



# Together Against Violence

A Domestic and Sexual  
Violence Strategy Delivery  
Plan  
for Barking and Dagenham  
2012 – 2015

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# Outcomes

<b>Our Vision and Overarching Outcome</b>	<b>To ensure that the Partnership has an effective co-ordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence.</b>
<b>Our Priority Objectives</b>	<b>Outcomes</b> By 2015 we aim to have achieved the following:
1. To <b>PREVENT</b> domestic and sexual violence from happening in the first place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A suitably trained universal services workforce, able to appropriately recognise, refer and support survivors to safely exit all forms of domestic and sexual violence.</li><li>• Health Services (Maternity, Sexual Health, GPs) to increase the early identification of women and girls who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing FGM by 10% year on year.</li><li>• A reduction of 2% of repeat domestic violence incidents reported to the MARAC.</li></ul>
2. To <b>PROVIDE SUPPORT</b> to victims where violence does occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All victims attending court are offered active advocacy support at Court.</li><li>• The development of a joint Health and Social Care Commissioning Framework to ensure that victims have regional access to specialist domestic and sexual violence services.</li><li>• Schools and colleges to ensure that staff are aware of how violence may affect young people's behaviour and what action they should take if they suspect that it is.</li></ul>

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3. To <b>REDUCE THE RISK</b> and <b>BRING PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An increase in the sanction detection rate of domestic and sexual violence incidents.</li><li>• A reduction in the number of ‘ineffective’<sup>1</sup> domestic and sexual violence cases through the courts.</li></ul>
4. To <b>WORK IN PARTNERSHIP</b> locally to achieve the best outcomes for victims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An increase in the Partnership’s local understanding of the prevalence of the different strands of domestic and sexual violence through improved data recording and monitoring.</li><li>• The development and implementation of an operational plan for responding to the impact of criminal gangs and serious youth violence on women and girls.</li></ul>

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<sup>1</sup> Ineffective trial: on the trial date the expected progress is not made due to action or inaction by one or more of the prosecution, the defence or the court and a further listing for trial is required

## Objective one: To PREVENT domestic and sexual violence from happening in the first instance.

PRIORITY AREAS	ACTION	BY WHEN	LED BY
<b>1.1 Increase the identification of domestic and sexual violence in frontline universal services.</b>	1.1.2 Improve understanding amongst professionals and practitioners working in universal services of domestic and sexual violence to increase identification and referrals to specialist services (such as school inclusion officers, school nurses, school counsellors, sexual health services, schools police officers, youth groups, GPs, health visitors, learning disability sector, mental health services, day centres, voluntary sector, fora).	1.1.1 March 2015	Leads to be agreed for all objectives at the next DV & SV Strategic Group on 24 October 2012.
<b>1.2 Support survivors to recover after abuse.</b>	1.2.1 Multi-agency partnership to establish a sustainable local 'post-abuse' support service for children and young people who have witnessed domestic violence and abuse.	1.2.1 December 2014	1.2.1
<b>1.3 Embed lessons and good working practice.</b>	1.3.1 Continued Implementation of lessons learned from Domestic Violence Homicide reviews through learning events. 1.3.2 Utilise existing national training material, such as 'Stop It Now' and 'Cut them Free', as well as existing partnership training resources, for continuity and best value for money.	1.3.1 Ongoing 1.3.2 May 2013	1.3.1 1.3.2
<b>1.4 Cultivate community leadership in challenging damaging attitudes.</b>	1.4.1 Local men supported to reclaim the Borough's 'White Ribbon Day' events to show that men are taking responsibility for reducing the level of violence against women. 1.4.2 Annual community communication campaign: raising awareness of the different types/forms of domestic and sexual	1.4.1 November 2012 1.4.2 Annual	1.4.1 1.4.2

PRIORITY AREAS	ACTION	BY WHEN	LED BY
	<p>violence.</p> <p>1.4.3 Establish links to Faith Forum to seek appropriate leadership around challenging some 'cultural' perceptions of disability which increase risk of victimisation.</p> <p>1.4.4 Explore local model of community intervention in trafficking (based on the Croydon based project YCHAT).</p> <p>1.4.5 Establish partnerships with specialist grass root groups (such as JAN Trust) to lead local engagement with targeted community groups around domestic and sexual violence.</p>	<p>1.4.3 January 2013</p> <p>1.4.4 May 2013</p> <p>1.4.5. September 2013</p>	<p>1.4.3</p> <p>1.4.4</p> <p>1.4.5</p>
<p><b>1.5 Learn from the Specialists.</b></p>	<p>1.5.1 Establish links with regional specialist services (i.e. Beverley Lewis House which offers support for women with learning disabilities who have been victims of forced marriages; Newham Asian Women's Project who lead work on harmful practice).</p> <p>1.5.2 Continued consultation with informal and formal Carers to better raise awareness of the role of carers in preventing abuse of adults at risk.</p>	<p>1.5.1 May 2013</p> <p>1.5.2 Ongoing</p>	<p>1.5.1</p> <p>1.5.2</p>
<p><b>1.6 Prevent future victimisation through education and empowerment.</b></p>	<p>1.6.1 Target schools to improve understanding of domestic and sexual violence amongst young people; including cyber-based harassment violence and abuse, links to dating violence, serious youth violence, and sexual exploitation.</p> <p>1.6.2 Work with local learning disability sector to raise awareness with service users, e.g. forced marriage, 'mate' crime.</p>	<p>1.6.1 March 2014</p> <p>1.6.2 March 2014</p>	<p>1.6.1</p> <p>1.6.2</p>

## Objective two: To PROVIDE SUPPORT to victims where violence does occur

PRIORITY AREAS	SUCCESS MEASURES	BY WHEN	LED BY
<b>2.1 Enable safe disclosures.</b>	2.1.1 The expansion of routine inquiry to include harmful practices.	2.1.1 December 2013	2.1.1
	2.1.2 The expansion of routine inquiry to include teenage pregnancy services.	2.1.2 March 2014	2.1.2
	2.1.3 Professionals routinely seek to see 'adults at risk' separately from their carers.	2.1.3 November 2014	2.1.3
<b>2.2 Approachable, accessible and supportive universal services.</b>	2.2.1 Increase referrals to Independent Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocates (IDSVAs) from GPs, Sexual Health Services, and Maternity Services through targeted domestic and sexual violence awareness briefings, uniform screening tools, and referral pathways for patients.	2.2.1 March 2015	2.2.1
	2.2.2 Increased referrals to IDSVAs from services working with Adults at Risk (e.g. residential homes, nursing homes, home care services, day services, supported living, adult social care services, mental health services, community groups) through targeted awareness raising and training.	2.2.2 March 2015	2.2.2
	2.2.3 Work with local Teenage Pregnancy services to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence support services.	2.2.3 September 2013	2.2.3
	2.2.4 Implement mandatory domestic violence training for housing staff to ensure all domestic violence victims are offered referral to specialist support services	2.2.4 September 2014	2.2.4
	2.2.5 Housing working with local residents organisations to help prevent abuse through awareness raising campaigns ensuring that adult safeguarding is embedded into the strategic and business action plans of Housing Association Partners	2.2.5 Ongoing	2.2.5

PRIORITY AREAS	SUCCESS MEASURES	BY WHEN	LED BY
	2.2.6 Ensure images used in domestic and sexual awareness material is representative of different age groups, genders, ethnicities, sexual orientation etc.	2.2.6 Ongoing	2.2.6
<b>2.3 To ensure that the partnership provides clear and consistent public messages of support available.</b>	<p>2.3.1 Expansion of existing resources to encompass all forms of domestic and sexual violence in accessible formats.</p> <p>2.3.2 Development of a local domestic violence &amp; sexual violence directory of services.</p> <p>2.3.3 Ensure Partnership communication campaigns consistently challenges myths around domestic and sexual violence.</p> <p>2.3.4 Ensure that exit information around prostitution includes support information around substance misuse, immigration and asylum, and acknowledges the potential risks of 'honour'-based violence and trafficking.</p> <p>2.3.5 Work with relevant partners to disseminate information safely to victims and perpetrators.</p> <p>2.3.6 Target information via LGBT services and services that men may access to improve understanding around what services are available for them.</p>	<p>2.3.1 March 2015</p> <p>2.3.2 December 2013</p> <p>2.3.3 Ongoing</p> <p>2.3.4 October 2014</p> <p>2.3.5 Ongoing</p> <p>2.3.6 March 2013</p>	<p>2.3.1</p> <p>2.3.2</p> <p>2.3.3</p> <p>2.3.4</p> <p>2.3.5</p> <p>2.3.6</p>



## Objective three: To REDUCE THE RISK and BRING PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE

PRIORITY AREAS	SUCCESS MEASURES	BY WHEN	LED BY
<b>3.1 To establish mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of interventions to victims, children and perpetrators.</b>	3.1.2 Work in partnership to gather information on longer term outcomes for survivors and perpetrators.	3.1.1 March 2015	3.1.1
	3.1.3 Service user led evaluation of existing provisions	3.1.2 November 2014	3.1.2
<b>3.2 Improving victim safety and satisfaction through the Criminal Justice system</b>	3.2.1 Develop a system to monitor the number of victims offered specialist IDSVAs support through court.	3.2.1 November 2014	3.2.1
	3.2.2 Sustain funding for MARACs, ISVAs and IDVAs.	3.2.2 Ongoing	3.2.2
<b>3.3 Holding perpetrators to account</b>	3.3.1 Communication campaign targeting those who use prostitutes.	3.3.1 March 2015	3.3.1
	3.3.2 Introduction of housing targets to increase the number of tenants evicted from their home specifically for breach of tenancy agreement as a result of perpetrating domestic violence.	3.3.1 March 2014	3.3.1
	3.3.3 Work with colleagues in London Probation to further develop male focussed interventions (e.g. IDAP, Caring Dads) to take account of emerging gaps such as teenage intimate violence, gang related sexual exploitation.	3.3.2 March 2014	3.3.2

## Objective four: To **WORK IN PARTNERSHIP** locally to achieve the best outcomes for victims.

PRIORITY AREAS	SUCCESS MEASURES	BY WHEN	LED BY
<b>4.1 To increase local understanding of the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence and to use this information to increase reports from under-represented groups).</b>	4.1.1 Evidence of mapping of non-statutory services/groups which may have contact with victims of domestic and sexual violence.	4.1.1 December 2012	4.1.1
	4.1.2 Evidence of the routine collection of local data (including non-statutory services) around forced marriage, sexual exploitation and prostitution, female genital mutilation, trafficking, stalking, and sexual violence.	4.1.2 March 2013	4.1.2
	4.1.3 Evidence of analysis of local reporting data by age, disability, gender, pregnancy, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation).	4.1.3 September 2013	4.1.3
	4.1.4 Evidence of targeted consultation with under-reporting groups to better understand local barriers individuals face.	4.1.4 December 2013	4.1.4
	4.1.5 Evidence of intelligence-led outreach with under-reporting groups.	4.1.5 March 2014	4.1.5
	4.1.6 Evidence of increase reporting amongst 'under-represented' groups.	4.1.6 March 2015	4.1.6
<b>4.2 To deliver services that are effective and relevant for local people.</b>	4.2.1 Evidence of results of consultation shaping the commissioning of service provision moving forward	4.2.1 March 2014	4.2.1
	4.2.2 Evidence of barriers identified through consultation, being escalated to appropriate agencies for resolution.	4.2.2 March 2014	4.2.2
	4.2.3 The development of a joint Health and Social Care Commissioning Framework to ensure victims have regional access to inclusive domestic and sexual violence services.	4.2.3 December 2014	4.2.3

PRIORITY AREAS	SUCCESS MEASURES	BY WHEN	LED BY
<b>4.3 To improve cross sector information sharing</b>	4.3.1 The establishment of a local Multi–Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to include a response to domestic and sexual violence.	4.3.1 March 2014	4.3.1
	4.3.2 Established referral pathway across Partnership projects such as Troubled Families, Family Intervention Project, and specialist domestic and sexual violence services to ensure that victims of abuse and violence receive appropriate support.	4.3.2 March 2014	4.3.2
<b>4.4 Develop and deliver targeted work plans</b>	4.4.1 Evidence of the development and implementation of a partnership operation plan for responding to the impact of criminal gangs and serious youth violence on women and girls.	4.4.1 March 2015	4.4.1
	4.4.2 Evidence of the implementation of a sexual exploitation work plan led by the Young People Domestic and Sexual Violence Group.	4.4.2 March 2015	4.4.2
	4.4.3 Evidence that the partnership is working collectively to address the inequalities facing women with complex needs (mental health/ substance misuse) accessing mainstream domestic and sexual violence services	4.4.3 March 2015	4.4.3