

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

17 SEPTEMBER 2013

Title:	Matters Arising – Comments from the Community Safety Partnership on the ‘Proposed Review of Domestic Violence’ report		
Report of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board			
Open Report	For Information		
Wards Affected: ALL	Key Decision: NO		
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Summary: <p>In April 2013, the Health and Wellbeing Board received a report which detailed the prevalence of Domestic Violence (DV) in the borough and the services which are currently commissioned to protect and address the health and wellbeing needs of victims.</p> <p>The report proposed that a review of services, delivery and funding should be conducted to ensure that this issue is adequately and appropriately resourced and addressed. The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to the recommendations in the report under the proviso that the Community Safety Partnership were given the report to discuss and comment at their meeting on 3 September 2013.</p> <p>The following comments have been received from the Community Safety Partnership (CSP):</p> <p><i>The CSP commented that the review did not appear to take account of the increases that the Borough is seeing in abuse being perpetrated by young people against their parents or carers. This may be a current gap in service provision particularly given that perpetrator programmes tend to work with adults only.</i></p> <p><i>Victim Support, a member of the Community Safety Partnership, noted that they expected to see greater demand for services as their new referral process is changing whereby they will be routinely referring children to children’s services who are present during an incident. It was noted that this may duplicate the ‘Merlin’ process if they are receiving their referrals from the police, and that it was important that the process complied with the MARF and CAF pathways.</i></p> <p><i>It was noted that the paper had not made specific commissioning recommendations nor</i></p>			

reached a consensus on which agency should fund which aspect of the provisions. Therefore an extraordinary meeting of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategic Group has been called for the 28 September to consider commissioning arrangements and make recommendations. In the interim, the Group Manager for Safeguarding Adults is in discussion with the CCG to begin discussions on how the CCG wish to provide the Maternity IDVA function post April 2014.

The Board also noted that the paper had highlighted that the Woman's Trust may be a possible duplication of work, given that the borough is contributing £20K to the East London Rape Crisis Centre.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Health and Wellbeing Board members note the comments from the Community Safety Partnership Board meeting and await the recommendations from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategic Group meeting on 28 September.