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A report by the Chief Executive and Director of Administration on the new Domestic and
Sexual Violence Strategy for Wandsworth 2012 - 2015

SUMMARY

This report sets out the proposed Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence strategy 2012 – 2015 which will replace the existing Domestic Violence strategy and which details the work being done in Wandsworth to tackle all forms of domestic and sexual violence, including 'honour-based violence' and sexual exploitation, as well as domestic violence. The main focus of the Domestic and Sexual Violence strategy is on reducing violence against women and girls, in accordance with the Home Office Strategy, as it is recognised that the vast majority of gender-based violence is carried out by men against women.

The strategy provides a framework for developing a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to tackling the issues of domestic and sexual violence within Wandsworth with a particular focus on reducing violence against women and girls.

The Executive is asked to approve the Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy 2012 - 2015 (attached as an Appendix to this report). The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to support the recommendation.

In summary, the Director of Finance reports that there are a variety of funding streams available to support the Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy. The continuation of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) reward grant for Independent Domestic Violence Advocates is not guaranteed beyond 2012/13. A review of all Supporting People schemes is currently being made and funding for the Refuge Places cannot be guaranteed beyond 2012/13.

GLOSSARY

CSP	Community Safety Partnership
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk assessment Conference
WWA	Wandsworth Women's Aid

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Environment, Culture and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to support the recommendations in paragraph 2. If they approve any views, comments or recommendations on the report, these will be submitted to the Executive for their consideration.
2. The Executive is recommended to approve the Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy 2012 – 2015 (attached as an Appendix to this report).

INTRODUCTION

3. The Wandsworth Domestic Violence Strategy which was published in 2010 detailed the work being carried out in Wandsworth to prevent and raise awareness of domestic violence. Although this covered some other forms of gender-based violence, the main focus was on domestic violence.
4. In line with the Coalition Government's strategy to end violence against women and girls, the Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence strategy 2012 – 2015 replaces the Domestic Violence strategy and includes the work being done in Wandsworth to tackle all forms of domestic and sexual violence, including 'honour based violence' and sexual exploitation, as well as domestic violence. The main focus of the Domestic and Sexual Violence strategy is on reducing violence against women and girls, in accordance with the Home Office Strategy, as it is recognised that the vast majority of gender-based violence is carried out by men against women. However, the strategy is not limited to female victims of violence.
5. The Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy supports the Community Safety Partnership Plan which contains targets to tackle and reduce domestic violence and serious sexual offences. It also complies with the aims of the Wandsworth Children and Young People's Plan which are to focus on children at risk of sexual exploitation and raise awareness of forced marriage, female genital mutilation and 'honour-based violence'.
6. The Wandsworth Violence against Women and Girls Steering Group (formerly the Wandsworth Domestic Violence Steering Group) has developed the strategy and action plan which is attached at Appendix One for approval.

NATIONAL GUIDANCE ON TARGETING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

7. In November 2010 the Coalition Government published their "Call to End Violence against Women and Girls" strategy and action plan. This outlined suggested actions for the government and its partners with four main goals:-
 - a) Preventing violence against women and girls from happening in the first place by challenging the attitudes, behaviours and practices that allow it to happen.
 - b) Provision of support for victims of violence.
 - c) Working in partnership to ensure the best outcomes.
 - d) Reducing the risk for victims and ensuring perpetrators of violence are brought to justice.

WANDSWORTH DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE STRATEGY

8. The Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy has used the National Guidance on tackling violence against women and girls to identifying priorities in provision and is structured under the same headings. The proposed aims of the Wandsworth strategy include:-
 - a) Raising awareness of violence against women and girls and challenging the attitudes and behaviours that allow it to take place.
 - b) Intervening early to prevent violence by protecting vulnerable children.
 - c) Encouraging increased reporting of violent incidents to the Police.
 - d) Offering support and advice to women and girls who experience violence.
 - e) Providing training to staff to ensure they are able to detect violence and deliver effective outcomes for victims.
 - f) Ensuring effective multi-agency working to tackle violence against women and girls.
 - g) Offering protection for victims of violence and hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour.
 - h) Providing rehabilitation support for perpetrators to prevent against further violence.
9. Contained within the strategy are action plans at Appendix 1 (showing outcomes for 2010 - 2012) and Appendix 2 (actions for this financial year 2012/13). The 2012/13 action plan contains actions for all members of the Violence against Women and Girls Steering Group. Each action has a lead officer who will ensure the action is taking place and report on progress.
10. Actions for the Council and its partners include:-
 - a) The Wandsworth Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) will continue to bring local statutory and voluntary agencies together to protect people at highest risk of domestic violence and other forms of violence. The MARAC steering group will be held bi-annually.
 - b) The One Stop Shop will continue to provide a drop-in support service to victims of domestic violence. Work will be undertaken to identify any additional services which should be represented.
 - c) Wandsworth Council will work in partnership with the Police to ensure detention and arrest targets for perpetrators of violence against women and girls are achieved.
 - d) Safeguarding training will be delivered to all Council staff who provide support for victims of domestic violence.
 - e) NHS Wandsworth will provide health professionals with training on supporting and referring victims of violence against women and girls.
 - f) A poster and media campaign will be undertaken to raise awareness of sexual violence and vulnerability.

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- g) Data reports are to be produced by Council departments on incidents of domestic violence and other forms of violence against women and girls.
- h) Wandsworth Women's Aid (WWA) (now part of Hestia) will continue to run an advice line and provide 13 refuge places for victims of domestic violence.
- i) A referral map will be developed to direct both male and female victims to where they can access pan-London specialist support services.
- j) The Supporting People programme will continue to provide refuge places for women suffering domestic violence. Ten places are available for Asian women and there are thirteen additional places open to all women.
- k) The Caring Dads Programme will be continued for fathers who wish to address their parenting skills when they have been abusive to the mother of their children.

MONITORING PROGRESS

- 11. The Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy has been approved by the Community Safety Partnership and the Violence against Women and Girls Steering Group. As it contains actions for the Council and supports the Community Safety Partnership Plan it is being submitted to the Executive for approval in the current cycle.
- 12. The Wandsworth Violence against Women and Girls Steering Group has committed to monitoring progress against the strategy and its associated action plan on a quarterly process. Each member of the Steering Group will take a lead for their organisation in ensuring that agreed actions are implemented and a quarterly update is added to the 'current progress' column on the action plan.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 13. The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Council when exercising its functions must have "due regard" to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. As such an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken on the Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy. This EIA is attached as Appendix 3 of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy 2012-15. This EIA has found that the strategy will have no adverse effect on any equality groups and will have a positive impact in relation to women and girls as females are disproportionately affected by domestic and sexual violence.

COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

- 14. There are a variety of funding streams available to support the Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence strategy. These are set out below:-

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Funding Stream	2011/12	2012/13
Community safety budget for Domestic Violence (including Forum co-ordinators post)	£53,650	£54,720
Independent Domestic Violence Advocates: Metropolitan Police LAA reward grant.	£92,000	£92,000
ADSS Supporting People programme for 23 Refuge Places	£205,000	£205,000
Housing department contract with Wandsworth Women's Aid	£52,370	£52,370
Housing department funding for Stay Put Stay Safe	£75,000	£75,000
Total	£478,020	£479,090

The continuation of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) reward grant for Independent Domestic Violence Advocates is not guaranteed beyond 2012/13. A review of all Supporting People schemes is currently being made and funding for the Refuge Places cannot be guaranteed beyond 2012/13.

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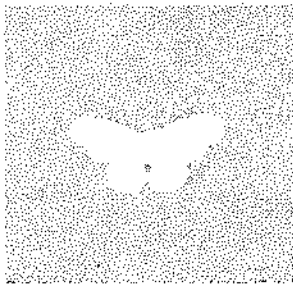
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Background Papers

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report:
"Call to End Violence against Women and Girls". A copy can be obtained from Gemma Clutterbuck (gclutterbuck@wandsworth.gov.uk).

All reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committees, regulatory and other committees, the Executive and the full Council can be viewed on the Council's website (www.wandsworth.gov.uk/moderngov) unless the report was published before May 2001, in which case the committee secretary can supply it if required.



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STRATEGY 2012 - 2015**

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1. Executive Summary

This strategy has been developed and will be delivered in partnership with the statutory and voluntary sector agencies that are working together in Wandsworth to tackle violence against women and girls. It sets out our priorities from 2012 to 2015 and identifies the national, regional and local policy context within which joint working to address violence against women and girls in Wandsworth will take place. The strategy also identifies what we have done to date, and what we need to do over the next 3 years to prevent violence against women and girls by raising awareness and challenging the attitudes, beliefs and behaviour that tolerate and condone violence; provide women and girls who are victims of violence with the support they need; work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for victims of violence; and reduce the risk for women and girls by ensuring effective justice outcomes.

This document should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Action Plans at Appendix 1 & 2, which provides greater detail on the activities that have been and are being undertaken in Wandsworth to tackle violence against women and girls.

2. Aim of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy

This strategy provides a framework for developing a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to tackling the issues of domestic and sexual violence in Wandsworth, in particular against women and girls. The aims are organised under the four headings of the National Violence against Women and Girls Strategy¹, which are: Prevention; Provision; Partnership Working; and Risk Reduction:

Prevention:

- Challenging the attitudes, behaviours and practices that allow violence against women and girls to take place.
- Intervening early to prevent violence by protecting vulnerable children.
- Encouraging increased reporting of violent incidents to the police.

Provision:

- Providing the necessary support and advice for women and girls who experience violence.
- Ensuring staff have adequate training to be able to detect violence and deliver effective outcomes for victims.

Partnership Working:

- Ensuring effective multi-agency working to tackle violence against women and girls.

Risk Reduction:

- Protecting women and girls who are victims of violence and holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour.
- Providing rehabilitation for perpetrators to prevent further violence against women and girls.

¹ "Call to End Violence against Women and Girls". Home Office, November 2010.

3. About Violence against Women and Girls

The United Nations define violence against women as:

*"Violence that is directed against a woman because she is a woman or violence that affects women disproportionately. It includes acts that inflict physical, mental or sexual harm or suffering, threats of such acts, coercion and other deprivations of liberty."*²

Violence against women and girls includes domestic violence, sexual assault, 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and stalking.

Although the vast majority of gender-based violence is carried out by men against women³, the government recognises that men and boys can also be victims of violence and that violence can have an impact on whole families⁴. Therefore, this strategy is not limited to female victims of violence.

The National Picture of Violence against Women and Girls

Getting a comprehensive picture of the extent of violence against women and girls remains a challenge as it can be a hidden crime. However, the data available from individual studies reveals a shocking picture of the levels of violence in England and Wales:

Domestic Violence:

- Over 1 million women experience at least one incident of domestic abuse each year⁵.
- More than 45% of women have experienced some form of domestic violence in their lifetime⁶.
- Domestic violence accounts for 29% of violent crime in London⁷.
- One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood⁸.
- Three quarters of all incidents of domestic violence are experienced by repeat victims⁹.
- 30% of domestic violence cases start during pregnancy. Violence in pregnancy has been identified as a major cause of miscarriage or stillbirth¹⁰.
- Two women a week in England and Wales are murdered by their current or ex partner¹¹.

² *Ending violence against women: from words to action*

http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/public/VAW_Study/VAWstudyE.pdf

³ <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/call-end-violence-women-girls/vawg-paper?view=Binary>

⁴ <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/call-end-violence-women-girls/vawg-paper?view=Binary>

⁵ BCS Crime Survey 2010/11

⁶ Domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking: Findings from the British Crime Survey, Walby and Allen (2004)

⁷ MPA overview of MPS domestic violence performance (2010)

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/sop/2010/100610/08/>

⁸ Meeting the needs of children living with domestic violence in London, NSPCC (2011)

⁹ BCS Crime Survey 2010/11

¹⁰ *Better Public Services: Breaking the silence on violence against women*, Equality and Human Rights Commission (2009)

¹¹ <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/domestic-homicide-reviews>

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Sexual Assault:

- Approximately 400,000 women are sexually assaulted and 80,000 women are raped in the UK each year¹².
- Nearly a third (32%) of all sexual crimes notified to the Police in England and Wales in 2010/11 were sexual crimes against children under 16¹³.
- Around 21% of girls experience some form of child sexual abuse¹⁴.

'Honour' based violence:

- On average 10-12 women are killed in 'honour' based violence every year in the UK¹⁵.
- According to the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO), over 2800 cases of 'honour' based violence were reported to the police in 2010¹⁶.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM):

- It is estimated that there are over one hundred thousand women in the UK who have undergone FGM and a further 25,000 girls are at risk¹⁷.
- Approximately 6.3 per cent of pregnancies in inner London and 4.6 per cent in outer London are to women with FGM¹⁸.
- Women who have undergone FGM are twice as likely to die during childbirth and four times more likely to give birth to a stillborn child¹⁹.
- Although FGM has been outlawed since 1985, there have been no convictions in the UK for this offence²⁰.

Forced Marriage:

- The Government's Forced Marriage Unit provided advice or support for 1468 instances relating to possible forced marriage in 2011²¹. Of these instances, 78% of victims were female.

Stalking:

- 1 in 25 women aged 16-25 are a victim of stalking each year in the UK²².
- After the age of 16, stalking affects around one in five women and one in ten men²³.
- A study by the National Stalking Helpline showed the most common forms of stalking are phone calls (33%), text messages (31%) and following (30%)²⁴.

¹² www.homeoffice.gov.uk

¹³ Statistics on sexual abuse, NSPCC (2011)

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/resourcesforprofessionals/sexual_abuse_statistics_wda80204.html

¹⁴ *Cross Government Action Plan on Sexual Violence and Abuse*, Home Office (2007)

¹⁵ *Crimes of the Community*, Brandon and Hafez (2008)

¹⁶ IKWRO Women's Rights Organisation, <http://ikwro.handsupdigital.com/>

¹⁷ *FGM Factsheet*, FORWARD (2005)

¹⁸ *A Statistical Study to Estimate the Prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation in England and Wales*, FORWARD (2007)

¹⁹ Crown Prosecution Service, http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/d_to_g/female_genital_mutilation/

²⁰ Guardian, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2011/jul/22/female-genital-mutilation-laws-families>

²¹ Foreign & Commonwealth Office, <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/when-things-go-wrong/forced-marriage>

²² *Consultation on stalking*, Home Office (2011)

²³ *Consultation on stalking*, Home Office (2011)

²⁴ Stalking Statistics, National Stalking Helpline, <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/presentations-stalking/national-stalking-helpline?view=Binary>

Who is at most risk of Violence?

- Violence against Women and Girls is widespread, affecting females of any age, socio-economic group, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, or ability²⁵.
- Around one in four lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people experience domestic violence²⁶.
- Disabled women are twice as likely to be victims of domestic violence as non-disabled women and are likely to suffer abuse over a longer period of time²⁷.

What is the cost of Violence against Women and Girls?

- The cost of VAWG in the UK is estimated to be greater than £40 billion per year.²⁸
- The estimated cost of domestic violence alone in the UK is £23 billion per year, including £1 billion to the Criminal Justice System, £2.7 billion in lost economic output and £1.2 billion for health care²⁹.
- The cost of violence against women and girls in Wandsworth alone is estimated to be over £170,000 a year.

Violence against Women and Girls in Wandsworth

In 2011/12, 1228 domestic violence offences were recorded by Wandsworth police. That figure represents a decrease of 14% compared to that record in the previous year (1443 offences). The sanctioned detection rate also improved; 53% of domestic violence offences led to sanctioned detections in 2011/12 (49.8% in the year before).

The Wandsworth Community Safety Partnership has collated and analysed data on violence against women and girls in Wandsworth for the twelve month period up to March 2011. Further analysis will be undertaken later this year.

In 2010/11 there were 1,981 all recorded incidents of violent crime against a woman in Wandsworth. Common assault was the most frequently reported offence (36.9%), followed by assault with injury (35.6%). Over half of the victims were between 18 and 35 years of age and more than 12% of victims were under 18 years old.

In 2010/11, there were 286 victims of sexual offences, including 262 female and 24 male victims, which clearly show that sexual violence is disproportionately committed against women.

²⁵ Women's National Commission, <http://wnc.equalities.gov.uk/work-of-the-wnc/violence-against-women/about-vaw-definition-stats.html>

²⁶ Broken Rainbow UK, <http://www.broken-rainbow.org.uk/faq.html>

²⁷ Refuge, <http://refuge.org.uk/get-help-now/help-for-women/help-for-disabled-women/>

²⁸ *Hard Knock Life*, New Philanthropy Capital (2008)

²⁹ *Better Public Services: Breaking the silence on violence against women*, Equality and Human Rights Commission (2009)

Violence can lead to homelessness. In 2010/11, 15% of all female applicants for homelessness in Wandsworth were victims of violence, with a large majority of these women being under 35 years of age.

Significant progress has been made in Wandsworth in reducing incidents of domestic violence. In 2010/11, there were 1,005 recorded incidents of domestic violence against a woman. This has decreased from 1,758 incidents in 2009/10 and there has been a decreasing trend in recorded domestic violence incidents since 2002/03.

A study at St George's Hospital looked at incidents of Female Genital Mutilation. The number of pregnant women booking in at the hospital who have FGM increased from 51 in 2002 to approximately 170 by the end of 2010. This does not necessarily mean that more women have experienced FGM; the figures may just reflect improved recording of FGM. The data from 2007 shows that the majority of the affected women are from Somalia (78%) and the average age is 30.

In 2010/11 there were ten identified victims of 'honour' based violence in Wandsworth. All of the victims were younger than 30 years old.

4. Violence against Women and Girls Strategy: Nationally, Regionally and Locally

4.1 National Strategies

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls is a key priority for the Government. The national strategies include:

- 'Call to end violence against women and girls', a strategy by the Coalition Government published in November 2010, followed by an updated action plan showing the range of actions the government is taking against VAWG, published in March 2011. Taking Action – the next chapter, published in March 2012, outlines current progress on the action plan and the changing context, for example Home Office consultations, the Governments Ending Gangs and Violence report and the Troubled Families programme.
- 'The Stern Review' published in 2010 on the treatment of rape complaints by public authorities and the response paper by the Government published in 2011.
- 'Human trafficking: the government's strategy' launched in July 2011.
- The 2011 Home Office paper on tackling issues to do with prostitution, entitled 'Effective practice in responding to prostitution'.

4.2 Regional Strategies

In March 2010 the Mayor of London published the latest version of 'The Way Forward: Taking action to end violence against women and girls'. The strategy encompasses five specific objectives:

- London taking a global lead to end violence against women and girls
- Improving access to support
- Addressing the health, social and economic consequences of violence
- Protecting women at risk
- Getting tough with perpetrators.

4.3 Local Strategies

Our Wandsworth 2018 – The Vision

The vision of '***Our Wandsworth 2018: the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Wandsworth***' – is for Wandsworth to be 'safer, healthier, more prosperous and sustainable: a good place to live and work now and a better place in the future'.

The SCS is the overarching plan which sets out how the council and its partners, through the Wandsworth Local Strategic Partnership (WLSP), will work together to improve the lives of people in the Borough. One of the seven priorities of the SCS is to make Wandsworth safer. Under this priority tackling domestic violence is a key action.

The long-term vision set out in the SCS will be achieved through shorter-term action plans developed and managed by sub-groups of the WLSP. The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is responsible for taking forward actions in relation to making Wandsworth safer through their Community Safety Partnership Plan. The key targets relating to tackling violence against women and girls in this Plan are:

- Targeting domestic violence around housing estates located in the most deprived areas
- Continuing established multi-agency work through the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (see section 5.3.1) and reviewing information sharing arrangements.
- Continuing the Stay Put Stay Safe scheme (see section 5.2.1) to reduce repeat victimisation.

5. Violence against Women and Girls: Prevention, Provision, Partnership Working and Risk Reduction

The main aim of the Government's 'Call to end violence against women and girls' strategy is prevention, as they believe the key objective is to stop the violence from happening in the first place. This strategy mirrors the main aims of the Government's strategy which are: Prevention; Provision; Partnership Working; and Risk Reduction.

5.1 PREVENTION

5.1.1 Prevention: Challenging Attitudes, Behaviours and Practices

The National Strategy emphasises that a key part of preventing violence against women and girls is in challenging the attitudes, behaviours and practices that allow it to take place. This means we need to ensure key workers are aware of violence against women and girls. Negative portrayals of women in the media must be challenged and greater reporting of crimes must be encouraged. The Home Office states that women from specific communities are more likely to be victims of forced marriage, female genital mutilation and 'honour' based violence and thus specific preventative action must be taken³⁰.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

In Wandsworth efforts to challenge attitudes, and raise awareness of existing services include:

- The Council's website which has specific domestic violence pages (www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200036/domestic_violence/200/domestic_violence_and_abuse) which can be easily located if searching for "domestic violence". These pages contain links to information sources and sources of help and were updated in October 2011.
- A domestic violence and abuse leaflet which has been distributed widely both throughout the Council and across relevant agencies in Wandsworth and offers comprehensive advice on a range of issues for people experiencing domestic violence, including advice and contact details for agencies offering support. This leaflet was updated and re-published in March 2011.
- 'Tackling anti-social behaviour: a guide for residents of Council properties' gives information on how residents can report domestic violence.
- Poster campaigns have been organised to help raise awareness of violence against women and girls, including a teenage violence poster campaign held from November to December 2010 and a similar campaign held in 2011.
- There are annual Integrated Child Centre events which provide information on violence against women and girls.
- Wandsworth has secured White Ribbon Campaign status which raises awareness of violence against women. In particular, the aim of the White Ribbon Campaign is to ensure men take more responsibility for reducing the level of violence. Various white ribbon activities have been held around the borough including over 500 ribbons and stickers distributed by SureStart Roehampton.
- A training seminar on 'honour' based violence was delivered by Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board in July 2011.

³⁰<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/call-end-violence-women-girls/vawg-paper?view=Binary>

Future Areas of Focus

Prevention is at the heart of this strategy so over the next three years, activity to raise awareness and challenge attitudes will be vital. Future areas of focus include:

- An arts exhibition to raise awareness of Domestic Violence is planned for May 2012.
- Further poster exhibitions, including those to raise awareness of sexual violence and the linked vulnerability of girls with regards to alcohol and travel.
- Focus groups with Black and Minority Ethnic women have been planned in partnership with Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network.
- A further seminars to raise awareness of 'honour' based violence' and 'child trafficking' have been scheduled for 2012.
- Work will be undertaken to explore ways to increase reporting of incidences of violence against women and girls.
- A training programme will be developed to raise awareness of domestic violence amongst Wandsworth staff.
- The domestic violence pages on the council website will continue to be updated and other forms of violence against women and girls will be included.
- A leaflet to raise awareness of other forms of violence against women and girls will be produced and distributed.

5.1.2 Prevention: Intervening Early

Children who are subjected to violence from a young age often grow up to believe that abusive behaviour is normal. It is important to intervene early to prevent harm to vulnerable children and to ensure young people understand violence is unacceptable.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

In Wandsworth, activity to help prevent violence occurring at an early age includes:

- A Respecting Each Other pilot programme delivered in autumn 2010 by the Schools Inclusion Service to schools in Battersea. Learning outcomes included improved understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- 'Parents Matter' events are held in each locality in the borough.
- Wandsworth Women's Aid delivered a programme of domestic violence workshops in schools.
- The Education Welfare Service provided a series of domestic violence awareness raising sessions in primary and secondary schools.
- The Domestic Violence Information for Schools Booklet was updated by the Education Welfare Service in partnership with the Children and Young People's sub-group in December 2011.

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- A multi-agency seminar on Child Sexual Exploitation was held in January 2012.
- A DVD and teachers pack to address sexual bullying in younger people was launched in December 2011.

Future Areas of Focus

The multi-agency partnership in Wandsworth will continue to undertake activity to prevent and raise awareness of violence amongst children and young people:

- Wandsworth has secured a grant of £900k over three years from voluntary organisation Catch-22 which will fund a service targeting families with young children and where there is domestic abuse present.
- Information will be provided to schools cluster groups on domestic violence, how it impacts on children and families and the support services available.
- A Safeguarding Training Officer for schools will be appointed.

5.1.3 Prevention: Getting the First Response Right

In order to effectively prevent violence against women and girls, all partners in Wandsworth must have appropriate tools and training. Data analysis and specialist training are therefore a key part of this strategy.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

- Long-term research into the prevalence of female genital mutilation (FGM) has been carried out by St George's Hospital. An estimated 172 women with FGM booked into the hospital in 2010. This research helps partners to have a greater understanding of FGM and to determine where to focus prevention efforts.
- The Housing Department collates information on reasons for homelessness including, for example, those presenting as homeless due to domestic violence.
- All staff who will be supporting victims of domestic violence must attend Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training and Safeguarding Children training.

Future Areas of Focus

- There are on-going data collection exercises taking place in Wandsworth to improve understanding of violence against women and girls in the borough.
- The Adult Social Services, Children and Young People and Drug and Alcohol Services Departments will produce data reports on incidents of violence against women and girls.

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- A training programme will be developed to raise domestic violence awareness amongst Wandsworth Council staff.
- Training on violence against women and girls will be delivered with NHS Wandsworth.
- Any interventions regarding domestic violence in the Family Recovery Project will be recorded for positive outcomes and referrals to other services.
- A review will be undertaken of the under reporting of LGBT domestic violence and violence committed against disabled victims.
- A scoping exercise will be carried out to determine the extent of prostitution and trafficking in the borough so that appropriate preventative action can be taken.

5.2 PROVISION

5.2.1 Provision: Front Line Services and Funding

Although preventing violence from happening in the first place is a priority in this strategy, it is vital for Wandsworth to continue to provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur and ensure information is easily accessible.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

Stay Put Stay Safe

The Stay Put Stay Safe scheme run by the Housing Department is available to all Wandsworth residents affected by domestic violence or hate crime. Under the scheme, the council can make improvements to a resident's home, for example by changing the locks or providing additional security to windows. In 2010/11 there were eight completed cases in Wandsworth through the Stay Put Stay Safe scheme.

The Housing Department have produced an updated Stay Put Stay Safe leaflet which has been distributed throughout the Housing Department and is available to anyone who approaches the department for assistance.

Supporting People

The Supporting People programme in Wandsworth provides housing-related support to people who live in specialist supported housing and in their own homes who have suffered domestic violence. There are currently 10 places in an Asian women specific service and 13 places open to all women. The funding allocated for these places for 2011/12 is approximately £205,000.

Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs)

In Wandsworth, the IDVA project is called Wandsworth Safety Net. This comprises of 2.5 IDVAs and a part-time Domestic Violence Manager, all employed by Victim Support Wandsworth, but based in Balham working within

the Community Safety Unit offices. This project has been jointly funded since 2007 by Wandsworth Borough Council's Safer and Stronger Communities Fund and the Metropolitan Police. Wandsworth Safety Net accepts referrals from any agency or person who has experienced (or been affected by) domestic violence, with the majority of referrals coming from the Police. The project offers one-to-one sessions which usually last one hour, but can take up to three hours or more. Wandsworth Safety Net provided support for 13 people between June 2010 and March 2011 and 25 people between April 2011 and January 2012.

One Stop Shop

In September 2008 the Domestic Violence Forum launched a One-Stop Shop for the Borough. This runs every Monday morning at Battersea Arts Centre as a drop in service for those experiencing domestic violence in the borough. The service is manned by a number of agencies who have expertise in this field including Wandsworth Women's Aid, Wandsworth Safety Net, local legal provision and Wandsworth Police Community Safety Unit. The main aim of the One Stop Shop is to provide information regarding all legal options, including advice regarding injunctions; support with relocation and housing issues plus advice and support for victims to ensure the best possible solution. The service is available to all, regardless of whether or not they have made a report to the police. The average number of visits is 5 per morning session.

Wandsworth Women's Aid

Wandsworth Women's Aid merged with Hestia in October 2011. Wandsworth Council allocates funding to enable the partnership to offer refuge places for people affected by domestic violence. There are currently 13 refuge places provided. Six of these are first stage refuge for up to four families and two single women in shared accommodation. From October 2011 until January 2012 there have been 30 requests for these places. There are four further first stage refuge places in the form of self-contained flats. Priority for these places is given to families with children with autism, behavioural difficulties or families with boys over the age of 12 and under the age of 17. There were 50 referrals for these places for the period from October 2011 until January 2012. In addition, there are three self-contained flats for second stage refuge; for which there were 50 referrals between October 2011 and January 2012.

Wandsworth Women's Aid also runs an advice line which provides female victims of domestic violence with guidance on the support services available to them. Since the merge with Hestia in October 2011 there have been some changes in the method of recording data for the number of women helped through the advice line. For the period from October 2011 until January 2012 there are 13 recorded cases where women suffering from domestic violence have received help through the advice line.

Future Areas of Focus

- Wandsworth will undertake an annual review of the number of people using the Independent Advocacy Service to ensure there is adequate provision.
- A review of the One Stop Shop will take place to identify whether any additional services need to be provided.
- Wandsworth Housing Department has allocated £75,000 to continue the Stay Put Stay Safe Scheme in 2011/12.
- Work will be undertaken to improve the pathways between Independent Domestic Violence Advocates and drug and alcohol services in the borough.
- Wandsworth will continue to provide support for victims of violence through the Wandsworth Women's Aid/Hestia refuge places and advice line. The Housing Department has allocated £52,390 for this contract for 2012/13.

5.2.2 Provision: Effective Practice and Training

Wandsworth must ensure that the most appropriate responses are provided for each victim of violence and agencies must share information in order to achieve effective outcomes.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

- The information sharing protocol for the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) has been agreed and signed off.
- Information on female genital mutilation is regularly shared with partners.
- Work is undertaken to make sure agencies are aware of all the resources available to ensure victims do not have to contact multiple agencies before receiving a service.

Future Areas of Focus

- A MARAC engagement project which started in September 2011 is looking at the links between domestic violence and the drug and alcohol sector. This will make recommendations for improving the capacity of drug and alcohol services and improve referral routes.

5.3 PARTNERSHIP WORKING

5.3.1 Partnership Working: Working with sector organisations and communities

Wandsworth is committed to working with partner organisations to create the strongest response to violence against women and girls.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

- Community Group Project run mothers groups and concurrent children's groups in children's centres to provide support for individuals affected by domestic violence.
- The Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities programme aims to raise the consciousness of parents. In addition, the curriculum aims to help families develop or promote: strong ethnic and cultural roots; positive parent-child relationships; a range of life skills; self esteem, self discipline and social competence; and an ability to access community resources. All groups include a session on domestic abuse. Ten groups began in the September to December 2010 term.

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

MARAC bring local statutory and voluntary agencies together to protect those at highest risk from domestic violence. Agencies share information to build a picture of the victim's situation and jointly devise a risk management plan to reduce the harm faced by victims and their families. The Wandsworth MARAC was launched in June 2007. Chaired by the Community Safety Unit's Detective Inspector, the MARAC has representation from a broad range of agencies including Wandsworth Safety Net, Children's Specialist Services, Education Welfare, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, Wandsworth Housing Department, St George's A&E, Mental Health Service, the Primary Care Trust and The Source³¹.

A three year CAADA Quality Assurance of MARAC was completed in 2010. This reviewed MARAC against the following principles:

1. identification;
2. referral criteria;
3. representation;
4. engagement with the victim;
5. research and information sharing;
6. action planning;
7. volume;
8. administration;
9. strategy and governance; and
10. Equality.

MARAC Training is provided to all frontline housing staff.

Future Areas of Focus

- MARAC will respond to the points raised in the CAADA Quality Assurance review.
- The MARAC steering group will be held twice yearly.

³¹ a free confidential service that aims to work holistically and sensitively with stimulant users to reduce the risk of harm to both themselves and the wider community

- A secondary survey will be conducted by the MARAC coordinator who will contact victims of crime by telephone in cases where the perpetrator has been cautioned or charged only.

5.4 RISK REDUCTION AND JUSTICE OUTCOMES

5.4.1 Risk Reduction: Legislation and Justice Outcomes

Wandsworth will continue to work to achieve justice outcomes for victims of violence through holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour. Another key aspect is improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system to ensure women and girls who are victims of violence have the confidence to access it.

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

- Accredited offending behaviour programmes for domestic violence have been developed both in prison and for offenders being supervised in the community, with accredited domestic violence programmes having been available in all probation areas since April 2006.
- An Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme has continued to run in Wandsworth throughout 2010/11 and the waiting list times have been reduced.
- A protocol has been established in Wandsworth which puts statutory domestic violence homicide reviews into place.

Future Areas of Focus

- The feasibility of developing a pilot for a specialist domestic violence court in Wandsworth will be researched in partnership with the court service.
- Wandsworth will work in partnership with the Police to ensure detention and arrest targets for perpetrators of violence against women and girls are achieved.
- Wandsworth Police will refer victims of violence against women and girls to the appropriate VAWG services so that the best support is given.

5.4.2 Risk Reduction: Reducing the risk for victims

Repeat victimisation is an important issue when tackling violence against women and girls, with three quarters of all incidents of domestic violence being experienced by repeat victims³². Wandsworth is tackling this by providing rehabilitation and support programmes for perpetrators of violence to help prevent further offences being committed.

³² BCS Crime Survey 2010/11

Activity undertaken in Wandsworth

- A Caring Dads Programme began in Wandsworth in September 2010 for fathers who wish to address their parenting skills when they have been abusive to the mother of their children. There are ten spaces available, of which 6/7 has so far been taken up.
- In conjunction with the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP), support is provided by Women's Safety Officers to partners or ex-partners of perpetrators participating in the IDAP.

Future Areas of Focus

- Women's Safety Officers will continue to work with (ex) partners of perpetrators participating in the IDAP.
- A feasibility study will be undertaken and an evidence base gathered for a voluntary community based perpetrator programme.
- Brighter Futures funding has secured delivery of the Caring Dads Programme for 3 years.

6. Monitoring Delivery

Wandsworth's Violence against Women and Girls Steering Group has committed to monitor progress against the strategy, and its associated action plan, on a quarterly basis. Each member of the Steering Group will take a lead for their organisation in ensuring that agreed actions are implemented and reporting on progress.

Wandsworth Violence against Women and Girls Steering Group will oversee the implementation of the Strategy, identifying evolving needs and priorities to keep the Strategy and Action Plan relevant and focused.

The action plan will be reviewed and updated in April 2013 and April 2014. Finally, the Strategy and Action Plan will be fully evaluated in March 2015.

Annual progress reports will be submitted to the Community Safety Partnership and the Environment, Culture and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

GLOSSARY

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
AVA	Against Violence & Abuse
BAMER	Black Asian Minority Ethnic & Refugee
DV	Domestic Violence
DVC	Domestic Violence Coordinator
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
CAADA	Coordinated Action against Domestic Abuse
CAF	Child Assessment Framework
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
CPG	Community Partnership Group
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
CSU	Community Safety Unit
CSW	Children's Social Work
CYP	Children and Young People
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FIP	Family Intervention Project
FRP	Family Recovery Project
GaPS	Group Work and Parenting services
ICC	Integrated Children Centres
IDVA	Independent Sexual Violence Advisor
ISVA	Independent Sexual Violence Advocates
LAA	Local Area Agreement
LGBT	Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual and Transgender
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk assessment Conference
RASASC	Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre
SFSC	Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities
SPSS	Stay Put Stay Safe
STORM	Support Trust Opportunity Rebuilding Motivation
SVA	Sexual Violence Advocates
YST	Youth Support Team
VAWG	Violence against Women and Girls
WCEN	Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network
WSCB	Wandsworth Safeguarding Children's Board
WSN	Wandsworth Safety Net
WWA	Wandsworth Women's Aid

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APPENDIX 1

Action	Owner / sub-group/monitoring	2010/11 Actions / Activities	2011/12 Target	2011/12 Outcomes
Prevention – To increase the level of reporting of Violence against Women and Girls and to reduce incidences of Violence against Women and Girls by raising awareness and challenging attitudes, beliefs and behaviour that tolerate and condone violence, particularly among children and young people				
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	DVC DV Forum Steering Group CYP sub-group Housing sub-group All agencies	DV Strategy & Action Plan 2010-13 (Paper No 10-646). Launch 29/6/10. Lead responsibility for DV moved from Children Services to Community Safety Division 1/4/11 (Paper No. 11-186).	Adopt the United Definition of Violence Against Women and Girls and extend understanding of 'disproportionality'	Action Plan updated to include violence against women and girls in addition to actions on domestic violence. Definition discussed and adopted at DV Forum November 2011. Forum to be renamed Violence Against Women and Girls Forum. Co-ordinator for sexual exploitation now member of CYP group – terms of reference for group amended to include sexual exploitation.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	DVC DV Forum Steering Group CYP sub-group Housing sub-group All agencies		Table discussions on violence against women and girls with strategic bodies on the forms of VAWG using case studies where possible and showing connections across agencies / forms of violence	Harmful practices discussed at the November DV Forum. Ongoing.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	Head of Community Safety Crime Analyst Steering Group		Data Collection exercise to analyse reported incidences of VAWG in Wandsworth. Analysis to be used to identify gaps in service.	Analytical report produced and circulated (24/10/11). Other data / gaps sources to be identified and product developed. Practitioners meeting to consider recommendations on 6/12/11. Violence data to be collected from Sexual Health clinic for a trial 3-month period in partnership with Public Health and as part of Sexual Exploitation data

Action	Owner./ sub-group	2010/11 Actions / Activities	2011/12 Action	2011/12 progress
Raise awareness of Domestic Violence at an arts exhibition to be held at the Pump House Gallery in March - May 2012	Arts Manager DV Coordinator		Surestart Roehampton Women's Group to engage with the artist Nadia Kaabi-Linke to develop the project.	collection exercise. Ongoing. Exhibition planned for May 2012. Ongoing.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	CYP sub-group		First Response Task and finish exercise to make recommendations regarding improved responses to families who report domestic violence.	Ongoing.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	DVC Steering Group CYP sub-group	Teenage violence poster campaign held from 28.11.10-5.12.10	Similar campaign to be held in 2011. Poster to be displayed in November 2011 and to be part of the wider national campaign directed at raising awareness amongst young people on domestic violence.	Poster /media campaign raising awareness re sexual violence and linked vulnerability alcohol / travel. Campaigns undertaken in November & December 2011. Ongoing.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	DVC Head of Community Safety DV Forum Steering Group CYP sub-group Housing sub-group All agencies	White Ribbon activities held around the borough. SureStart Roehampton distributed 500+ white ribbons and stickers	Activity to be undertaken for International Day Against Violence against Women. White Ribbon Campaign Status to be secured Identify male Council leaders to champion gender equality and non-violent norms	Application for White Ribbon status successful. Award presented at the DV Forum in November. Activity undertaken to promote wearing of white ribbon. Ongoing.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls	Head of Community Safety	Part-time Domestic Violence Coordinator in place	Domestic Violence Coordinator to expand role to include Violence Against Women and Girls	Hours increased to 24.5 hours Job description reviewed and upgraded Ongoing.
Raise awareness of domestic violence and violence against Women and Girls amongst under-	DVC Steering Group	Community Groups and LGBT sector well represented at the DV Strategy Launch. LGBT	Investigate with under-represented groups their awareness of support and implement actions to address gaps. Identify under-represented groups for	Engagement with Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network and participation in Women's Conference. Focus Groups with BAMER women to be

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represented groups to increase capacity of community groups to refer to sources of support for victims of domestic violence		sector represented at Steering Group and Housing sub-group. Hate Crime Forum declaration produced and circulated October 2010. – includes UN definition of violence against women and girls.	invitation to Forum where appropriate.	planned in partnership with WCEN. Ongoing.
Work with children and young people to raise awareness of domestic violence by promoting healthy relationships	Children and Young people's sub-group	Respecting Each Other (REO) pilot programme was delivered in Autumn 2010 by the Schools Inclusion Service to schools in Battersea. 43 pupils involved. Learning outcomes include improved understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships. Funding ended for this programme.	Work in schools Establish what programmes are delivered in Wandsworth whether funded locally or by Pan-London funding streams	Successful Big Lottery bid 'Brighter Futures' to deliver programmes of delivery that have been rigorously evaluated. Mapping of all activities relating to DV/VAWG planned as part of the 'first response' task and finish group. Ongoing.
Ensure domestic violence and violence against women and girls is integrated into extended schools service	CYP sub-group Extended Schools Service	The REO programme was delivered in Autumn 2010(see box above). Information provided to school clusters. 'Parents Matter' events held in each locality. CAF forms monitored for domestic violence	Information to be provided to schools cluster groups on domestic violence, its impact on children and families and services available. Provide information at 'Parents Matter' events in each locality. Monitor CAF forms for issues of domestic violence and what service is identified as suitable	As above – Ongoing.

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Ensure schools are able to raise awareness of domestic violence and challenge attitudes and beliefs	CYP sub-group	Wandsworth Women's Aid delivered a programme of domestic violence workshops in schools Education Welfare Service provided a series of domestic violence awareness raising sessions in primary and secondary schools	Develop a programme by Workforce Development and Training of programme of Safeguarding Children training for schools and governing bodies. Domestic Violence Information for Schools Booklet to be updated by Education Welfare Service in partnership with CYP sub-group	Safeguarding Training Officer for Schools to be appointed. Information booklet updated. Successful 'Brighter Futures' bid Ongoing
Work with young women and men to raise awareness of domestic violence and challenge attitudes and beliefs	YST CYP sub-group	Publicity campaign held in November 2010 Poster competition held prior to campaign	Work to be undertaken by Youth Support Teams and Integrated Youth Service in relation to domestic violence and violence against women and girls and to develop positive relationships	Link to sexual exploitation champion programme. Ongoing.
Raise awareness of so-called-honour based violence (HBV) and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	DVC Steering Group DV Forum	WSCB delivered ½-day training seminar on HBV in July 2011.	On-going. HBV ½-day seminar to be repeated in 2011/12. National FGM guidelines and publicity to be distributed to partnership HBV and FGM statistics to be recorded in VAWG Data Analysis Ensure information on FGM is regularly shared with partners	Data Collection Analysis on-going. Research carried out at St George's presented at the November Forum. ½ day seminar, led by the MPS, took place in July 2011. Ongoing.
Continue close working relationship between Children and Young People's Board and Local Agencies	Head of Workforce Development CYP sub-group	Report made to the Integrated Working Sub-group of the CYPP Board	Regular reports on the work of the CYP Sub-group to be submitted to the WSCB and CYP Board	Ongoing.
Raise awareness of the sexual exploitation of	Children Services		Raise awareness and introduce protocols to assist in identifying	Seminar held 26 th January 2012

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those under nineteen years of age.			victim(s) / potential victim(s) and how to access appropriate supporting pathways.	
Work to address sexual bullying in younger people			Produce DVD / teachers pack	Launched 8 th December 2011 @ Battersea Park School
Provision: To support victims of domestic and other violence to access the support they need by raising awareness of services that meet the needs of adults and children in Wandsworth who have been affected by domestic violence and violence against women and girls				
Ensure information on domestic violence support is easily accessible	DVC Steering group	Domestic violence pages on Council website updated	Domestic violence pages on Council website to be kept updated	Reviewed October 2011. To consider inclusion of violence against women and girls -- ongoing.
Ensure information on domestic violence support is easily accessible	DVC Steering group	Domestic violence and abuse leaflet updated March 2011	Domestic violence and abuse leaflet to remain under review	Ongoing
Ensure information on domestic violence support is easily accessible	Children & Young People – sub group EWO DV Coordinator		Domestic Violence and Abuse Booklet for Education Establishments to be updated	Updates completed.
Ensure information on domestic violence support is easily accessible	Wandsworth Women's Aid	WWA provided advice to x women during 2010/11 through their advice line	Establish continuation of advice line	Ongoing
Ensure information on domestic violence support is easily accessible	DVC Steering Group	Family Information Service web pages updated to include domestic violence information	On-going	Ongoing
Ensure information on	Integrated Child	Campaign and publicity	Annual ICC events to include	Ongoing

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domestic violence support is easily accessible	Centre leads and ICC health leads	available in Children's Centres	information on domestic violence and violence against women and girls																							
DATA PROVISION: Provide relevant Housing Department data in respect of DV.	Owner: Housing Department Lead sub-group: DV Housing sub-group	<p>Progress made: The housing department is committed to ensuring data quality and in 2010/11 all estate managers received refresher training on the ASB database. The ASB database allows the housing department to map areas of concern for specific categories of ASB.</p> <p>In 2010/11 there were 16 DV cases recorded on the ASB database, of these 5 remain live cases.</p> <p>The housing department has agreed 13 management transfers on the grounds of DV in 2010/11.</p> <p>In 2010/11 33 homeless households stated domestic violence as their main reason for homelessness.</p>	<p>Agree content and frequency of reports with the Domestic Violence Sub-Group and the Domestic Violence Steering Group.</p> <p>Provide the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No of cases presented and accepted as homeless where DV is the main reason for homelessness- No. of cases assisted via the Stay Put, Stay Safe scheme- No. of Management Transfer cases for DV- No. of DV cases recorded on the ASB database- Provide equalities breakdown for each of the above, by gender and ethnic origin on a half yearly basis	<p>Progress made Q2. These statistics are provided on a quarterly basis:</p> <p>19 cases that presented as homeless with DV as the main reason were accepted as homeless. The table below shows information about the ethnic origins of these clients.</p> <p>Accepted (1/4/11 ~ 30/9/11)</p> <table><tr><td>Ethnic Origin</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>Asian Indian (AI)</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Asian Pakistani (AP)</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Black Caribbean (BN)</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Black African (BR)</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Black UK (BU)</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Not Asked (NA)</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Other Groups (OG)</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>White British (WB)</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>19</td></tr></table> <p>At the end of Q2, 37 referrals had been made to the Housing Projects Team for SPSS., In this period 12 were completed.</p> <p>Information about the ethnic origin of residents assisted under the Stay put Stay Safe Scheme is provided below:</p> <table><tr><td>Ethnic Origin</td><td>Q1 & Q2</td></tr></table>	Ethnic Origin	Total	Asian Indian (AI)	1	Asian Pakistani (AP)	2	Black Caribbean (BN)	1	Black African (BR)	5	Black UK (BU)	1	Not Asked (NA)	1	Other Groups (OG)	2	White British (WB)	3	Total	19	Ethnic Origin	Q1 & Q2
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				<p>White British (WB) 9</p> <p>Caribbean (CW) 2</p> <p>Other Groups (OG) 1</p> <p>Total 12</p> <p>In Q2 17 management transfers were sought on the grounds of domestic violence, of these 12 were agreed.</p> <p>Information about the ethnic origin is provided below.</p> <p>Ethnic Origin Q1 & Q2</p> <p>Mixed White & Black 1</p> <p>Caribbean (CW)</p> <p>Asian Bangladeshi (AB) 1</p> <p>Black Other (BB) 2</p> <p>Black Caribbean (BN) 1</p> <p>Not Known 2</p> <p>White British (WB) 7</p> <p>White Irish (WI) 1</p> <p>Asian Other (AO) 1</p> <p>Black African 1</p> <p>Total 17</p> <p>Up to Q2, 4 new domestic violence cases were recorded on the ASB database.</p> <p>Progress made Q3 & Q4</p> <p>- 27 cases that presented as homeless with DV as the main reason were accepted as homeless. The table below shows information about the</p>

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PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION: Ensure that information on DV and responses to DV is publicised both externally and within the Housing Department.	Owner: Housing Department Lead sub-group: DV Housing sub-group	Progress made: The corporate DV leaflet was distributed to all staff and is handed out to new tenants as part of their new tenant sign up packs. A news bulletin was published on the housing department intranet to advise all staff of the publication of the leaflet,	<p>-Publish and distribute to DV Steering Group and DV Forum the updated Stay Put Stay Safe leaflet. Ensure the leaflet is made available to staff in the housing department and to those approaching the housing department for assistance.</p> <p>-Continue to carry out presentations to relevant departments/external agencies to promote the services of the Stay Put Stay Safe Scheme</p>	<p>The updated SPSS leaflet was distributed throughout the Housing Department. Leaflets were also distributed to the DV Housing Sub Group & DV Forum.</p> <p>Stay Put – Stay Safe (SPSS): The 6 main registered providers in the Borough and Adult services were contacted to offer a presentation on SPSS. In Q3&4</p>														

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		<p>with details of where to obtain copies.</p> <p>The housing department contributed to the DV Strategy launch and produced an article for the March edition of Homelife magazine to highlight the event.</p> <p>In March the new Stay Safe Stay Put leaflet was updated and will be distributed to members of the DV Steering Group and Forum in 2011/12.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure the Wandsworth Domestic Violence and Abuse leaflet is available throughout the housing department and to those approaching the housing department for assistance. - Publish at least one DV related news item in n Homelife annually -Review DV information on Housing web pages at least annually and update as necessary -Review domestic violence procedures and ensure that staff use and follow relevant procedures - Ensure staff receive relevant training in relation to domestic and sexual violence. 	<p>presentations were carried out at Viridian and at a MARAC meeting. The Wandsworth Domestic Violence leaflet has been distributed to all staff and is handed out to new tenants as part of their new tenant sign up packs. 23 residents were assisted via the SPSS in 2011/12.</p> <p>An article on the One Stop Shop was published in the September edition of the Homelife Newsletter.</p> <p>Housing web pages are updated as required. The new SPSS leaflet has been added to the Wandsworth internet pages.</p> <p>Domestic Violence procedures were updated and published in August 2011. A news item was published on the intranet to advise all staff of the updated procedure.</p> <p>During 2011 / 12 MARAC training to frontline staff continued to ensure all relevant staff are made aware of their responsibilities in regards to MARAC.</p> <p>In Q4 relationship Breakdown, DV and Homelessness Prevention training was provided by NHAS and Shelter.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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SAFEGUARDING: Ensure Housing staff area aware of their responsibilities			<p>Ensure that all new housing department staff receives safeguarding adult and children training as part of their induction.</p> <p>Complete training for the remaining 36 staff who have not received safeguarding adult training and to agency staff.</p> <p>Make safeguarding referrals in line with the housing departments safeguarding procedures.</p> <p>Review Housing Safeguarding procedures at least annually and update as necessary.</p>	<p>All new housing department staff continue to receive safeguarding training as part of their induction. In Q2, 7 new members of staff received this training. This training was also provided to 14 agency staff. No further training was carried out during Q3 and Q4.</p> <p>The department is currently arranging dates to complete the Safeguarding Adults training for the remaining 36 staff.</p> <p>Up to Q2, 3 safeguarding children referrals were made due to domestic violence. Q3 & 4 – 4 safeguarding children and 1 safeguarding adult referrals were made due to domestic violence.</p> <p>The safeguarding procedures for both children and adults were updated in June 2011. News items were published on the housing intranet to advise all staff of the updated procedure.</p> <p>The Housing Department has continued to provide funding to WWA in 2011/12</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Support the provision of refuge places for people affected by domestic violence	Housing sub-group Housing Strategy and Development Team	WWA supported – target completed for 2010/11	The Housing Department will provide WWA with £52,390 funding from the Homelessness Prevention Budget in each of the years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.	
Build new Partnerships between community and statutory groups	DVC Steering Group		Organise an open exploration meeting within a community setting to explore potential losses and gains of engaging with services.	The aim is to have a participation in Women's Conference in Partnership with Community Empowerment Network. Unfortunately a bid for training / funding

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Ensure services supporting families are able to identify victims of domestic violence and know where to refer them for help	CYP sub-group	FIP workers have undertaken DV training. SFSC parenting programmes are facilitated by workers who have completed DV training and supervised by social work qualified staff who assist with identifying and addressing safeguarding issues including domestic violence. The Groupwork and Parenting service (GaPS) is rolling out a programme of safeguarding training for parenting group work facilitators.	<p>Explore the potential of establishing a current / recent service user group. Develop consultation processes that can provide outcome measures to inform development of services</p> <p>Monitor impact of DV on families supported by FIP and other parenting programmes</p> <p>Identify if FIP workers and other support workers require training on DV or further information on agencies who they can link in with/refer to</p> <p>Monitor closely the families where domestic violence is a factor – Family support workers to ensure that this data is recorded and work monitored particularly on the impact of domestic violence on children</p> <p>Family Recovery Project interventions around domestic violence to be recorded for positive outcomes and referrals to other services</p> <p>Brighter Futures Big Lottery Funded programmes in partnership with Catch 22 and GaPS to be monitored for positive outcomes and referral rates</p> <p>All staff supporting victims of DV to have attended Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Training and Safeguarding Children training.</p>	<p>to support this was unsuccessful. Other options to be explored.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>FIP superseded by FRP, which includes an IDVA.</p> <p>Domestic violence is one of the most common themes running through FRP Families with DV either present or recent in 10 of the first 17 families accepted on to the project. DV Interventions include groupwork placement including Caring Dads and Women's DV Group. Also one-to-one support available through FRP IDVA service.</p> <p>First Response task and finish group will make recommendations for practice across agencies.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ensure staff supporting victims of Domestic Violence are aware of Safeguarding policies and	Steering Group CYP Head of SVA WSGCB	Safeguarding Training available from WSCB		

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practices			<p>Training to include basic and advanced domestic violence content</p> <p>Review content of Adult Safeguarding Vulnerable Adult Training to include domestic violence</p> <p>Publish and run DV training.</p> <p>Monitor attendee numbers and which services represented and conduct course evaluation</p> <p>First Response task and Finish Group recommendations to be disseminated to frontline staff</p> <p>NHS Wandsworth</p> <p>Deliver training to complement what is already in place, particularly around routine questioning.</p> <p>Develop the Merlin procedure</p> <p>Look at how we can improve reports received from the Police to receiving reports on the over 5's</p> <p>Health to participate in First Response to DV Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>Recommendations to be considered for implementation</p>	<p>First response task and finish group work to report back.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Ensure frontline staff across the Council are able to support and refer victims of Domestic Violence	Steering Group CYP sub-group	<p>DV training provided by WBSB</p> <p>Attendee numbers Monitored and course evaluation conducted</p> <p>Training sub-group of DV Forum set up but currently on hold.</p>		
Ensure health professionals are able to support and refer victims of Domestic Violence	Steering Group NHS Wandsworth	<p>Community Services Wandsworth - St Georges Healthcare: training delivered and well evaluated. Guidelines in place for Police Notifications.</p>		
Ensure health professionals in children's teams in community	Named Nurse CSW St George's Healthcare	Awareness training in place to complement WSBC multi-agency	Continue to provide complimentary training. Ensure First Response Task Group	Ongoing

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services are able to support and refer victims of Domestic Violence		training. Police notification an MARAC procedures in place	recommendations are included in training	
Investigate need for training and support in relation to violence in relationships and young people	School Health Team Leader Teenage pregnancy team	Scope sexual health and relationship advice in secondary schools and the need for training on violence in relationships	To be updated by FIS	Included within sexual exploitation training.
Ensure all frontline staff are consistent in their referral and assessment of victims of Domestic Violence	Steering Group CYP Sub-group	Wandsworth Children Safeguarding Board agreed that Caada-DASH Risk Assessment tool be used in assessments. Children's sub-group to monitor use WSN staff use the referral and assessment process as recommended by CAADA. Alternative referral forms may be used for referring to other agencies if requested by the agency.	Referral and assessment processes to be focus of DV Task and Finish Group on First Responses. Recommendations to be made in January 2012 at the latest.	Plan to review use of CAADA-DASH along with Barnardos risk assessment tool for cases involving children – comes from work of first response task and finish group. Ongoing
Ensure up to date information sharing protocols are in place	Steering Group MARAC steering Group	Information sharing Protocols for MARAC reviewed and distributed for approval and signatures	Information sharing protocols to be reviewed	Information sharing protocol updated and signed by relevant agencies
Ensure needs of vulnerable adults who are victims of domestic violence are supported	Steering Group Head of SVA	Adult Social Services representative to attend DV Steering Group and Forum	Update required	Head of Community Safety is a member of the Safeguarding Adults Board Clive Simmons is the appointed Adult services lead and is to attend Steering

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		DV Forum representative to join Safeguarding Adults Board		Group Meetings
Provision: To support victims of domestic violence and violence against women and girls to access the support they need by providing services that meet the needs of adults and children in Wandsworth who have been affected by domestic violence and violence against women and girls and ensuring effective multi agency working				
Provide an Independent Advocacy Service for people affected by domestic violence	Victim Support Wandsworth Steering Group	<p>2 years funding 2011 – 13 (£184,000) to maintain the provision of IDVA's provided through Victim Support (Paper No 11-187)</p> <p>All referrals are recorded with results of support offered and accepted. CAADA guidelines stipulate that an IDVA should work with a maximum of 100 high risk clients in a year.</p> <p>ON-going support to low/medium risk client is also provided by Wandsworth Safety Net</p>	<p>Annual review of numbers of people using the service, to ensure adequate provision under CAADA guidelines.</p> <p>Investigate funding options to increase capacity of IDVAs</p>	Ongoing
Provide an Independent Advocacy Service for people affected by domestic violence	Victim Support Wandsworth Steering Group DV Coordinator		Improve the pathways between IDVAs and drug and alcohol services in the borough	Initial recommendations underway. Additional MARAC training and awareness raising around domestic violence and violence against women

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			Stella Project MARAC Engagement Project started in September 2011 to look at links between DV and drug and alcohol sector and make recommendations for improving capacity of drug and alcohol services and improve referral routes	and girls was provided during September 11 (1 st training workshop). Due to the reorganisation of Drug & Alcohol services – ongoing
Improve links between drugs and alcohol and domestic violence services to better meet the needs of victims, and address the issues of perpetrators	Drug Services and Victim Support Wandsworth Steering Group	The Source / CMHT are represented at MARAC. Other drug/alcohol agencies attend when necessary or appropriate	Investigate how alcohol treatment can be targeted at DV perpetrators (this replaces the probation action as currently talking to probation and looking at several options) Continue representation from drug and alcohol services on the MARAC Investigate how drug and alcohol agencies can be involved in the Freedom programme or other groupwork programmes for victims and perpetrators	Stella Project MARAC Engagement Project started September 2011 to look at means of improving referral routes to MARAC and improve DV and VAWG awareness in drug and alcohol agencies Training day at IDAS on 21/3/12: referrals have increased. Caring Dads to be investigated as a recommendations from Working with Risky Fathers Ongoing
Quality Assurance Wandsworth Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)	DI at CSU Steering Group	CAADA reviewed against 10 principles namely: identification; referral criteria; representation; engagement with the victim; research and information sharing; action planning; volume; administration; strategy and governance; and equality.	Research and respond to CAADA QA of MARAC Undertake a 3 year review of MARAC	3 year review complete MARAC QA outcome: <u>Identification</u> – Good practice <u>Referral</u> – Good practice Representation – Good but not all agencies expected to attend, attending – Mental Health, Drugs & Alcohol, RSL. Action addressed. <u>Engagement with victims</u> – Working practices to be reviewed; outline who is responsible for referring; and emphasis

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				that focus is always on victim safety. Research and information sharing – Evidence of good practice. Research and information sharing – Good practice. Action Planning – Good but action plans to include all risks and explicit timeframes for action. Volume – To consider frequency as at volume capacity. Administration – Good Strategy and Governance – Steering group in place. Equality – To undertake an Equality Impact Assessment To review under reporting LGBT / disabled victims MARAC to include all DV rape cases and all honour based violence (Steering Group 10/10/11) Ongoing Ongoing
Continuation of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)	DI at CSU MARAC Steering Group as part of the Steering Group	MARAC Steering Group incorporated into the DV Steering Group.	MARAC Steering Group to be held on bi-annual basis	
Provide support to victims of domestic violence who have no recourse to public funding	Victim Support Wandsworth Steering Group	Monitored by the DV Manager – manual record maintained however does not capture all NRP clients as they often present at other	Monitor the number of victims, with no recourse to public funds, referred to Wandsworth Safety Net (IDVA service)	All children who are 'children in need' are assessed, and their parent provided with the resources to support them safely while their immigration status is investigated and resolved.

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		agencies. WSN supported approximately 10 people in 2010. Liaison with other agencies such as Sojourner Project at Eves Housing, Immigration/Family Law Solicitors and Housing Department. WSN provide emotional support also.		Monitored manually as current CMR system cannot capture this information. Since March 2011 to October 2011 WSN supported 21 NRPF clients. Figures captured manually but looking into possibility of a new database that may be able to record this information accurately.
Provide support to victims of domestic violence who have no recourse to public funding	Victim Support Wandsworth and DVC Steering Group	Agencies made aware of resources that are available in order that victims are not contacting multiple agencies before receiving a service.	To investigate ways that agencies can work together to identify gaps in support Disseminate information about resources available for this group either at a local or pan-London or national level.	Ongoing Agencies do refer to Wandsworth's One Stop Shop & Wandsworth Safety Net. Victim Support works with agencies and projects such as Sojourner Project to assist this group. Ongoing
Provision of a Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Wandsworth	Steering Group	Be aware of proposals to support new / additional provision	To review Wandsworth's provision of sexual assault and rape crisis provision. To link in with any proposed improvements to services available and obtain support to implement services that will be beneficial to victims of sexual assault or rape. Identify if additional services should be represented at the One Stop Shop	Meeting attended on 5 th October at GLA to discuss rape crisis provision expansion through creation of hub system across South London boroughs. Ongoing.
Provide effective One Stop Shop for victims of Domestic Violence	DVC Steering Group	OSS Reviewed Legal provision is now from a local firm Police attendance is now regular (MARAC Coordinator) Housing provision of phone support reviewed,		Ongoing.

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		agreed that this would continue but remain under review WSN covered for WWA during WWA prolonged absence.		
Provide support for individuals affected by domestic violence	GaPS Coordinator Children and Young People's Sub-Group	2/3 Freedom Programmes ran as pilots in various locations. Facilitated by Family Action. Women who graduated from the programme reported huge benefits including sharing with other mums affected by domestic violence, increased confidence in themselves and parenting and understanding their children better. Programme evaluated and provision is unlikely to be continued. Programmes to be developed to include a wider age range	Groupwork provision to benefit from Big Lottery, Brighter Futures Funding; 3 years of funding for groupwork with an emphasis on domestic violence and healthy relationships for children between 5-11 years to be provided in partnership with Catch 22 and Groupwork and Parenting Support.	Ongoing.
Provide support for individuals affected by domestic violence	GaPS Coordinator GaPS Team Children and Young People's Sub-group	Monday Women's Group continued to run in Roehampton led by Hannah Marquand and Vicky Piggott Groupwork model extended to other Early	Continue to run Community Group Project mothers groups and concurrent children's groups in children's centres	GaPS Team to run a CPG from November 2011

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Provide support for individuals affected by domestic violence	GapS Coordinator CYP Sub-group	<p>Years Localities.</p> <p>Tuesday and Thursday Groups started Jan 2011 through to April 2011. Age range 5-8. Good outcomes reported by Brenda Herbert</p> <p>10 SFSCs began in the term Sept – Dec 2010. 4 based in Early Years: - Granard, Westhill and Southmead Childrens Centres and a pilot group in the Somali language at Yvonne Carr Children's Centre. 3 based in schools; Ravenstone Primary and Elliot and Chestnut Grove secondary. A group at STORM (Domestic abuse/single parent's voluntary organisation Battersea), one at Aspire (Southfields) and one in a community centre in Battersea run by extended schools and a parenting worker YST. Many of the groups had</p>	<p>Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities groups to continue to run</p>	Ongoing.

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		<p>over 10 parents attending; safeguarding and domestic abuse were features in nearly every group which were managed by group facilitators.</p> <p>This term 8 SFSCs started with 2 others planned, covering extended schools and Early Years and including a 2nd Somali SFSC and a fathers group as well as a pilot SFSC PLUS for parents with mild to moderate learning difficulties.</p>		
Provide support for Under 5's affected by Domestic Abuse	ICC leads and ICC health leads CYP Sub-group	Scope availability of play therapy in each ICC area for children under 5's	Scope availability of play therapy in each ICC area for children under 5's	Target remains the same. Play therapy provision to be reviewed
Work with AVA Against Violence and Abuse to train and support Black, Asian Minority Ethnic women to become VAWG champions; and to develop community responses to VAWG. Aim: to develop grassroots community responses	DV Coordinator Steering Group Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network		Consult and obtain support from WCEN. Make application	WCEN engaged. Application submitted 28/10/11 – this was not successful. Alternatives being explored. Ongoing
To undertake a survey to measure whether victims of domestic violence are	Police Investigating Officer MARAC Coordinator		Pilot for 3 months Primary survey: Investigating officer will hand victims of DV a copy of the	Pilot complete. Awaits analysis. Ongoing.

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satisfied with our responses.			survey enclosed in a SAE. Secondary survey: Will be conducted by the MARAC coordinator who will contact victims of crime by telephone in cases where the perpetrator has been cautioned or charged only. Strategy, Research and Analysis Unit (MPS) will provide an analysis	
Protection: Holding domestic violence perpetrators to account for their behaviour and rehabilitating and managing offenders to prevent further domestic violence and violence against women and girls				
Increase reporting of domestic violence	Steering Group Victim Support Wandsworth	No progress on outreach and marketing task in 2010/11 - resource issue. The current IDVA's do not have the capacity to conduct this; however it is an area which could be explored if resources increased.	Conduct outreach and marketing work with men, to try to improve reporting, and to promote the support services available. To review under reporting LGBT Improve data collection concerning disabled victims	Gay Men's Supported Housing, Metropolitan Housing Trust, Victim Support and MPS to work together to review. Victim Support and VAWG Coordinator are currently considering providing training / workshops for Wandsworth Learning Disability Team. Victim Support has been receiving referrals through MARAC. Ongoing.
Provision of a Specialist Domestic Violence Court in Wandsworth	Victim Support Wandsworth Court Users Group Witness Services Steering Group	Research the feasibility of developing a pilot in Wandsworth No update - to explore with the court service in Wandsworth.	No target but need to ensure that court at which DV cases are heard is conducive to victim safety and support	All DV cases are now heard at Wimbledon Magistrates Court & witness services have been moved to this location.
Provision of an Integrated Domestic Abuse	Probation Service Steering Group	Programmes running throughout 2010/11	Continue to run programmes in Wandsworth.	39 men have completed IDAP in 2011/12 with an additional 21 currently attending

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Programme (IDAP)		Waiting list times reduced		the group. Places are available on an on-going basis and attendance at a group can commence within 4 weeks of referral.
Provision of support to (ex) partners participating in the Independent Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP).	Women's Support Office (Probation) Steering Group	On-going support offered by Women's Safety Officers to (ex) partners of perpetrators participating in the IDAP	Women's Safety Officers to continue to work with (ex) partners of perpetrators participating in the IDAP	All men attending the IDAP programme will have WSO support in place for their partners. An IDAP facilitator attends a monthly surgery at the Wandsworth probation office to update on the progress of individuals.
Provision of a Voluntary Perpetrators Programme in Wandsworth	Probation Service CYP sub-group		Undertake feasibility study, and gather evidence base for a voluntary community based perpetrator programme	Part of group work programme – Ongoing.
Provision of a Caring Dads Programme	Children and Young People's sub-group GaPS Coordinator	Caring Dads programme started September 2010; 10 places available – 6/7 taken up. Parallel service set up to support mothers through the programme	Caring Dads Programmes to continue for fathers who wish to address their parenting skills when they have been abusive to the mother of their children. Evaluation by Kingston University of first programme to be made available in February 2012	Caring Dads has now run twice in Wandsworth. The last group finished in April with 5 men. Attendance is a mixture of Probation and Social service men. Additional briefings for staff are arranged for May 2012. Brighter Futures funding secures delivery of Caring Dads programmes for 3 years
Provision of support to victims whose (ex) partners are participating in rehabilitation programme	Women's Support Office (Probation) CYP sub-group Steering Group	Women's Safety Officers to establish links with Caring Dads and other programmes and services such as the MARAC	Women's Safety Officers to establish links with Caring Dads and other programmes and services such as the MARAC.	Ongoing
Undertake statutory homicide and serious case reviews following serious incidents of domestic violence	Steering Group	13 th April 2011 – Implementation of section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004),	Wandsworth protocol to be established	Established protocol building on the lessons learnt elsewhere DHR completed and submitted to H.O. No organisation learning apparent /

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		putting in place statutory domestic violence homicide reviews. Statutory guidance in place for the conduct of domestic homicide reviews.		identified.
Monitoring of the Action Plan				
DV strategy and Action Plan review	Steering Group DVC	DV Strategy launched in September 2010. Launch attended by 156 professionals. 98% of people said that their knowledge about domestic violence had increased as a result of the launch. The majority of people said that the launch had made them more aware of the services on offer for victims of domestic violence; specific mention was made of the One Stop Shop and the MARAC. Attendees were also very positive about the variety of stalls and information available.	Action Plan to be kept under review and scope increased to include violence against women and girls. New actions to be finalised by October 2011	Action Plan updated and new headers to Action Plan reviewed April 2012.
Ensure DV forum and sub-group meetings continue to address their terms of reference and have	Steering Group	Terms of Reference for Steering Group and sub-groups updated and in place	Terms of Reference remain under review, membership of steering group and sub-groups to address gaps in service provision	Subject to regular review. Ongoing

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members they need.				
National Indicators				
NI 34 – Reduce incidents of domestic violence murder per 1000 population	DI at CSU Steering group	0 incidents per 1000 population.	0 incidents per 1000 population.	There has been one domestic violence homicide this year. A Domestic Homicide Review has been completed.
NI 32 – Repeat incidents of Domestic Violence	DI at CSU Steering Group	16%	No target set For 12/13 target to keep indicator below 16%	15%

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- C. Partnership Working - Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families. Actions 45-65
- D. Reduce the risk - Take action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice. Actions 66-74

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Outcome: Raise awareness of violence against women and girls – Community Safety		
1. Review data collection analysis on incidences of VAWG in Wandsworth. Initial exercise completed in 2011 for the Community Safety Partnership.	Head of Community Safety Crime Analyst Steering Group	Data analysis to be reviewed summer 2012
2. Scope the extent of prostitution and trafficking in the borough by visiting services and looking for potential trafficking locations.	VAWG Coordinator Head of Community Safety Safer Neighbourhood Teams	October 2012

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3. Support arts exhibition at the Pump House Gallery to raise awareness of domestic violence. Nadia Kaabi-Linke worked with The Roehampton Women's Group to produce <i>Impunities</i> ; exhibition on from March to May 2012. VAWG Forum to take place at the Pump House in May 2012	VAWG Coordinator Arts Manager	May 2012 (COMPLETED)
4. Support poster/media campaign to raise awareness of sexual violence and vulnerability. Borough-wide poster and postcard campaign took place in November 2011. All secondary schools received materials. Sexual exploitation materials published.	VAWG Coordinator Steering Group CYP sub-group Community Safety Division Sexual Exploitation Lead	November 2012 poster campaign
5. White ribbon campaign status achieved. Campaign to support men to take more responsibility for reducing levels of VAWG – white ribbons and associated materials distributed throughout borough.	VAWG Coordinator Community Safety DV Forum Steering Group CYP sub-group Housing sub-group	Ongoing, White Ribbon day is on November 25 th . VAWG Forum to support activities
Outcome: Raise awareness of violence against women and girls amongst under-represented groups		
6. Continue engagement with Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network - Focus groups with BAME women in partnership with WCEN. The bidding process in partnership with AVA was unsuccessful but other partnership work is sought. Partnership work on immigrant women's access to DV services with Kingston University Social Work Department to be discussed at VAWG Forum in May 2012.	VAWG Coordinator Steering Group Community Safety	October 2012
Outcome: Raise awareness of domestic violence amongst children and young people - Children's Specialist Services		

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7. Big Lottery funding secured for 'Brighter Futures' to deliver the Community Group Programme to Children between 5-10 years and their mothers. Partnership with Catch 22 will ensure families are recognised and targeted for inclusion on the programme.	GapS Coordinator CYP Sub-Group	2012 - 2015
8. Provide information to schools cluster groups on domestic violence, its impact on children and families and the services available.	Extended Schools Cluster Co-ordinator	Annually
9. Monitor CAF forms for issues of domestic violence and what service is identified as suitable.	CYP sub-group Extended Schools Service	Ongoing
10. Safeguarding Training Officer for schools to be appointed	Workforce Development CYP sub-group.	June 2012
11. Updated Domestic Violence booklet finalised and published. Distribution to all maintained schools and nurseries in the borough to be completed in summer term 2012.	Investigation & Referral Support (EWO) CYP sub-group	Distribution to schools to be completed by Summer 2012
Outcome: Raise awareness of VAWG amongst high-risk populations – Drug and Alcohol Services		
12. Raise awareness amongst drug and alcohol users through a media / publicity campaign and event. Leaflets to be available in all services	VAWG Coordinator IDAS Lead	Ongoing

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Outcome: Raise awareness of 'honour' based violence – Workforce Development		
<p>13. HBV half-day seminar, led by Metropolitan Police took place in July 2011. Further seminars planned on HBV, harmful practices and trafficking</p> <p>Adult Safeguarding Board to include HBV awareness as a training need</p>	<p>Safeguarding Children Board</p> <p>Safeguarding Adult Board</p> <p>DVC</p> <p>Steering Group</p> <p>DV Forum</p>	<p>September 2012</p>
Outcome: Collate data on domestic violence and violence against women and girls		
<p>14. On a quarterly basis the Housing Department to provide the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of cases presented and accepted as homeless where DV is the main reason for homelessness No. of cases assisted via the Stay Put, Stay Safe scheme No. of Management Transfer cases for DV No. of DV cases recorded on the ASB database Provide equalities breakdown for each of the above, by gender and ethnic origin on a half yearly basis 	Housing Department	Quarterly
<p>15. Data report to be submitted by Adult Social Services on safeguarding adults referrals within following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic abuse (on basis that a partner or relative is the person alleged to have caused the harm) Female Age Breakdown 	Adult Social Services	<p>Annual – 2011/12 data available by 06/12</p>

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16. Data report to be provided for VAWG as related to CYP	Children's Specialist Services CYP Sub Group	Annual – end of financial year
17. Data report to be submitted by Drug and Alcohol Services on incidents of VAWG.	Drug and Alcohol Services	Annual – end of financial year
Outcome: Increase reporting of domestic violence		
18. Review under reporting of LGBT domestic violence. Review to be undertaken in partnership with Gay Men's Supported Housing (Metropolitan Housing Trust), Victim Support and Metropolitan Police.	Steering Group Victim Support Wandsworth Metropolitan Police Service	September 2012 for update
19. Improve data collection concerning disabled victims Victim Support and VAWG Coordinator are currently considering providing training / workshop for Wandsworth Learning Disability Team – in discussion stages. Victim Support has been receiving referrals through MARAC	Steering Group Victim Support Wandsworth Metropolitan Police Service	September 2012 update
Outcome: Increase reporting of other forms of VAWG		
20. Explore ways to increase reporting of other forms of VAWG e.g. forced marriage, stalking.	Steering Group VAWG Coordinator	October 2012
Outcome: Raise awareness of domestic violence amongst Wandsworth staff		

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21. Develop domestic violence awareness training programme and personnel policy for Wandsworth Council staff.		HR	March 2014
B. Provision - provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur		Lead	Dateline / Target
Outcome: Ensure information on support for victims of violence against women and girls is easily accessible.			
22. Council WebPages on domestic violence to be kept updated and other forms of violence against women and girls to be included.		VAWG Coordinator Steering group	Ongoing
23. Domestic violence and abuse leaflet to continue to be reviewed to ensure it is up to date.		VAWG Coordinator Steering group	May 2012
24. Investigate producing leaflets on other forms of VAWG		VAWG Coordinator Steering group	June 2012
25. Continuation of advice line provided by Wandsworth Women's Aid/Hestia		Wandsworth Women's Aid/Hestia	Ongoing
26. Family Information Services web pages to be updated to include violence against women and girls information		VAWG Coordinator Steering Group	Ongoing
27. Guidelines for standards of information and awareness raising practices for all Children centres		Children's Specialist Services	June 2012

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B. Provision: provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur		Lead	Dateline / Target
		CYP Sub Group Early Years	
28. Continue to carry out presentations to relevant departments/external agencies to promote the services of the Stay Put Stay Safe Scheme		Housing Department	Ongoing
29. Publish at least one DV related news item in Homelife annually		Housing Department	Annual
30. Review DV information on Housing web pages at least annually and update as necessary		Housing Department	Annual
Outcome: Ensure Staff are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities – Housing Department			
31. Make safeguarding referrals in line with the housing departments safeguarding procedures		Housing Department	Ongoing
Outcome: Ensure staff have the necessary training to be able to detect and prevent violence against women and girls – Housing Department			
32. Review Housing Safeguarding procedures at least annually and update as necessary.		Housing Department	Annual
33. Ensure Housing staff receive any relevant training in relation to domestic and sexual violence		Housing Department	Ongoing
34. Complete training for remaining housing staff who have not received safeguarding adult training and to agency staff		Housing Department	By end 2012/13
35. MARAC champions training updates to be provided to all MARAC participants.		MARAC Steering Group MARAC Coordinator	Annual, due February 2013

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6. <u>Provision</u> – provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur	Lead	Dateline / Target
36. All staff supporting victims of DV to have attended Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training and Safeguarding Children training.	Children's Specialist Services, Adult Social Services, Head of SVA, Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board	Through WSCB training, runs throughout the year
37. Remain involved in London bid for Barnardos DV developments and training. If successful, implement training programme across partnership to develop DV Champions.	Children's Specialist Services CYP Subgroup Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board	Ongoing
Outcome: Ensure services supporting families are able to identify victims of domestic violence and know where to refer them for help		
38. Families in Family Recovery Project to be monitored closely and any interventions around domestic violence to be recorded for positive outcomes and referrals to other services. Data to be produced.	Children's Specialist Services CYP Sub Group FRP team	Ongoing
39. Framework for response by Children centres including development of named DV lead for centres and localities.	CYP Sub Group Early Years	Ongoing to be included in First Response work
Outcome: To provide timely, clear and consistent information / advice / referral to domestic violence victims		

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B. Provision - provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur		Lead	Dateline / Target
40. First Response: Identify from agencies that are likely to be the first contact with domestic violence victims. Ascertain what guidance / training is currently provided. Identify gaps / best practice / training needs.		VAWG Coordinator Individuals who have first contact with victims. Children's centre Early Years Victim Support Steering Group	October 2012
Outcome: Ensure that male, as well as female, victims of domestic abuse are provided with the appropriate specialist services			
41. Devise a referral map to indicate where victims (including males) can access pan London specialist services.		VAWG Coordinator Victim Support Community Safety	October 2012
Outcome: To provide support for victims of domestic violence and hate crime			
42. Continue to assist residents who feel at risk in their homes through the Stay Put Stay Safe scheme.		Housing Department	Ongoing
Outcome: Assess the extent to which girls are involved and/or affected by gangs and serious youth violence.			
43. Identify and agree key datasets to be used in examining the extent of potential involvement/exploitation and agree key tasks with partner agencies.		Children's Specialist Services Young People and Learning CYP Sub Group	June 2012

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B. Provision	provide adequate levels of support where violence does occur	Lead	Dateline / Target
Outcome: Provide support for victims of rape in the borough			
44.	Investigate expanding Rape Crisis provision in Wandsworth.	VAWG Coordinator NHS Wandsworth	March 2013

C. Partnership Working	Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families	Lead	Dateline/Target
Outcome: Support the provision of refuge places for people affected by domestic violence			
45.	Housing department will provide Wandsworth Women's Aid with £52,390 for 2012/13 from the Homelessness Prevention Budget to provide refuge places. Further funding in 2013/14 to be confirmed.	Housing sub-group Housing policy and performance	Ongoing
46.	Supporting People programme to continue to provide refuge places for women suffering domestic violence. Ten places available for Asian women and thirteen places open to all women.	Wandsworth Women's Aid/Hestia Supporting People	Ongoing
Outcome: Ensure health professionals are able to support and refer victims of violence against women and girls to appropriate services			
47.	NHS Wandsworth to ensure that the Health Economy delivers training on VAWG	NHS Wandsworth VAWG Steering Group	Ongoing
Outcome: Provide an Independent Advocacy Service for people affected by domestic violence			

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C. <u>Partnership Working</u> - Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families.	Lead	Dateline/target
<p>48. Two years funding 2011-13 (£184,000) to maintain provision of IDVA's provided through Victim Support.</p> <p>Annual review of numbers of people using the service.</p> <p>Outcome: Improve the pathways between IDVAs and drug and alcohol services in the borough</p>	Community Safety VAWG Steering Group Victim Support Wandsworth	Ongoing
<p>49. Stella Project MARAC engagement project started September 2011 to look at means of improving referral routes to MARAC and improve DV and VAWG awareness in drug and alcohol agencies.</p>	MARAC Coordinator Drug and Alcohol Services Services and Victim Support Wandsworth VAWG Coordinator Steering Group	Ongoing Arrangements being made to provide further presentations to IDAS teams.
<p>Outcome: Ensure there is a robust multi-agency approach to tackle violence against women and girls</p>		
<p>50. MARAC steering group to be held bi-annually.</p> <p>Ensure all domestic violence rape cases and all 'honour' based violence cases are referred to MARAC from SCD 2 (Sapphire Unit)</p>	MARAC Steering Group	Bi-annual
<p>Outcome: Provide support to victims of domestic violence with no recourse to public funding</p>		

C. Partnership Working - Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families.	Lead	Date/line/Target
51. Monitor number of victims with no recourse to public spending, referred to Wandsworth Safety Net (IDVA service) Progress – Figures captured manually but looking into possibility of a new database that may be able to record this information accurately.	Victim Support Wandsworth Steering Group Wandsworth Safety Net	Ongoing
52. Investigate ways that agencies can work together to identify gaps in support	Victim Support Wandsworth and VAWG Coordinator Steering Group Wandsworth Safety Net	December 2012
53. Information on resources available to support victims of violence against women and girls to be disseminated. This is to ensure victims are not contacting multiple agencies before receiving a service.	Victim Support Wandsworth and VAWG Coordinator Steering Group Wandsworth Safety Net	December 2012
Outcome: Provide effective One Stop Shop for victims of Domestic Violence		
54. Identify if additional services should be represented at the One Stop Shop – in particular for other forms of VAWG.	Community Safety VAWG Coordinator Steering Group	March 2013
Outcome: Provide support for individuals affected by domestic violence – Children's Specialist Services		
55. Group work provision to benefit from Big Lottery, Brighter Futures Funding; 3 years of funding for group work with an emphasis on domestic violence and healthy relationships for children between 5-11 years to be provided in partnership with Catch 22 and Group work and Parenting Support.	Children's Specialist Services GaPS Coordinator Children and Young People's Sub-Group	Ongoing, half-yearly monitoring

C. Partnership Working – Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families.	Lead	Dateline/Target
56. Community Group Project mothers groups and concurrent children's groups to run in Borough wide venues coordinated by the GaPs team.	Children's Specialist Services GaPS Coordinator GaPS Team Children and Young People's Sub group	Ongoing
57. Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities groups to continue to run. The programme develops and promotes positive parent-child relationships through understanding of child development and positive parenting. Abusive relationships are covered and issues of further violence with child and teenage relationships considered.	Children's Specialist Services GaPS Coordinator CYP Sub-group NHS SW London (Wandsworth Team)	Ongoing
58. Women's Group Roehampton to continue to run. Programme evaluation has shown favourable results; programme to be documented and rolled out into other Children's Centre settings. Training on programme delivery to be delivered.	Children's Specialist Services GaPS Coordinator CYP Sub-group NHS SW London (Wandsworth Team)	Ongoing. New settings to be in place by January 2013
59. Outcomes of Play therapy provision in children's centres to be evaluated.	Children's Specialist Services Early Years CYP sub group	March 2013

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C. <u>Partnership Working</u> - Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families	Lead	Dateline/Target
Outcome: Work with AVA (Against Violence and Abuse) to train and support BAME women to become VAWG champions and to develop community responses to VAWG		
60. Explore other funding opportunities in order to engage with AVA following unsuccessful WCEN bid.	Community Safety VAWG Coordinator	March 2013
Outcome: Ensure victims of domestic violence are satisfied with our responses.		
61. Secondary survey to be undertaken by MARAC coordinator who will contact victims of crime by telephone in cases where the perpetrator has been cautioned or charged only. Progress - Strategy, Research and Analysis Unit (MPS) will provide an analysis. Awaiting analyses from SRAU	MARAC Coordinator Met Police	3 month pilot complete. Call backs ceased 28/02/12
Outcome: Ensure there is a robust multi-agency approach to tackle child sexual exploitation		
62. Regularly review and amend the multi-agency protocol for Children and Young People at Risk of Sexual Exploitation and establish sexual exploitation leads in the different agencies to report into the Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Panel (SEMAP) Progress - Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Panel (Operational Group) met in April 2012 and Draft TOR are out to partners for comment.	Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Panel/ CYP VAWG Sub Group	Ongoing
63. Frontline staff training programme on sexual exploitation. Progress -- Programme in place	Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Panel CYP VAWG Sub Group	May 2012
64. Junior Citizen to develop grooming awareness scenario for junior citizens in year six.	Children's Specialist Services CYP Sub Group/	March 2013

C. <u>Partnership Working</u> - Work in partnership to obtain the best outcomes for victims and their families.	Lead	Dateline/Target
	Community Safety Team	
Outcome: Work in partnership with NHS Wandsworth to improve knowledge of VAWG		
65. NHS Wandsworth and the Council to share data on incidents of VAWG to improve understanding and develop appropriate responses for victims.	Community Safety VAWG Coordinator NHS Wandsworth Steering Group	October 2012

D. <u>Reduce the risk</u> - Take action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.	Lead	Dateline/Target
Outcome: Ensure domestic violence and VAWG perpetrators are brought to justice		
66. Explore feasibility of developing a specialist domestic violence court in Wandsworth.	Victim Support Wandsworth Court Users Group Witness Services Steering Group	Ongoing
67. Work in partnership with Wandsworth Police to ensure detention and arrest targets are achieved.	Wandsworth Police	Ongoing, included within weekly PIB stats

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D. Reduce the risk. Take action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.	Lead	Date/Target
Outcome: Work in partnership with Wandsworth Police		
68. Wandsworth Police to refer victims of VAWG to VAWG services and high risk victims to MARAC. Review at monthly MARAC meetings	Metropolitan Police Service Wandsworth Police	Ongoing, monitored through MARAC
Outcome: Provide rehabilitation support for domestic violence perpetrators		
69. Continue to run Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP).	Probation Service Steering Group	Ongoing
70. Undertake feasibility study and gather evidence base for a voluntary community based perpetrator programme. Explore future funding for Perpetrators with children	Children's Specialist Services CYP sub-group	June 2012
71. Continue to provide Caring Dads Programmes for fathers who wish to address their parenting skills when they have been abusive to the mother of their children.	Children's Specialist Services CYP sub-group GaPS Coordinator	Ongoing
Outcome: Provide support for (ex) partners of domestic violence perpetrators.		

<i>D. Reduce the risk- Take action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.</i>	Lead	Dateline/Target
72. Support provided by Women's Safety Officers to (ex) partners of perpetrators participating in the IDAP.	Probation Service Women's Support Office (Probation) Steering Group	Ongoing
73. Women's Safety Officers to establish links with Caring Dads and other programmes and services such as the MARAC.	Children's Specialist Services Women's Support Office (Probation) CYP sub group Steering Group	Ongoing
Outcome: Provide rehabilitation support for perpetrators with learning difficulties		
74. Undertake a scoping exercise for developing a perpetrator programme suitable for learning difficulties in partnership with the Community Learning Difficulties Team	Community Safety VAWG Coordinator Community Learning Difficulties Team	March 2013

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Appendix 3

Department	Community Safety
Policy	Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy
People involved	Gemma Clutterbuck, Clare O'Connor, Stewart Low

1. What are the aims of the policy?

The strategy outlines a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to tackling violence against women and girls within Wandsworth. The main aims are:

- **Prevention:** challenging the attitudes, behaviours and practices that allow violence to take place; intervening early to protect vulnerable children; and encouraging increased reporting of violence to the police.
- **Provision:** providing support for victims of violence and ensuring staff have adequate training to be able to detect violence and deliver effective outcomes.
- **Partnership Working:** ensuring multi-agency working to tackle violence against women and girls
- **Risk Reduction:** protecting victims of violence; holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour; and providing rehabilitation for offenders to prevent against further violence.

2. What is the rationale behind the policy?

The Wandsworth Domestic Violence Strategy was last published in 2010. In line with the Coalition Government's strategy to end violence against women and girls, the Wandsworth Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy 2012 – 2015 replaces the Domestic Violence strategy and includes the work being done in Wandsworth to tackle all forms of domestic and sexual violence, including sexual assault, 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and stalking, as well as domestic violence, with a particular focus on violence against women and girls.

3. What information do you have on the policy and the potential impact of your policy in relation to the following?

	<p>List information you have. Do not put what the information shows you</p> <p>Information includes number of people supported by the policy, customer satisfaction, feedback on service, results of consultation</p>
Race	<p>Have breakdown of victims by ethnicity</p> <p>Have breakdown for MARAC</p>
Gender	Have breakdown by gender

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	Have breakdown for MARAC
Disability	Have breakdown for MARAC
Age	Have breakdown by age
Faith	National research available on honour based violence. No local data available
Sexual Orientation	Have breakdown for MARAC

4. Thinking about each group below please list the impact that the policy will have.

	<u>Positive</u> impacts of policy	Possible <u>negative</u> impacts of policy
Race	<p>Local data shows that 52% of female victims of violence and 46% of victims in MARAC cases in Wandsworth are BAME women. This is significantly above the borough average which shows that 22.6% of all female residents are BAME.</p> <p>Targeted actions in the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network - Focus groups with BAME women in partnership with WCEN. 	n/a
Gender	<p>The strategy aims to tackle violence against women and girls in particular as females are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence. The majority of the actions in the strategy and action plan relate to preventing violence against females. Therefore the whole strategy will have a positive impact in relation to women and girls.</p>	n/a
Disability	<p>1% of victims referred to the MARAC in the last year presented registered disabilities. This highlights a potential under-reporting by disabled victims. The Strategy includes an action to address this.</p> <p>Targeted actions in the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase reporting of domestic violence through improving data collection concerning disabled victims 	n/a
Age	Prevalence data for violence against	

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	<p>women and girls in Wandsworth shows violence is most prevalent amongst the younger age groups and the age profile of female victims shows a broad peak aged between 18 and 35 years old. 18% of female victims of sexual assault were aged from 10 to 17 years old. This is above the borough profile which shows that 8.4% of female residents are aged 10-19 and highlights the need for target action in this area.</p> <p>Targeted actions in the strategy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of violence amongst children and young people through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providing information on domestic violence to schools cluster groups ○ Monitoring CAF forms for incidences of domestic violence ○ Developing grooming awareness scenario for junior citizens in year six. • Providing support for young victims of violence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Group Project mothers groups and concurrent children's groups in children's centres ○ Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities groups 	
Faith	<p>There has been a strong focus on 'honour' based violence (HBV) nationally with national pieces of research commissioned. Although HBV is not restricted to certain faiths, it can be faith-related.</p> <p>Targeted actions in the strategy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half day seminar on HBV • All HBV cases are referred to the MARAC 	
Sexual orientation	<p>Two cases referred to the MARAC in the last year have involved victims from the LGBT community. Furthermore, national</p>	

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	<p>research shows that one in four LGBT people experience domestic violence at some point. This suggests under-reporting in Wandsworth. Actions have been included in the Strategy to address this.</p> <p>Targeted actions in the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the under reporting of LGBT domestic violence 	
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5. Is a full EIA required? No.

The following questions should help you decide if a full EIA is required. As a guide if you are a frontline service where the impact is unclear or negative you will need to conduct a full EIA. You are unsure call Clare O'Connor on ext 7816.

- Does the policy support a frontline service? Yes
- Is it clear what impact the policy will have on all the equality groups?
Yes
- Overall will the change have a negative impact on any of the equality groups? No

Comments - Please give the rationale here for not undertaking a full EIA

Impact is clear – will have positive impact in relation to women and girls

6. Through the initial EIA have you identified any actions that needed to be implemented to improve access or monitoring of the policy? (please list)

Not applicable

Signed

Date

Approved by: Clare O'Connor