

SUPPORTING INFORMATION ON DOMESTIC ABUSE INITIATIVES

Perpetrator Programme

- Perpetrator programmes provide structured group work for perpetrators of domestic violence. They support perpetrators to address the attitudes and beliefs which underpin their abusive behaviour, challenge, stop and prevent further violence and hold perpetrators accountable for their violence.
- During the last few months there has been work scoping out different models for a perpetrator programme by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Co-ordinator. The Clinical Commissioning Group has agreed to fund a pilot approach for 2013 for a perpetrator programme in Halton. The pilot will be provided under a contract with Self Help who deliver current Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) provision. Four therapists will be trained on the Government's accredited scheme, the Respect Programme. The pilot will be for a 26 week programme for 8 individuals.
- Contract reviews will pick up learning points and the programme will go into the new specification for IAPT provision next year. Progress and impact will be reported into the Domestic Abuse Forum and the Safer Halton Partnership with links back into the Children's Trust as required.
- A specification has been drafted and work is being undertaken to agree the process and pathways around the criteria into the programme.

Young People's Violence Advocacy Programme

- In April 2013 the Local Authority received information from CAADA around the Young People's Violence Advocacy Programme. CAADA is responding to the recent change in the definition of domestic abuse to include 16 – 17year olds, CAADA and partners are launching a new two year programme which aims to support local areas to develop a care pathway, integrating safeguarding and MARAC processes, for young people over the age of 13 who are experiencing a range of intimate partner abuse including domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, gangs/young perpetrators, HBV/forced marriages and cyber stalking.
- CAADA have highlighted that each local authority area must nominate one practitioner by the 1st July 2013 to benefit from this programme to be the designated Young People's Violence Advocate for each LA area. Support and training will be provided to each Young People's Violence Advocate and their local authority through five Young People's Regional Advisors, employed by CAADA.
- The intended outcomes are for each area are:
 - To improve early identification and intervention for teenagers experiencing/at risk of serious violence and abuse.

- To improve and co-ordinate effective, flexible local support and reduce risks.
 - To use data collected by practitioners to inform service delivery locally and policy development nationally.
- It has been agreed that a Halton will have a staff member that will be on a secondment from young addaction that will sit with the Children and Enterprise Commissioning Team and will link into the new Domestic Abuse service.