

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

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1. Brief Update

Victim Support cover 3 Borough's within the BCU, Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. I manage 4 IDVA's that work across the 3 boroughs and most of the referrals that are received are from the police, they take up 90% of the referral pathway with some referrals coming directly from MARAC.

The Service is funded by MOPAC as an uplift to any existing IDVA Services already funded by the locale authorities. The IDVA's work with high risk victims on domestic abuse, we have one IDVA based in Romford Police and one IDVA in Romford Magistrate Court, we also have a MOJ funded IDVA who is currently hybrid working. We have a dedicated IDVA that attends the Barking & Dagenham MARAC weekly and updates on cases that is open to the service.

2. Key Challenge(s)

The different way in which the three borough's work with regards to the referral pathways, all of the referrals from Barking & Dagenham come via the police.

3. Emerging Trends

We are seeing more victims present with other underline issues such as mental health and substance misuse and trying to link these other services in can prove difficult.

4. Support required from CSP Board

To get all partners around the table to share good practises and to looking at building better relationships with the aim of more joint working to support victims of domestic abuse and crime.

5. List of Appendices:

5.1 N/A