS	National Health Service
NPS	National Probation Service
OPCC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
SAB	Safeguarding Adults Board
SAR	Safeguarding Adult Review
SARSG	Safeguarding Adults Review Sub-group
SDAC	Specialist Domestic Abuse Court
SHG	Southern Housing Group
SHIP	Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth
SSOG	Serious Sexual Offences Group
ToR	Terms of Reference
VAWG	Violence Against Woman and Girls
VFM	Value For Money
VSO	Voluntary Sector Organisation