
REPORT TO:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 5
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Domestic abuse services within South Derbyshire	REF:
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members to note the report and acknowledge potential future risks in services.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform members of the current structure of Domestic Abuse services in place within South Derbyshire.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The crime and disorder act 2006 review extended the powers of Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees to encompass the work of Community Safety Partnerships. It was decided at a recent meeting that the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership would provide an update report on the existing Domestic Abuse services available in the district.

- There are a variety of agencies providing Domestic Abuse support and services within Derbyshire and South Derbyshire. Within the district these agencies work together and form a tiered approach that is tailored to the needs of each victim.
- All victims of Domestic Abuse receive an initial risk assessment completed by the receiving agencies. The outcome of the risk assessment (CAADA DASH) determines the victim's level of risk ranging from low to high.

- There are four main agencies that work directly with victims in South Derbyshire. The table below details these providers and what they do:

RISK	AGENCY	PROVISION
Low (0-9 score on DASH form)	Victim Support (All Police referrals to go to Victim Support) Next Step (Agency and self-referrals) Trident Reach the Charity (Agency and self-referrals)	Initial one to one support and further signposting if required Outreach support, counselling, one to one sessions, Freedom programme Floating support
Medium (10-15 on DASH form)	Next Step Trident Reach the Charity	As above
High (16 and above on DASH form)	North Derbyshire Women's Aid (IDVA)	121 support, MARAC, Sanctuary Scheme, alarm systems

- All high risk victims are referred on to the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) who will work with them and signpost accordingly.
- The IDVA will then refer all high risk victims to the monthly MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) where they are discussed with relevant partner agencies including Derbyshire Police DV unit, Social Care, Housing etc. The MARAC will decide what additional measures need to be put in place to protect the victim and rehabilitate the offender. The Sanctuary Scheme is run by CVS Safer Homes and provides increased security measures for victims including new locks, alarm systems and other measures.
- As well as the above there are other specialist support mechanisms available within the district. There is a children's service provided by Trident Reach the Charity which delivers sessions in schools and one to one support for young people who are victims or offenders of Domestic Abuse. There is a women's refuge, Lemon Grove, also provided by Trident Reach the Charity which provides self-contained accommodation with support workers onsite 24hours a day. There is also specific advice provided through Derbyshire Friend and Derbyshire Rape Crisis.
- The funding for all of the county IDVA workers comes from the Community Safety funding from the Home Office via Derbyshire County Council. This funding will now go to the Police and Crime Commissioner however, it is hoped that he will continue to support these workers.
- The majority of funding that Trident Reach the Charity receives comes via Derbyshire County Council. The Supporting People Programme fund Lemon Grove refuge and their floating support team. The Children and Younger Adults department fund the children's service. All of these funding streams are for 2/3 years.
- Next Step have recently secured funding from DCC (Adult Care), The Police & Crime Commissioner, SSDP, SDDC and to maintain existing services until March 2014 however, there is still uncertainty about their long term future. The County

Council will be drawing up a tender process for medium risk outreach services which will be available from September 2013.

- 3.2 Within South Derbyshire there is a proactive Domestic Abuse Action Group (DAAG) which meets on a quarterly basis and brings together all of the aforementioned agencies to work together to deliver the SSDP Domestic Abuse action plan (appendix 1) and the Derbyshire County Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Violence action plan.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 SSDP contributed £10,000 to Next Step along with SDDC who contributed £20,000 via the Community and Voluntary Sector Grant. Both of these are one off payments to maintain the service in 2013/14.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 There is currently a diverse range of services available for victims living in the district. Next step currently run several training programmes and use several volunteers for their support work. If their long term future is not secured it would have a major detrimental impact on the domestic abuse provision available to the local community.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 In the long-term the future of many of these agencies is uncertain as much of the funding is provided by the County Council. In the short term the district is fortunate to have dedicated workers and volunteers who are committed to reducing the amount of Domestic Abuse cases within the district.

8.0 Background Papers

Domestic Abuse Action group Action plan (App 1)