

**Minutes of the SH PPB working group**  
**Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 at 5.00 pm**  
**Committee Room 2, Runcorn Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Martha Lloyd-Jones, Howard Cockcroft, Rosie Lyden, Alex Villiers, Janet Guy

Item	Details	Action
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Inspector Simon Blackwell, Cllr Sue Edge, Cllr Pamela Wallace, Mike Andrews.	
2	<p><b>Minutes of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 and matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes were accepted as a true record.</li> <li>• Matters arising</li> <li>• Open Day – MA to invite Members to Community Safety offices before Christmas.</li> <li>• Item 5 -- Glossary of abbreviations to be circulated by MA to the group.</li> <li>• Item 5 – Performance Indicators to show national alongside Halton’s PI’s.</li> </ul>	<p>MA MA MA</p>
3	<p><b>Domestic Abuse update – Rosie Lyden Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosie commenced in post almost 3 months ago, a year’s gap from Sally leaving.</li> <li>• Currently reviewing what we are doing in Halton and looking at gaps. Halton feedback is of performing well and has good working relationships with the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector. Maintaining funding and sustainability are still ongoing issues, and more public awareness has brought more people forward.</li> <li>• National strategy of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) was launched on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Nationally 28% of cases are repeat; Halton has 33%-36% aiming to be 28%.</li> <li>• Since September 08 Coordinators Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA) have provided Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference training (MARAC), supported by the Home Office. Halton currently has 1 Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA), possibility of having 2. IDVA’s encourage victims to take cases forward and support victims and help with life issues and if at high risk to move away. Sanctuary measures are available for victims and include improved locks and doors, removal of hedges. Some costs can be met due to the comparison of costs if a victim and family had to be moved and re-housed. Concerns if a victim is not a named tenant and the perpetrator stays in the home, the offer of Women’s Refuge does not allow teenage sons to stay.</li> <li>• Concerns over victims not reporting incidents to the Police, but may phone a helpline. Women’s Aid has a local rate 0303 number and will also call back if a text message is received. A one-stop shop would address all problems, with crèche facilities, job centre and Police who would encourage victims to take their case forward. The Relationship Centre offers wellbeing courses.</li> <li>• Perpetrators are encouraged to attend voluntary programmes to address behaviour and explore current issues.</li> <li>• The Chair asked if there are any plans for a marketing campaign for Christmas. Rosie has been looking at a radio campaign but costs are £7k and there is no</li> </ul>	

	<p>budget available at present. Rosie is meeting with DAAT Substance Misuse Manager, Aileen Dunn to produce a joint leaflet and poster with facts listed. If a budget were available campaigns would be throughout the year from 25<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas, 14<sup>th</sup> February Relationship period, mid-summer World Cup game, along with National dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDVA's should have a 80-100 cases, Halton IDVA currently at 104 (some cases inactive and to be closed).</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse Policy to be developed also staff training to be offered to raise awareness.</li> <li>• The Chair suggested a Seminar for Members in March or May 2010 with a presentation and Question and Answer session.</li> <li>• The Chair requested a budget and funding statement for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>RL</p> <p>RL</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Update on working party on-going and planned business</b></p> <p>ASB Hotline telephone number  ASB Reporting part 2  Funding streams post 2011  Members Seminar 2010</p>	<p>MA  MA  RL  RL</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Future meetings</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 5pm, Committee Room 1, Runcorn Town Hall. Sandwiches, tea and coffee will be available from 4.30pm, and the meeting will commence at 5pm.</p>	