

Suffolk Coastal Domestic Homicide Review – Action Plan Update May 2017

Recommendation 1	Progress/update/comment
<p>A communications strategy should be developed aimed at increasing the knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse, coercive control and associated risks among potential victims, family, friends, employers, and the community</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Developing a Suffolk-wide Communications Strategy is included in Suffolk’s Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategy agreed in April 2015 and highlighted as a priority action. Developing a Suffolk wide action plan based on the Strategy has been significantly delayed (refer to minutes SDAP July 2015) and suspended awaiting domestic abuse ‘deep dive’ exercise to be completed 2016. 2) Funding not identified for a campaign. 3) No progress on new DA Posters/leaflets aimed at family - action was proposed by Head of Safeguarding with a view to jointly develop materials with community safety and local forums. CAAA membership includes LWA. LWA has established user group who could help to progress this action. Compassion supports an active voluntary group of survivors who could help to progress action. County Leaflets/posters (funded by PCC) aimed at general public/victims seeking help are widely available for use of all Districts & Boroughs and in stock – contact Community Safety 4) Links to recommendation 7. 5) Social media is constantly used for DA information /messaging to target groups and general public and is part of countywide community safety activities. To include access to materials for people who do not use social media. <p>Report into countywide Domestic Abuse Services and subsequent recommendations now complete and endorsed by both the Suffolk Safer and Stronger Communities Group and the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board. This work supersedes any previous Strategy referenced and should be noted whilst reviewing this Action Plan. The recommendations highlight a need for a Domestic Abuse Campaigns to be coordinated which is being facilitated through the local Domestic Abuse Forums. (SCC 19.04.17 - ongoing)</p> <p>SCC are currently overhauling the New Dawn Website which will become the platform for victims to</p>

	<p>access support but also a place where professionals can share best practice and coordinate work streams along with campaigns. (SCC 19.04.17 – Sept 2017)</p> <p>The Suffolk Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub have started a Pilot project with the national Domestic Abuse charity Safe Lives. The Pilot considered the wider vulnerabilities and opportunities for early intervention within the wider family where Domestic Abuse has been raised as a Safeguarding concern. (SCC 19.04.17)</p>
<p>Recommendation 2</p>	
<p>A safe and if necessary anonymous reporting mechanism should be identified for third party reporting of concerns by those who have knowledge of domestic abuse being suffered or perpetrated by someone they know</p>	<p>1-3) Actions led by PCC, Suffolk Constabulary and Crimestoppers. Promotional campaigns being supported by the PCC and rolled out in May. The campaign allows third parties to give information if they suspect someone is experiencing domestic abuse, to aid crimestoppers to increase early prevention and detection.</p> <p>UPDATE 27.3.17</p> <p>Crimestoppers Trust were awarded a grant of £15,782 from the PCC’s Safer Suffolk Fund in February 2016 towards an anonymous domestic abuse reporting telephone line.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Domestic Abuse Campaign was completed during 31st May 2016 - 6th July 2016. Phase 2 launched 1 November 2016 and will repeat parts of the campaign.</p> <p>Crimestoppers worked closely with Suffolk Police and Lighthouse Women's Aid to run the campaign. Throughout the campaign the selling point of Crimestoppers was emphasised alongside their independent status and a strong call to action was made in order to encourage the public to come forward with information and speak up about domestic abuse. Marketing materials highlighted the signs to spot and the Lighthouse Women’s Aid contact number to ensure victims could get direct help if needed.</p> <p>Printed materials were provided to Suffolk Police, Lighthouse Women’s Aid and Community Safety Partners to distribute. There was targeted social media (twitter and Facebook), radio advert, and washroom posters in nightclubs and bars.</p>

Crimestoppers believes that Phase 1 of the campaign has been successful in bringing the message of Crimestoppers to the public in Suffolk to inform them about how they can report information and crime anonymously. Although the campaign has been successful in terms of raising awareness, it has not resulted in an increase in calls and information passed to Suffolk Police as originally expected.

Examples of the materials used for the campaign



Recommendation 3

Domestic abuse training should incorporate learning from this and any future DHR's & must include

- 1) Domestic abuse multi agency training supported by Workforce Development via Safeguarding until December 2015. Discussions have taken place (Oct/Nov 15) with safeguarding training commissioner (LG) about future funding and training from January 2016 onwards but decisions

<p>examples of high risk behaviours by perpetrators the impact on victims, the complexities of working with victims who lack knowledge or are in denial about domestic abuse, and stresses high risk circumstances including separation</p>	<p>not known. DHR Learning events for Managers, strategic leads & Councillors will not reach front line practitioners. Multi-agency Learning events for front line practitioners (recommended by Home Office) to disseminate information are essential.</p> <p>2) Completed. Training content reviewed in line with recommendations – all recommendations incorporated in content of Foundation in Domestic & Honour Based Abuse Course & MARAC, risk assessment & safety planning course and incorporated appropriately in Children & domestic abuse & Working with Young People in Abusive Relationships. The training content reflects appendix 1, DHR Common Themes Identified as Lessons to be Learned (issued by Home Office) & NICE guidelines. The guidance handbooks and slides accompanying each training course have also been updated to reflect recommendations. The training team delivering DA Courses are experienced and highly knowledgeable specialists focusing expertise on interventions that respond to victims of all ages, at high and lower levels of risk to prevent domestic homicide. Training is linked to underpin safeguarding.</p> <p>3) Additional courses Foundation in DA & HBA and MARAC, risk assessment & safety planning were delivered between October – December 2015. Training dates from January 2016 onwards are not known.</p> <p>4-5) Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust provides training to its staff. Interim Training Programme being delivered from April 2017 to cover coercive control, the dynamics of DA and risk assessments. Workshops also being delivered in FGM, HBV, FM and Modern Slavery. (SCC 19.04.17 – May 2017)</p> <p>Multi-agency training on what Domestic Homicide Reviews are, how we respond, recent changes in DHR guidance and how this will have an impact on many statutory and voluntary organisations in Suffolk will be delivered in May 2017. (SCC 19.04.17 – May 2017)</p>
<p>Recommendation 4</p>	
<p>Organisations must ensure that the</p>	<p>1 – 4) Actions led by Safeguarding Adult Board, LCSB, Workforce Development, Community Safety &</p>

<p>appropriate level of domestic abuse training is undertaken by staff for them to perform their role effectively to identify indicators of domestic abuse and know how to respond</p>	<p>Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Suffolk Constabulary completed the SafeLives DA Matters training in May 2016. Over 800 first responders were trained with the subsequent evaluation highlighting increased confidence and empathy when dealing with DA cases as well as increased compliance with the completions of DASH risk assessments. SCC are working with partners to build a multi-agency DA Matters which is hoped will be delivered later in 2017. (SCC 19.04.17 – Winter 2017)</p> <p>The LSCB monitors and quality assures level 2 and 3 safeguarding training courses across the partnership and ensures there is relevant content relating to Domestic Abuse. The statutory partners provide annual training reports and the content of their training is monitored through their annual Section 11 statutory audits.</p>
<p>Recommendation 5</p>	
<p>The content of training programmes for schools include the importance of, and need to, ensure that matters giving rise to concern about a child’s behaviour are fully recorded, including actions taken and outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There is a link on the School Learning Website with a Model Behaviour Policy. www.suffolklearning.co.uk/3-11-learning-teaching/behaviour-attendance 2) All schools in Suffolk have access to the Suffolk PSHE education framework. This has been recognised by the LSCB as “safeguarding at the earliest opportunity” and enables schools to develop work on positive relationships during each school year; teenage relationships including risk in relationships and sexual exploitation are specifically referenced. Notifying schools of incidents of domestic abuse reported to police through an early first day calling system to inform a named person at the school of an incident a pupil or pupils may have witnessed is being introduced. Raising attainment for all learners in Suffolk is a priority for Suffolk County Council, this partnership working between Suffolk Constabulary and education will support this priority. <p>Schools Choice deliver safeguarding training which includes an element on Domestic Abuse. This is updated and quality assured annually by the LSCB and cascaded through the designated safeguarding leads network annually. The LSCB receive annual reports from both the schools and Governors training teams which highlight any issues regarding engagement or take up of the</p>

	training across the county.
Recommendation 6	
To ensure that domestic abuse training for schools includes the impact on children of living with domestic abuse and how to sensitively establish if such factors may be impacting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Training is offered free of charge to all schools /academies in Suffolk via Safeguarding training and the annual Domestic Abuse Training Programme which includes a full day module Children & Domestic Abuse. The content focuses on the impact and effects living with domestic violence and abuse may have on children and young people and how practitioners can develop effective approaches and responsive interventions to provide better outcomes for children and young people. Take up from schools is poor but very good from CYPS, health professionals etc. and voluntary sector. Synergy with recommendation 5. This training is quality assured by the LSCB annually and reviewed at quarterly LSCB training sufficiency group meetings. 2) The content of Children & Domestic Abuse module has been reviewed in line with recommendations refer recommendation 3 3) Delivery dependent on funding etc - refer to recommendation 3 – 1 <p>Following the Government’s announcement that Sex and Healthy Relationship Education will be made compulsory in all schools from September 2017 SCC Community Safety will be working with partners to support schools in delivering this to school children across Suffolk ensuring that teachers are confident in its delivery as well as how to handle disclosures. (SCC 19.04.17)</p>
Recommendation 7	
All GP practices to have in place a domestic abuse policy and a referral pathway as recommended by the Royal College of General Practitioners and the CCG, and that all practice staff are supported with domestic abuse training to enable them to put the policy and pathway	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Completed - CCG GP Safeguarding Lead for East & West Suffolk 2) Completed – support offered by CCG GP Safeguarding Lead for East & West Suffolk. Further information to be obtained about protocol and referral pathway. 3) Training events for GP’s including a domestic awareness presentation have taken place in Bury St Edmunds & at Trinity Park, Ipswich. A training course for GP’s is being developed to be approved by CCG lead and GP lead. Expanding Safeguarding training to incorporate additional domestic abuse content has been considered but agreed that DA is best covered in dedicated DA training course.

into practice	4) An information pack with leaflets and posters will be developed to support training delivery after the County deep dive exercise. Refer to Recommendation 4 – DA Matters (SCC 19.04.17)
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The recommendations in this Action Plan have been completed and agreed to be signed off by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) on the 15th September 2017.

July 2020 Partner Agency Review; any outstanding recommendations taken forward by Suffolk County Council.