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Domestic Abuse Improvement Plan

2016/2017



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ONE TEAM MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for our force. It is a crime that can take many forms ranging from coercive and controlling behaviour, preventing someone from having a life of their own, right through to physical violence and worse.

Our 2016/17 'Domestic Abuse Improvement Plan' demonstrates how we are changing the way we deliver our services to better tackle this form of abuse, providing greater support to victims and taking positive action against perpetrators.

1.	Humberside Police will streamline all of our processes within the Hub to ensure that victims of domestic abuse are afforded a priority level of service which is commensurate with the risk associated with crimes of this type.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will attend all domestic abuse calls • Safeguarding of victims and children will be prioritised in every case • Domestic abuse will be prioritised over other incidents of a lesser risk • Additional specialist training around domestic abuse, vulnerability and safeguarding will be delivered to call handlers and dispatchers on an ongoing basis.
2.	Domestic abuse will receive senior oversight and governance on a daily basis to ensure that risk is effectively managed and resources are utilised efficiently to reflect the priority of domestic abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-risk and un-resourced domestic abuse logs and outstanding suspects will be reported through the daily Pacesetter meetings. • Domestic abuse will feature as a standing agenda item at the daily senior leadership meeting. • Domestic abuse will feature as a specific section within the fortnightly performance meetings.



3.	Humberside Police will seek to develop a dedicated domestic abuse resource deployable by the Hub with the intention of providing an enhanced service to victims of domestic abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the effectiveness of the existing DA cars. • To develop the role of this resource to potentially include partners in order to deliver an enhanced service.
4.	A network of Domestic Abuse Champions will be established in each area of the force to support the wider priority of domestic abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key individuals will be identified to act as 'champions' and promote the priority of DA within their areas of policing and to raise standards. • Champions will be supported by additional training and development.
5.	There will be an increased level of supervision for cases of domestic abuse to ensure the quality of initial response, investigation and safeguarding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeants will oversee every domestic abuse incident to ensure appropriate action is taken to safeguard victims and children. • Domestic abuse incident logs will not be closed without the approval of a supervisor. • Additional guidance will be provided to Evidence Review Officers to ensure the right outcomes for victims.
6.	Humberside Police will work with the College of Policing to develop an improved risk assessment for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will seek to work as a pilot force for the College of Policing in trialling their enhanced risk assessment tool.



	domestic abuse incidents and reduce bureaucracy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic incident forms will be reviewed to ensure they are effective and only capture relevant information. • The processes by which information is communicated from attending patrols to specialist departments and support services will be streamlined to reduce delays
7.	Promote the re-branding of 'Domestic Abuse' rather than Domestic Violence to accurately reflect subtle forms of abuse such as coercive control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Domestic Violence Unit' will be rebranded as the 'Domestic Abuse Unit'. • Corporate Communications will support the re-branding and seek to educate staff on the importance of recognising all aspects of abuse rather than focusing purely on acts of physical violence.
8.	Humberside Police will work closely with partners to develop and enhance the support and safeguarding services available to victims and children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through Community Safety Partnerships and other multi-agency forums, we will support partners and seek to influence areas of under investment. • Humberside Police will work with partners to develop the MARAC processes and ensure that it meets the needs of high-risk victims of domestic abuse.



9.	An offender management process will be developed in conjunction with partner agencies to provide robust intervention in respect of serial and repeat perpetrators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humberside Police will develop a process for targeting priority perpetrators and exploring all civil and criminal instruments to prevent further offending.• We will work closely with partner to support the development of a Domestic Abuse Perpetrator programme across the whole force area, aimed at reducing re-offending.
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