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PERFORMANCE REPORT ON DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Jo Melvin, Commissioner – Public Health	Deadline date : 11th December 2014
The Board is requested to note the performance of domestic abuse services.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Board following a request from a previous meeting.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to updated the Board on the performance of the domestic abuse services.

3. BACKGROUND

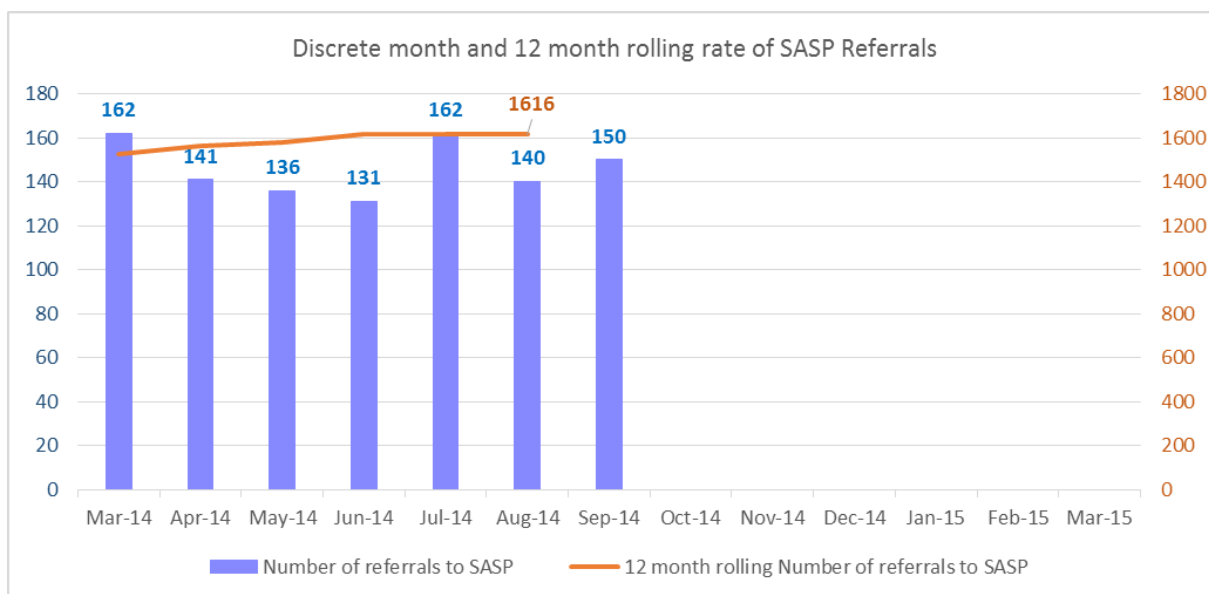
3.1 Service Update

In April 2014 following a competitive tender exercise, traditional domestic abuse services for victims were integrated with sexual violence advocacy services to create SASP, an integrated service for adult victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. In July 2014, SASP began its service for children and young people affected by domestic abuse or sexual violence.

3.2 Since the tender award, SASP has been allocated additional temporary staffing resources from a grant secured by the Police Commissioner. This includes a community psychiatric nurse and a further independent sexual violence advocate for children and young people. Work is under way to allocate a SASP worker within the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH).

3.3 Performance

The chart below shows both discrete month and 12 month rolling rates of all Peterborough Women's Aid and IDVA referrals up to September 2014. Please note the SASP service commenced on 1st April, data prior to this relates to the previous service. The data suggests the service managed the transition well as it has maintained a stable rate of domestic abuse referrals over the 12 month rolling rate. This is an effective increase from the baseline period (12 months up to the end of March 2014) of 6.4%.



3.4 Service activity is summarised below:

SASP Adult service – Q1 and Q2 14/15

Total referrals = 860 (787 female, 73 male)

Domestic abuse referrals:

500 medium risk

358 high risk

37 very high risk

Sexual violence referrals:

<5 male

35 female

Pathways from the sexual assault referral centre (SARC) to the SASP have been reviewed and we expect the numbers of sexual violence referrals to be higher in coming months

SASP Children and Young People’s Service – Q2 14/15

Total referrals: 45 (27 male and 18 female)

8/45 subject to Child Protection, Child In Need or CAF

These numbers reflect the first 3 months of the new service and so expect referrals to be higher in coming months

3.5 Demand for the service is very high and pressure on the service exacerbated by a 9% increase in the numbers of cases heard at MARAC. Analysis of referrals, completions and disengagements from the service suggests there has been a net growth of 129 clients in Q1 followed by a further 57 in Q2, adding to the pressure in the service.

3.6 The service estimates having in excess of 300 open cases across its 6.8FTE staffing. This means workers often have caseloads well above the level recommended by CAADA. Discussions have taken place to regard to managing this and some additional investment from the local authority has been identified to increase capacity. Discussions are also underway with Cambridgeshire to begin supporting some of the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Safer Peterborough Partnership (analyst) for comprehensive data

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 5.1 For the Board to note and comment on performance of domestic abuse services

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Potential implications for safety and wellbeing of victims if service is not available to them

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

Safer Peterborough Partnership Performance Report November 2014

Contract Monitoring returns from Specialist Abuse Service (Q1 and Q2 14/15)

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