

Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan

2018/2019

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Objectives:

- We will be supportive and remove risk to protect people from domestic abuse.
- Risk assessments completed by attending officers are consistently of a high standard.
- Staff apply professional judgement to the risk assessment.
- Staff understand the relevance of risk assessment questions.
- There are processes in place to assess response staff attitudes to victims of DA.
- Risk assessments and actions taken at initial attendance are supervised.
- Where staff are not risk assessing effectively or applying professional judgement processes are in place to address this.
- Safety plans are effective and appropriate.
- Supervisor's quality assure the safety plans that are put in place.
- As a result of Police intervention persons do not become repeat victims of domestic abuse.



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Objectives:

- Information on outcomes of DA cases is available and reviewed with partners.
- Arrangements are in place to ensure that DA investigations are effectively supervised.
- Opportunities to improve investigations are identified and addressed, and there is a mechanism for this learning to be passed to staff.
- There is good oversight of issues such as offenders brought to justice, attrition rate, file quality, proportion of guilty pleas and supervisors understand their role in the performance of cases.
- There is clear allocation and prioritisation policy for high, medium and standard risk cases.
- The progress of DA investigations is monitored through regular reviews (outstanding named suspects and case progression).
- The investigation process includes ongoing assessment of risk and safety planning, i.e., at key points of arrest, charge, bail, court appearance.
- There are effective policies in place for the use of DVPO's and DVDS. There usage is effectively reviewed.
- Staff understand and can effectively use civil powers (DVPOs, non molestation and occupation orders).





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Objectives:

- We will learn from recommendations and learning from DHRs/SCRs/HMIC/ IPCC.
- We will actively seek feedback on performance from survivors of domestic abuse.
- There are strong governance arrangements for DA both within the force, local areas and across the key partners, including safeguarding boards.
- DA is embedded in the force's performance management processes.
- Appropriate performance information is reviewed regularly at performance meetings (monthly or quarterly as a minimum).
- Performance frameworks include regular external case scrutiny, eg, with peer forces, partner agencies or the support sector.
- To consider data from sources such as the Office for National Statistics to consider analysis of how domestic abuse is dealt with across the UK.
- Monitor the deployment and use of body-worn video cameras by officers attending incidents of domestic abuse
- The force conducts Domestic Violence/Homicide reviews and there is a clear process to influence organisation learning.
- Understand and take appropriate action to address the reasons for low domestic abuse arrest rate and low use of DVPNs and DVPOs.
- Effective processes exist to ensure that learning is embedded into normal practice.
- The force has adopted the College of Policing public protection training programme.
- Learning is shared with other agencies where appropriate.
- DA training has been delivered to all staff and the effectiveness of this assessed.



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Objectives:

- MARACs are managed and scrutinised effectively with partners (to include outcomes, evaluation, value for money and sustainability).
- Ensure that all high-risk domestic abuse cases are referred to multiagency risk-assessment conferences (MARACs) so victims receive the support they need.
- Cases are effectively managed by the MARAC process and activity is generated within the multi-agency management of risk that leads to effective outcomes.
- Outcomes from the MARAC and multi-agency working are scrutinised and evaluated by Safer Lives.
- There are effective information sharing protocols in place with partner agencies.
- We work effectively with partner agencies to safeguard victims of domestic abuse.
- We have effective processes in place with the Crown Prosecution Service to deliver successful outcomes to victims of domestic abuse.
- We monitor effectiveness through the Criminal Justice Process reviewing successful and unsuccessful prosecutions to identify lessons learnt.

