

# BRACKNELL FOREST DOMESTIC ABUSE WORK PLAN 2022-24



## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 – PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

*Effective preventative educational programmes, a skilled and resourced workforce, promotion of a culture of prevention and earlier intervention, challenging attitudes and behaviour which foster domestic abuse.*

OUTCOME	REF	WHAT WE WILL DO	LEAD	QUARTERLY UPDATE
<b>Bracknell Forest’s community and professionals have an awareness of domestic abuse and know where to signpost to.</b>	1.1	Create a forward plan of key dates and events in relation to domestic abuse.	DA Coordinator and BFC Comms Team	
	1.2	Deliver internal and external communications to challenge negative attitudes and encourage confidence in seeking support and support specific campaigns.		
	1.3	Ensure available resources are up to date and distributed, as well as developing new resources as required.		
<b>Children and young people in the borough are made aware of what constitutes a healthy relationship and domestic abuse.</b>	1.4	Improve ways we can work with schools and youth settings to raise awareness of domestic abuse and educate children and young people about safe relationships.		
<b>Professionals working in Bracknell Forest can identify those affected by domestic abuse (including coercive control) and have a strong understanding of appropriate responses and pathways including referrals and interventions.</b>	1.5	Deliver multi-agency training available for all professionals working in Bracknell Forest to support early identification and effective responses.	DA Coordinator / BFC Organisational Development	
	1.6	Carry out an audit to examine agency take up of training in order to challenge where there are gaps and ensure follow up with staff who have attended.	DA Coordinator / DA Exec Group	

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	1.7	Identify other levels of training and commission where required.		
<b>Schools in Bracknell Forest have timely information about police attended incidents of domestic abuse; staff in schools understand how to support children experiencing domestic abuse; children receive timely support in their school.</b>	1.8	Ensure all schools in Bracknell Forest are aware of and signed up to Operation Encompass.	Thames Valley Police	

### STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 – PROVISION OF SERVICES

*Responsive, effective, joined up support for victims at risk of, or subjected to domestic abuse and its reoccurrence.*

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<b>Victims are safer and have improved resources to remain safe.</b>	2.1	Offer an effective target hardening programme which increases safety of victims of domestic abuse in their own home ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ).	DA Executive Group / BFC Housing	
<b>Victims of domestic abuse are offered high quality services which is accessible and meets their needs. This includes support provided in in safe accommodation.</b>	2.2	Identify, understand and engage with our diverse/hard to reach communities to raise awareness and provide appropriate support.	VAWG Collaborative Working Group	
	2.3	Provision of and IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy) and Outreach service, specifically monitoring the number of referrals to BWA.	BFC Commissioning / DA Executive Group / BWA	

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	2.4	Ensure there is adequate refuge provision for people fleeing domestic abuse.	BFC Commissioning / BWA	
	2.5	Provide a therapeutic intervention for recent victims of domestic abuse who have additional mental health needs/complex difficulties ( <i>BRAVE – Building Resilience And Valuing Emotions</i> ).	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	
	2.6	Deliver interventions to support victims of domestic abuse with children known to Children’s Social Care. ( <i>Family Safeguarding Model Domestic Abuse Victim Service - FSM DAVS</i> ).	BFC FSM	
	2.7	Delivery of the recommendations outlined in the Bracknell Forest Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy ( <i>CSP Key Focus Area 3</i> )	DA Executive Group	
<b>Improved health, wellbeing and resilience for victims of domestic abuse and their children.</b>	2.8	Provide accessible specialist support groups for victims of domestic abuse to help break the cycle of domestic abuse ( <i>Freedom / Choices / Recovery</i> ).	Early Help / BWA	
	2.9	Deliver specialist provision for children and young people affected by domestic abuse ( <i>DART, Safe!</i> ).	Early Help, Safe!	
	2.10	Deliver other appropriate interventions for children and young people affected by	Youth Offending Service	

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		domestic abuse.		
<b>Victims are engaged with informing improved service provision.</b>	2.11	Explore ways to understand the experience of victims of domestic abuse from all social groups to ensure their voices are heard.	DA Executive Group	

### STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – ENFORCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF PERPETRATORS

*Reducing the risk to victims by holding perpetrators to account and supporting them to change their behaviour.*

OUTCOME	REF	WHAT WE WILL DO	LEAD	QUARTERLY UPDATE
<b>Perpetrators of domestic abuse are identified at the earliest opportunity, with interventions implemented/offered to bring individuals to justice or divert their offending.</b>	3.1	Referral of perpetrators into appropriate programmes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DAPS (Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Service), specifically monitoring the % of clients reoffending who have completed the agreed work (CSP Key Focus Area 3)</li> <li>- Plain Talking (second tier programme).</li> </ul>	BFC FSM  BFC Community Safety Team	
	3.2	Keep informed of, and contribute to, the work of the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programmes Thames Valley Network.	Thames Valley Local Criminal Justice Board	
	3.3	Monitor the reduction of harm through the work of the MATAC (CSP Key Focus Area 3).	Thames Valley Police / DA Exec Group	
	3.4	Engage early with perpetrators of adolescent to parent abuse	Youth Services	

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		<i>(Who's In Charge).</i>		
<b>Increased safety of victims and children.</b>	3.5	<p>Make best use of powers available to protect victims of domestic abuse and manage and disrupt perpetrators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve use and enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPN's) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs).</li> <li>- Improve performance in Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS/Clare's Law) applications (<i>CSP Key Focus Area 3</i>).</li> </ul>	Thames Valley Police	

### STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4 – WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

*Recognising the adverse impact of domestic abuse and the need to promote change through joint commitment, leadership and partnership working.*

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<b>Victims receive responsive services and co-ordinated service pathways, which support sustained recovery and a reduction of risk of further harm.</b>	4.1	Clarify and publish clear referral pathways for agencies when they receive a disclosure of domestic abuse.	DA Coordinator	
<b>Improved coordination of high-risk domestic abuse cases including better information sharing, repeat victimisation and improved agency accountability.</b>	4.2	Provide strategic oversight to the MARAC to ensure that it is working to good practice levels with a focus on increasing referrals from a range of agencies.	DA Executive Group	

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	4.3	Monitor the number of repeat incidents including MARAC repeat rate.		
<b>Improved agency responses to domestic abuse following a domestic homicide (including suicide).</b>	4.4	Undertake DHRs where the criteria has been met.	Bracknell Forest Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	
	4.5	Ensure the learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) are proactively shared with partners including the MARAC, Domestic Abuse Executive Group, Domestic Abuse Forum, Safeguarding Partnership and commissioners of services, and included into local and regional training programmes.		
	4.6	Monitor and audit the actions against recommendations and intended outcomes to ensure changes are implemented by partner agencies.		
<b>Improved information sharing to support our understanding about the picture of domestic abuse in Bracknell Forest.</b>	4.7	Collate and review accurate and consistent performance of both specialist and statutory services through an agreed data set.	DA Executive Group	
	4.8	Carry out a full domestic abuse needs assessment every 3 years with an annual refresh to define and monitor domestic abuse at a local level.	DA Executive Group	