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Review Progress Summary				
not on schedule	on schedule	undeliverable	achieved	Total
1	0	0	8	9

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Timescale	RAG	Progress
	That the council:-					
A	Undertakes to work with partners to consider the way in which the approach to domestic violence is coordinated strategically across the city	Meet key individual partners to reclarify policy and strategic co-ordination arrangements engage with the Specialist Domestic Violence Court to identify if support for performance improvement is required	Stuart Douglass	September 2013	 	Complete, individual discussions completed and followed with paper on current arrangements presented to the Domestic Violence Partnership in March 2014 Complete, the Councils Lead Policy Officer attends the Specialist Domestic Violence Court steering group providing a link to the Sunderland Domestic Violence Partnership and Safer Sunderland Partnership. This will continue throughout 2015/16.
B	Considers how it can raise the awareness of frontline staff and ward councillors across the city to improve signposting to domestic violence services for victims	Produce frontline staff and member briefing note Promote the online training facility Make available training/seminar for members	Stuart Douglass	November 2013	 	In 2015 a briefing in relation to the first Domestic Homicide Review was circulated. The briefing highlighted learning and key resources Completed – facility was promoted to all members in November 2013 and 11 members registered to complete it The seminar remains outstanding as an action. A second Domestic Homicide Review will be published in 2015 and it is planned to offer a member briefing session at this time to highlight key lessons and learning from the review and an update on service provision.


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	That the Safer Sunderland Partnership:-					
C	Reviews how domestic violence crime is reported to ward councillors and local people in community forums	Statistics and performance data to be made available at area level Written report to be made available at area level every 6 months	Stuart Douglass	July 2013 September 2013	●	Ongoing, statistical data has been submitted and the report format finalised. Close.
D	Delivers the improvement activities detailed within the Safer Sunderland Partnership Delivery Plan within the specified timescales as follows:-					
	(i) Improve information sharing between healthcare services and domestic violence providers by raising awareness of domestic violence amongst a range of health professionals and strengthening the linkages between health and domestic violence	Review current arrangements and develop improvement plan	Stuart Douglass	September 2013	●	Complete - Clinical Commissioning Group have undertaken work with healthcare services to improve information sharing in relation to domestic violence. Domestic Violence is included in the Level 3 Safeguarding Children Training and in "time out" sessions to GPs and their staff in Safeguarding Adults training. 2 safeguarding symposiums also held in 2013 with City Hospitals staff.
	(ii) Engages with schools and young peoples services to improve young people's awareness of the warning signs around abuse in teenage relationships and the support available;	ii) Pilot the 'I have the right' film and resource pack in each area of the city, evaluate the pilot and amend the resource pack; then roll out the resource pack to all schools in the city and relevant non-school settings; and promote the resource widely to a variety of key audiences within Sunderland and the wider region	Kelly Henderson / Julie Smith	September 2013	●	Complete – pilot completed and resources now live on Northumbria Police e-beat website and rolled out to all secondary schools via designated safeguarding leads. The pack has also been promoted regionally via the domestic violence co-ordinators and other networks.

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	(iii) Utilises the findings of the Health Needs Assessment undertaken by the PCT to enhance its understanding of domestic violence in the city, map current provision and inform future service planning and commissioning intentions, having particular regard to the needs of BME victims	consider the Health Needs Assessment when complete and ensure findings are considered by the Safer Sunderland Partnership Board and incorporated into the Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2013.	Stuart Douglass	December 2013		Complete – the findings of the Health Needs Assessment were incorporated into the Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment and have also been used to refresh the Joint Health Needs Assessment.