

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRIORITY DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain Health and Wellbeing Board approval for the actions that the Board will pursue under the Domestic & Sexual Abuse Priority of the 2018-2022 Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Information and Advice**Health Wellbeing Strategy context**

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board endorsed the second Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy on the 6th December. This strategy contains 4 Strategic Ambitions including ***to have healthy and sustainable places***
This strategic ambition has 13 priorities for action including **domestic abuse and sexual violence**
3. The scope of this work will cover:
 1. male and female domestic and sexual abuse over 16
 2. children where they reside in a family where domestic abuse is present
 3. teenagers of 13 and over in their own relationships
 4. adults reporting non recent childhood sexual abuse

Actions to address Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

4. A workshop was held to discuss and agree actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25th April. The findings are summarised into the following themes/actions. Some actions are for the whole Board and some are already being led by individual member organisations.
 1. **Refresh Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (Led by Public Health)** in order to:
 - i. Improve the Board's understanding of why domestic abuse happens, drawing from national and international evidence
 - ii. Improve understanding of what works to prevent abuse and manage perpetrators effectively
 - iii. Improve understanding of Sexual Violence including current and historical issues
 - iv. Increase understanding of the links between domestic and sexual abuse and demand on mental health and drugs and alcohol services

- v. Identify gaps, barriers and support required (including IDVAs)
- vi. Learn from other areas to ensure sustainability of plans and maximise resources

2. Raising awareness of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

The aim is that members of the Board will be able to recognise domestic and sexual abuse, know how to respond and signpost victims and survivors to services, and that they will be equipped to promote this effectively within their own organisations. To achieve this Board members will:

- i. Use and share with others the TED talks and case studies provided by the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive (DSA Exec)
- ii. Participate in and promote appropriate training to help them respond effectively as above (Health and Wellbeing Board Members)
- iii. Participate in campaigns to raise awareness across Nottinghamshire as these are highlighted by the DSA Exec. (Health and Wellbeing Board Members)
- iv. Work with local stakeholders including locality health and wellbeing partnerships to raise awareness, for example some Districts already have White Ribbon accreditation and/or action plans to address domestic and sexual abuse (Health and Wellbeing Board Members)

3. Ensure access to therapeutic support

Health and Wellbeing Board to receive regular updates to provide assurance on the development of specialist therapeutic support for victims and survivors. This is being led by the CCGs together with the OPCC.

4. Governance

- i. Clarify the specific roles and responsibilities in relation to domestic and sexual violence and abuse in relation to the Safer Notts Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Boards (Director of Public Health)
- ii. The Health and Wellbeing Board to work with the Safer Notts Board , acknowledging each other's roles and approach in relation to domestic and sexual abuse and in particular the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). (Director of Public Health)

5. Early intervention and prevention

- i. Strengthening and developing relationships with publicly funded education (schools, academies, alternative providers) in a complex and changing education environment (Children's Services)
- ii. Improve the Board's understanding the work of the Tackling Emerging Threats to Children (TETC) team
- iii. Receive assurance on the implementation of statutory sex and relationships education (SRE) in schools
- iv. Improve the Board's understanding of specialist prevention activity delivered in schools funded by the SNB.

6. Perpetrators

Health and Wellbeing Board to understand the effectiveness of the Nottinghamshire Integrated Offender Management pilot

7. Engaging with Survivors

- i. Develop an engagement strategy to ensure that work taken forward is informed by victims and survivors' views. (Domestic and Sexual Abuse Exec)
- ii. Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive to consider asking Healthwatch to collect independent feedback from survivors.

8. Information sharing The Health and Wellbeing Board has a focus on integration and communication between organisations. For domestic and sexual abuse this is achieved through:

- i. Multi-agency risk assessment conferences (MARACs) which includes 9 core agencies including children's and adult's social care.
 - ii. Integrated pathways are in place to ensure referral to specialist services, particularly in relation to A&E, maternity services and sexual health.
 - iii. Processes such as Encompass, led by the MASH, which ensure that schools are notified of domestic abuse incidents, the next day.
5. Following formal agreement these actions will be incorporated into a delivery plan which will be coordinated with partners through the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive and progress will be reported through the Chair's briefing as well as annual reporting to the Board on the overall strategy.

Other Options Considered

6. These recommendations were developed from the proposed actions set out in the health & wellbeing strategy consultations. These were then developed by the Board at the workshop held on 25th April

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To ensure that the Health & Wellbeing Board is able to effectively lead and influence strategic work in Nottinghamshire to tackle domestic and sexual abuse.

Financial Considerations

8. Delivery of these priorities will require officer time from all agencies to focus on domestic & sexual abuse. In addition some commissioning and service budgets will need to take account of victims/survivors, including access to psychological therapies.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

10. To deliver the actions set out under paragraph 4 which describe areas of policy and service delivery the Health and Wellbeing Board can influence to tackle domestic and sexual abuse in Nottinghamshire ...

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Constitutional Comments (LMC 25/05/2018)

11. The Health and Wellbeing Board is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report

Financial Comments (DG 25/05/2018)

12. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 8 of this report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Health and Wellbeing Priority Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Briefing Paper April 2018

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.