

SAFER PLYMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Domestic Abuse (DA) Review Outcome



At the Safer Plymouth Partnership Board meeting on the 24.9.2015 a discussion was held concerning Domestic Abuse (DA) following the submission of a paper compiled by DCI Ben Deer as the Chair of the Strategic Plymouth Domestic Abuse Partnership. The paper identified points for discussion by the Board as to what work is being carried out by agencies in the City in order to safeguard victims and children.

Plymouth Domestic Abuse service (PDAS) provides services to victims in the City. The majority of the referrals come from the Police. However recently there has been an increase in self referrals and those from other agencies including Children's Centres. The service will accept high and medium risk victims. Currently the 'take up' of the PDAS service is 78%, PDAS make 4 attempts to contact victims at a variety of times. PDAS submit monthly figures on a quarterly basis and contract review meetings are held on a quarterly basis. The Partnership is able to compare the number of referrals to the number of crimes and incidents recorded by the Police. PDAS are delivering Early Intervention and Prevention programmes in City schools which is funded by 'Children in Need'. This work is based the RESPECT initiative and looks at healthy relationships, it is designed by and for young people.

Nationally it is known that victims suffer on average 35 incidents before reporting to the authorities. The benefits to the City of multi-agency DASH training is that we know DA is identified at an earlier point in the offending and assistance given to the victim in other settings e.g. Children's Centres. Victims are reporting earlier in the offending and the number of DA crimes within the City is increasing demonstrating more victims are willing to report incidents to the Police. We are also delivering awareness sessions throughout the City e.g. DA Awareness Week, Valentines' Day and Community days.

The impact of Plymouth Domestic Abuse Partnership (PDAP) has been to look at innovative ways to improve services provided to victims across the City and to encourage earlier reporting, this has included the provision of a worker from PDAS now sited within the Police team at Charles Cross Police Station. This means workers are able to visit the victim whilst the perpetrator is in Custody. Links are also made to

other programmes and members targets e.g. the Families with a Future (FWAF) PBR5 target 'That the Family is not subjected to Domestic Violence and Abuse' and that the Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour base violence (DASH) risk assessment score falls below 14. As part of this we have trained FWAF team members to be able to complete DASH forms. FWAF also attend the partnership meetings.

The Commissioning of the City's Domestic Abuse Service is undertaken by the Councils Safer Plymouth and Joint Commissioning teams, funding is from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Grant via Safer Plymouth and from Joint Commissioning funding. There are some concerns about this funding in the present economic climate about at the time of writing no funding has been withdrawn.

The identified gap in the delivery of DA services is the lack of perpetrator programme in the City for those people not in the Criminal Justice system for their DA offending. At present the Joint Commissioning team are exploring a range of perpetrator programmes looking at cost and evaluations. The Splitz programme delivered in Devon has been identified as being one of the more expensive courses and to date there has been no monitoring of clients to ascertain if there has been change in their offending behaviour. This is ongoing work which is a priority for the City.

**SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS
IDVA DATA COLLECTION FORM**

Name of IDVA Service - PLYMOUTH DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Referral Data - to be collected in the month of referral

	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
Number of referrals by source:												
Police	198	144	113	216	175	166	163	197	240	98	117	132
MARAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	1	1	3	3	0	2	5	8	3	2	2	2
Other DV or SV Service	0	1	3	3	3	0	0	8	0	0	7	14
Housing	2	3	2	5	3	4	2	4	1	2	3	3
Children and Young People's Service's	5	2	4	8	7	1	7	9	5	4	5	6
Self	30	36	50	36	39	21	19	22	25	39	35	41
Other	5	17	9	11	11	13	17	5	20	19	7	11
Total number of referrals	241	204	184	282	238	207	213	253	294	164	176	209
Number of re-referrals	2	3	3	4	5	0	1	8	2	5	5	3
% of total referrals which are referrals	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Number of referrals successfully contacted by IDVA service this month	172	159	137	220	166	146	166	178	212	132	130	178
Number of referrals uncontactable (4 attempts/methods at different times of the day)	69	45	47	62	72	61	47	75	82	32	46	31
Number of referrals not accepting support	88	58	33	68	74	58	86	70	87	60	34	26
% of Referrals contacted by IDVA service both successful and unsuccessful	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Engagement Data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of referrals engaging with service	172	159	137	220	166	146	166	178	212	132	130	178
% of referrals emgaging with the service	71%	78%	74%	78%	70%	71%	78%	70%	72%	80%	74%	85%
Number of referrals that are High Risk or Very High Risk on IDVA assessment	5	10	5	9	8	9	8	9	7	7	5	2
% of referrals that are HR/VHR	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	1%
Number of clients referred to DAAP	65	88	83	4	4	9	0	0	0	5	4	4
MARAC Data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of IDVA clients that were reviewed at MARAC	25	15	34	22	29	44	19	26	17	11	14	9
% of IDVA clients reviewed at MARAC	15%	9%	25%	10%	17%	30%	11%	15%	8%	8%	11%	5%
Number of IDVA clients that were repeat MARAC victims	8	5	10	6	11	18	5	4	3	4	4	1
% of Number of IDVA clients that were repeated MARAC victims	5%	3%	7%	3%	7%	12%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Criminal Court Related Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of IDVA clients who were involved in the court process	15	27	23	29	20	17	17	27	28	17	18	16
% IDVA clients involved in the court process	9%	17%	17%	13%	12%	12%	10%	15%	13%	14%	14%	9%
Number of IDVA clients supported through this process by the IDVA	11	24	21	28	18	11	11	27	24	17	18	16
Out of the above number how many withdrew from the process	4	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
% of IDVA clients supported through the Court Process	73%	89%	91%	97%	90%	65%	65%	100%	86%	100%	100%	100%
% of IDVA clients withdrawing from the Court Process	36%	4%	0%	4%	10%	12%	12%	0%	4%	6%	0%	0%