

Sexual Abuse and Violence Update

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Introduction

- Home Office has linked the domestic and sexual abuse and violence agendas
- Sexual abuse has recently been included in the partnership work of the SNB
- Primarily adult services - child sexual abuse is responsibility of the Safeguarding Children's Board
- Cross-cutting area of work involving a wide number of partners and issues

Sexual abuse data

- Widely underreported: Estimate of 1 in 10 incidents are reported to the police

In Nottinghamshire

- In 2012/13, 931 sexual offences
- Since 2009, 88% female and 12% male victims
- Districts: Mansfield highest numbers / Rushcliffe lowest
- 71% of victims are aged 24 and under

Sexual Abuse Services in Nottinghamshire

Helpline Support	Protection	Counselling	Ongoing support
Domestic and Sexual Abuse 24 Hour Helpline Tel: 0808 800 0340 Run by WAIS	Topaz Centre - SARC Sexual Assault Referral Centre provides forensic medical examinations, support and crisis work 24/7.	Nottingham Rape Crisis Counselling Line 0115 9410440 Telephone and face-to-face counselling support for women	SHE Survivors Helping Each Other Self help groups, creative therapies, befriending for women <i>Newark, Mansfield, Bassetlaw</i>
	ISVAs Independent Sexual Violence Advisors for men and women. <i>Accessed from the SARC</i>	ISAS Incest and Sexual Abuse Survivors Counseling for male and female survivors of childhood sexual abuse	Victim Support Volunteers trained to support victims of sexual abuse, both long and short-term, specialist Witness Support Service and Young People's Witness Support
	IDVAs Independent Domestic Violence Advocates Run by Notts Women's Aid and WAIS to support victims of domestic abuse. Many are also victims of sexual abuse.	Nottingham Counselling Service Sexual abuse project which provides short and long-term group counselling for women	
	GUM Clinics Genito-Urinary Medicine for sexual health support	Let's Talk Wellbeing NHS Counseling Services	

Version 1 Sexual abuse strategy work



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Additional services

- Specialist support for young people aged 13/14+
- Domestic abuse services support sexual abuse within intimate relationships
 - at least 30% of sexual abuse
- Managing and supporting sex offenders

2013 Strategy Development

Work was commissioned to:

- Scope the current provision of sexual abuse services in the county
- Consult with stakeholders and SNB partners on current and future priorities
- Identify future priorities for the development of sexual abuse services across the county
- Make recommendations based on the findings

Key Issues Identified

From Stakeholder consultation, 5 Key Issues were identified:

- Young people's services
- Waiting lists and service capacity
- Partnership working
- Awareness raising: public and professionals
- Trafficking and sexual exploitation

Next Steps

- Consultation is underway with stakeholders
 - draft recommendations based on the 5 key issues
- Performance framework development
- Service User Consultation
- Strategy will be developed and brought jointly to the January Committee and SNB for approval