
TACKLING DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN DARLINGTON
“A Big Conversation”

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive feedback from the “Big Conversation” and shared planning session on Wednesday 6 June 2018 on Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Darlington.

Summary

2. The Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Community Safety Partnership, Adult Safeguarding Board and Safeguarding Children Board held a “Big Conversation” and shared planning session on Wednesday 6 June 2018 in Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Darlington. This was in recognition that domestic abuse and sexual violence are areas of common concern across all partners.
3. The session provided an opportunity for those organisations in attendance to describe the current programmes and services that are currently in place, an opportunity to share information and intelligence and to contribute ideas to address gaps.
4. The event was well attended, 55 people across sectors in Darlington participated in the conversation and contributed to a Darlington Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Action Plan.
5. The vision is that all agencies will work together to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse and sexual violence, to provide a co-ordinated community response which includes preventative, support and protection services and deals with perpetrators.
6. The plan (which is a work in progress) is structured around four key objectives:
 - (a) Prevention through early identification and intervention
 - (b) Education, training and awareness raising
 - (c) More “invisible” victims are identified and offered support
 - (d) Reduce repeat victims and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual violence

- The contributions from the “Big Conversation” are being collated (June 2018) to refresh the plan. The Community Safety Partnership will review the work in progress and share the plan with the other key Partnership Boards, ie both Safeguarding Boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Attached at Appendix A is an attendance list of participants and Appendix B is a copy of the “Big Conversation” programme.

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the update on local work to further develop a Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence plan.

Reasons

- Domestic abuse and sexual violence is a significant challenge in its scale, severity and impact across individuals, families, communities and organisations.

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	Tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence are CSP priorities.
Health and Well Being	There is explicit reference to domestic abuse and sexual violence in the Health and Wellbeing Plan.
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All groups are affected, however the majority of victims are women, many with children.
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Urgent Decision	N/A
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The strategy identifies priorities in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence.
Efficiency	N/A
Implications for Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Awareness of impact of adverse childhood experiences.