

Responsive Services and Customer Care Scrutiny Panel
Domestic Violence: Policy Review recommendations 2012/13

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
	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	Sept 2013	To be provided as part of the Annual Monitoring of Scrutiny Recommendations
(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	Nov 2013	As above
	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 From September 2013	As above
(d)	Delivers the improvement activities detailed within the Safer Sunderland Partnership Delivery Plan within the specified timescales as follows:-				As above

	(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	
	(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 and Julie Smith	By end of September 2013	
	(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	