

Subject: 2017 – 2021 Domestic Abuse Strategy

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board

The Health and Well Being Board Members are asked to comment and endorse the content of the new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017-2021 and discuss specifically how the Board can support the 3 key objectives:

- Communities and families no longer experience domestic abuse
- Families who are vulnerable to or experience domestic abuse are identified earlier and receive effective support to stay safe; reduce repeat victimisation and recover.
- People who use abusive behaviour are challenged and provided with effective support to change or face the consequences of their actions.

Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	X
Information	X

Implications		Applicable Yes
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	Yes
	Mental Health	Yes
	Dementia	No
	Obesity	No
	Children and Families	Yes
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Yes
Finance		Yes
Legal		Yes
Equalities		Yes

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?

- We know that domestic abuse isn't isolated as a single issue in families lives, in many cases it is coupled with mental ill health substance misuse and other complicating factors including the effects of poverty and disadvantage. It can happen anywhere to anyone and can take many forms from physical to emotional abuse and coercive control.
- The overall wider annual cost of Domestic Abuse in all cases for Doncaster has been independently estimated by Safe Lives to be over £122m, with the cost of support for children and young people known to children's social care, calculated at £7.5m. This represents a significant effect upon Partnership services with huge potential to reduce this impact and cost.
- There is significant and growing evidence that children are affected by Domestic Abuse, having long term implications upon their education and future relationships and indeed some go on to become perpetrators themselves. Breaking the cycle of this impact has the potential to significantly improve their health and well-being.
- Families who are vulnerable to or experience domestic abuse, can be identified earlier and receive effective support to stay safe, reduce repeat victimisation and recover. This includes working with perpetrators to enable them to change their behaviour (and where it is safe to do so) enables families to stay together.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-

Comment and endorse the content of the new Strategy and discuss specifically how the Board can support the 3 key objectives and strategic issues identified below :

- 1) Need to build community resilience, capacity and challenge cultural acceptance, expressed as the social DNA and mind-set in Doncaster
- 2) True joint commissioning, with shared principles across boards and commissioners to tackle DVA along with multiple needs in families
- 3) Long term investment to tackle DVA with whole place approach which will have wider public health benefits and support reduction of ASB
- 4) Challenge services to 'think' and 'work' whole family and what this means in practice, challenging the systemic issues and conflicting philosophies and approaches to practice
- 5) Research and evaluate the impact of silo working to develop effective multi-system and agency working to address individual needs

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