

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	15 March 2017
Officer	Helen Coombes, Interim Director Adult and Community Services
Subject of Report	Domestic Abuse - Key Areas of Challenge
Executive Summary	<p>In October of last year the committee reviewed a Domestic Abuse Scoping Paper, which provided background information on domestic abuse in Dorset in preparation for a discussion by the Committee. As well as providing data, It set out local governance arrangements, service responses and some evidence of what works.</p> <p>In January 2017, members reviewed a further paper looking at the key areas of challenge for Children's and Adult Services and invited members to scrutinise how the County Council collaborates at a local level. It set out proposed joint plans with key partners, and what further actions may be required moving forward.</p> <p>Members agreed that The Safeguarding and Overview Scrutiny Committee would receive regular updates on the progress of the newly formed Pan Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategic group and their action plan.</p> <p>The reason for this is to monitor and scrutinise the work of Dorset County Council's Adult and Children's Services and their partner agencies to be satisfied that they are working together effectively and systematically to increase Adults and Children's safety and to prevent and reduce incidents of violence and domestic abuse.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A

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<p><i>Please refer to the protocol for writing reports.</i></p>	<p>Use of Evidence:</p> <p>Update from the Pan Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategic group and their action plan.</p>
	<p>Budget: N/A</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: MEDIUM Residual Risk: MEDIUM</p>
	<p>Other Implications:</p> <p>Community Safety Partnerships, Safeguarding Adults and Children's Boards to be regularly consulted and appraised of the work undertaken by the strategic leads group</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>The Safeguarding and Overview Scrutiny Committee receives updates on the progress of the Pan Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategic group action plan.</p>
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p>	<p>To monitor and scrutinise the work of Dorset County Council's Adult and Children's Services and their partner agencies to be satisfied that they are working together effectively and systematically to increase Adults and Children's safety and to prevent and reduce incidents of violence and domestic abuse.</p>
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>1. Pan Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017 -2020</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>1. Domestic Abuse Scoping Paper 5 October 2016 2. Key Areas of Challenge Domestic Abuse January 2017</p>
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Update

1. Domestic abuse remains a key priority for community safety partners in Dorset and as discussed at the last committee meeting work to address the issue is undertaken by the multi-agency pan-Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (DASG) which reports to the pan-Dorset Community Safety & Criminal Justice Board (CSCJB).
2. The DASG is still in the process of finalising the Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2017-20. The three year strategy will be complemented by annual action plans that link to the evidence bases and plans of various partner bodies.
3. Actions undertaken by the DASG to date include raising awareness of domestic abuse; implementing the Up2u (domestic abuse perpetrator programme) pilot; linking the work of domestic abuse and sexual violence at a strategic level and ensuring we have services in place that are fit for purpose. Further work is being undertaken to progress a review of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and develop an outcomes framework which can be used to measure service provision.
4. More detailed information about these programmes can be provided on the plan as they progress and mature.

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