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**DOMESTIC ABUSE
BRACKNELL FOREST STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2011**

National research has shown that domestic abuse continues to remain an under reported crime, although locally, there are continuous efforts to raise awareness in the community and with local partner agencies.

Number of incidents:

Year	Recorded Crime			Non Recordable Crime			Total		
	BF	RBWM	SBC	BF	RBWM	SBC	BF	RBWM	SBC
2008/09	562	657	1288	887	765	1718	1449	1422	3006
2009/10	511	660	1389	1003	913	1823	1514	1573	3212
2010/11	546	638	1239	1055	1044	2212	1601	1682	3451
April 2011 – end Sept 2011	217 (-21.9% in comp to prev yr)	280 (-18.4% in comp to prev yr)	588 (-10.0% in comp to prev yr)	588 (+16.6% in comp to prev yr)	583 (+6.2% in comp to prev yr)	1170 (+3.5% in comp to prev yr)	806	863	1758

(BF = Bracknell Forest; RBWM = Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead; SBC = Slough Borough Council)

Note: Recordable incidents are those where a crime has been committed and a power of arrest exists. Non-recordable incidents comprise, for example, verbal arguments i.e. where no crime has taken place.

The above table demonstrates that overall there has been an increase in reports of domestic abuse to police over the last three years. However the rate of recorded crime (e.g. assault) in the year to date has reduced, whilst the non recordable crime (e.g. verbal argument) reporting rate has increased over the same period.

Repeat incidents:

Year	No of incidents			All repeats			Repeat Rate		
	BF	RBWM	SBC	BF	RBWM	SBC	BF	RBWM	SBC
2009/10	1534	1594	3243	649	566	1360	42.3%	35.0%	41.9%
2010/11	1591	1674	3437	666	693	1434	41.9%	41.4%	41.7%
April – Sept 2010	778	888	1779	331	359	721	42.5%	40.4%	40.5%
April – Sept 2011	805	854	1750	332	339	726	41.2%	39.7%	41.5%

The above table outlines the Police repeat rate over the last 2 years and for the period April – September 2011, including a comparison to the same time the previous year. It demonstrates a consistent reduction in the level of repeats which is positive.

Police data relating to domestic abuse and children:

The below table demonstrates the number of incidents where one or more persons aged 17 and under were involved in the domestic abuse incident as 'witness' or 'other'.

	Apr – June 2010	July – Sept 2010	Oct – Dec 2010	Jan – March 2011	2010-11 total
BF	202	196	196	232	826

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The below table demonstrates the numbers of persons aged 17 and under that are linked to these incidents.

	Apr – June 2010	July – Sept 2010	Oct – Dec 2010	Jan – March 2011	2010-11 total
BF	393	354	380	440	1567

In both tables, if there are 6 incidents recorded involving a family where there are 5 children, then the tables would count 6 and 30 respectively for these incidents.

MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) data:

The Bracknell MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) meets every month with a variety of partners attending, to share information on high risk cases and manage the risk. The below data provides data in relation to the Bracknell MARAC:

Year	No of cases reviewed	Repeat rate (rolling 12 mths)	No of children	Non TVP referrals
2009/10	61	10%	79	18%
2010/11	60	12%	62	17%
April – Sept 2011	25	22%	44	56%

Bracknell is currently finalising its Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan to outline services and responses to domestic abuse. Current activity and projects/programmes include:

- A Domestic Homicide Review was opened in September 2011, into the death of a lady living in Bracknell Forest in November 2010.
- Awareness raising through public events, internet, press opportunities, leaflets etc.
- Sanctuary Scheme to enable victims of domestic abuse to remain in their homes wherever possible.
- Stepping Up Programme – a 6 session programme for young men known to the Youth Offending Service (YOS) to tackle issues of violence in relationships and promoting the positive development of masculinity.
- Bracknell Forest Council Children's Social Care adopting the Barnardos Risk Assessment Matrix in order to effectively assess risk posed to children living in domestic abuse households. Multi agency briefings were also provided to partner agencies.
- DASC (Domestic Abuse Service Co-ordination) Project, launched in April 2011 with the aim of co-ordinating support to victims of standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse, particularly those with children.
- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) are hosted by Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA) to support victims identified as being at high risk of future harm or homicide. From September 2010 – September 2011, there were 1002 calls to the BWA helpline from victims in the Bracknell area. The IDVA/outreach worker supported 687 victims and their families, of which 204 accessed and engaged with ongoing support.
- Changing Ways Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme – a voluntary programme ended in March 2011 due to lack of funding. Over the four years the programme ran, there were 73 referrals to the programme from men living in Bracknell Forest (accounting for 38.4% of all referrals). 23 Bracknell men started the programme, with 13 men completing the full 30 week programme. In September 2011, a one to one perpetrator service was launched (provided by Stonham), based within Children's Social Care.
- Positive Intervention for Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (PICADA) group – this group was originally piloted in 2009 for 9 to 11 year olds. A second group ran in 2011, with a third group planned for 2012.
- Training for professionals:
 - Introduction to Domestic Abuse training for front-line professionals continues to run with good attendance.
 - Children and Domestic Abuse training, run twice a year. Run by an external trainer.
 - HBV and Forced marriage training. A Train the Trainer course ran May 2010 and January 2011 Thames Valley wide – 5 from Berkshire East attended. A one day training day session ran once in 2011 and is due to run again in 2012.
 - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and HBV – Risk Indicator Checklist) training ran 3 times

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2010/11 with a further 3 dates planned for 2011/12 to encourage local practitioners/agencies to use common risk identification checklist so they can risk assess victims of domestic abuse disclosing and how to refer into MARAC if high risk. Run by locally trained practitioners who attend MARAC.