

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		AGENDA ITEM No. 10
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DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Corporate Director, People and Communities	Deadline date : N/A
<p>1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board members consider the content of the information report and raise any questions.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Board following a request from the Corporate Director, People and Communities.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide background information on domestic abuse and sexual violence services offered to Peterborough victims.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Service

Peterborough Women's Aid (PWA) were awarded the contract to provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services to Peterborough City Council from 1 April 2014. The contract is made up of 2 lots:

3.2 Lot 1 – Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Service for Adults

The overarching aim of the service is to provide accessible and appropriate interventions to improve safety and reduce risk and harm to victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual violence and their dependents. The service provides independent, specialist support service for victims of all ages, sexuality, relationship status and gender.

The service's aims are to:

- To reduce the trauma and psychological distress experienced by children and young people who have been victims of (or affected by) domestic abuse and/or sexual violence
- To reduce propensity toward re-victimisation through increased resilience and improved self concept and relationship behaviour
- To increase awareness of domestic abuse, sexual violence and abusive relationships amongst service users
- To improve the health, psychological wellbeing and general functioning of children and young people affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual violence
- To support non-offending parents/guardians in aiding their child's recovery from trauma (where appropriate)
- To be child and young person focused

3.3 Lot 2 – Psychological interventions for children and young people affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual violence

The service provides psychological therapies and interventions for children and young people experiencing significant psychological distress as a result of being a victim of (or exposed to) domestic abuse and/or sexual violence.

3.4 The service's aims are:

- Supporting the current triage referral process to assess level of needs and eligibility for service
- Signpost referrals which do not meet eligibility criteria to alternative services
- Use assessment to plan appropriate therapeutic intervention, behaviour management strategies and development of coping strategies
- Deliver evidence based and age appropriate talking therapies and creative therapies to children and young people affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual violence
- Deliver group therapy to children and young people who would benefit from this approach
- Deliver family focused therapeutic interventions where appropriate
- Provide parents/carers with the skills and techniques underpinned by the most up to date research to help children and young people recover and thrive
- Provide case consultation for professionals and carers on specific issues in relation to consequences of domestic abuse/sexual violence.
- Work collaboratively with other agencies to support the recovery of the service user
- Develop clear thresholds for service which interface effectively with other services, particularly specialist child and adolescent mental health services and targeted level emotional wellbeing service
- Work with other agencies to promote, support and improve their response to children and young people and their families who are subjected to domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Contribute to policy and service development for children and families who have experienced domestic abuse and/or sexual violence including the identification of areas of unmet need
- Promote and publicise the service to potential service users in formats accessible to all

3.5 **Progress Update**

The CCG funded a support worker to join the children and young people's service from January to March 2016 to assist in reducing the number of children and young people on the waiting list. Over the 3 month period the waiting list was reduced by half and the support worker worked with 17 children. The Corporate Director at Peterborough City Council has now agreed to fund the support worker for a further 12 months to ensure the service can continue their good and much needed work.

3.6 The Cambridgeshire Police Crimes Commissioner agreed to fund a programme to be delivered by Ormiston Families from April 2016. Ormiston will deliver an early intervention and prevention based service delivered through the 'Cope and Recover' community group for mothers and children (aged 9-11 years) who have experienced domestic violence. The programme will work with 10 Peterborough families over a 12 week period.

The programme objectives are to:

- Support children and young people to understand their feelings around exposure to domestic violence
- Address thoughts around blame and responsibility
- Understand what domestic violence is and 'inside and outside hurt'
- Deal with feelings of anger
- Make plans to stay safe
- Tell their story using art and group work
- Increase confident and self-esteem
- Break the secrecy around abuse
- Identify who to talk to; practice calling the police or safe persons

3.7 **Community/multi-agency engagement**

The service are also highly involved with the community and undertook the following activity during October to December 2015:

Meetings/presentations attended (MASG, community groups, children's centres etc.)

- Two meeting at Children centres
- Meeting with Cherish DV group at Kingsgate

Awareness presentations delivered

- CPFT team meeting
- DAISU officers Thorpe wood

Range of training provided to staff

- WRAP PREVENT training
- Two staff attended LCSB Safeguarding training

Training courses delivered to PCC staff / organisations (PSCB and other)

- LSCB Assessing the risk Full Day
- Team support worker Full Day
- MA Social Work student ½ day
- BA Social Work Student ½ day

3.8 **Performance Monitoring**

The service is monitored by the Joint Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategic Board which meets quarterly and is attended by a number of representatives from Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, service providers/voluntary sector organisations to include Rape Crisis, Womens Aid, Refuge and the SARC, the Police, the Office of the Police Crimes Commissioner and key partners to include Health representatives and housing.

The commissioner also organises separate quarterly meetings with the service provider.

Wendi Ogle-Welbourn chairs a quarterly Peterborough operational group to discuss key issues regarding the service.

3.9 **Future Plans**

The following points have been identified as key priorities:

- Organise for the children and young people's support worker contract to be extended for 12 months
- Undertake a dip sample of repeat domestic abuse referrals into the service to identify common characteristics and trends
- Work with the LSCB to create a communications plan for the next year
- Self assess the service against the NICE quality standards guidance
- Explore the options for a countywide domestic abuse service

4. **CONSULTATION**

4.1 A similar report has been presented to the Public Health Board on 27 April 2016.

5. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

5.1 The Board is asked to review the information contained within this report and respond / provide feedback accordingly.

6. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

N/A

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

8. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

The report is for consideration and there are no legal implications at present.

Financial Implications - None

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

N/A