

# COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

## REPORT

**Title:** Violence Against Women and Girls Subgroup Update

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### 1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Group (VAWGSG) was re-established by the Community Safety Partnership Board in June 2022. The Terms of References for the VAWGSG and the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference Steering Group (MARACSG) were also agreed at this meeting. The MARACSG was agreed to be a sub-group of the VAWGSG.
- 1.2 Since the CSP Board in June 2022 Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the VAWGSG and MARACSG were identified and secured. Both groups have since met for their inaugural meeting.
- 1.3 The VAWGSG met in September. The agenda included:
  - i) Governance and membership
  - ii) Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme agreement and update on key projects (including multi agency guidance documents and the community champions scheme)
  - iii) An update on current commissioning activity to improve the domestic abuse service offer
  - iv) Domestic Abuse Act 2021 partner implementation update
- 1.4 The MARACSG met after the VAWGSG in September. The agenda included:
  - i) Governance and membership
  - ii) Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme MARAC elements, including improving intelligence sharing, adopting a predatory offender / Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) approach (processes to identify and tackle serial perpetrators of domestic abuse)
  - iii) Data needs and requirements
  - iv) Work plan priorities
  - v) The tri-borough MARACSG

- 1.5 Delivery against the Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme (DAIP) was a key focus at both groups. Delivery within the DAIP continues at pace, and latest activity includes:
- i) Updating of council intranet, internet and multi-agency partnership internet pages with updated content on domestic abuse, including two new reference documents – an at a glance guide and an in-depth practitioner’s toolkit.
  - ii) The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership has held a Practice Week on domestic abuse, with senior leaders across the partners observing practice across organisations and services. This learning will further inform DAIP activity.
  - iii) The agreement of a number of procurement strategy reports which will lead to an improvement in the domestic abuse service offer. Services will be launched at varying times between autumn 2022 and early 2023. They include an intensive intervention for children and young people displaying risky and concerning behaviours, a domestic abuse service for the Family Hubs and an advice, wellbeing and support service for children and young people.
  - iv) A number of new interventions are being scoped and designed, including improving the response to reports of domestic abuse and victim pathway to independent domestic abuse advocates.
- 1.6 Forward workplans for both the VAWGSG and the MARACSG have been agreed at the September meetings. The next meetings have been organised for December 2022. Key items include:
- i) The VAWGSG will consider the draft Barking and Dagenham VAWG strategy and provide comment, the Police East Area tri- borough VAWG delivery group and the CSP’s strategic assessment.
  - ii) The MARACSG will consider an updated MARAC protocol and toolkit, as well as an updated dashboard of key data to inform decision making and priority focus areas.

## **2. Support required from CSP Board**

- 2.1 The CSP Board should continue to ensure the outcomes of the Domestic Abuse Commission and the wider Domestic Abuse Improvement Plan are driven at pace across the partnership.

## **3. List of Appendices:**

N/A