



Delivering Safer Communities Strategy 2008/2011

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Domestic Abuse Delivery Group

Terms of Reference April 2008

Mission Statement

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Key Strategic Aims of TCSP

The Community Safety Partnership exists to build and maintain relationships across the Borough so that those involved in community safety in its widest sense can support each other in the shared pursuit of our strategic aims.

For the period 08-11 in particular

- To reduce incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder
- To bring extra support and protection for the vulnerable
- To reduce death and injury caused through accidents and fires
- To create a safe community by promoting tolerance and good citizenship

The Domestic Abuse Delivery Group Aims are to:

- Increase reporting of domestic abuse
- Increase sanctioned detections and hold perpetrators accountable for their actions
- Provide a coordinated response to domestic abuse
- Reduce incidents of repeat victimisation
- Provide equal access support for victims
- Further links to Children's Trust to ensure plans for Children & Young People are incorporated

Domestic Violence is defined as: -

'Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.'¹

Thurrock Women's Aid take a broader view and define Domestic Violence as:- physical, sexual, psychological or financial violence that takes place within an intimate or family-type relationship and that forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour. This can include forced marriage and so-called 'honour crimes'. Domestic violence may include a range of abusive behaviours, not all of which are in themselves inherently 'violent'.

This group will develop actions which will reflect both.

¹ Definition used by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)



Terms of Reference:

- The Les Billingham, Supporting People, Thurrock Council, will chair the group. Chair will be reviewed annually. Deputy chair will be
- Meetings will be 6 weekly
- Core membership will be as follows:
 - Children's services; CEF – Grace Fagan
 - DV Coordinator; Local Authority – Irene Campbell
 - DVHCU Sergeant; Essex Police – Lydia George
 - Essex DV Coordinator – Paula Ward (as required)
 - Homeless manager; Local Authority – Marie Gentgall
 - Housing Needs manager; Local Authority – Sarah Gardiner
 - IDVA; – Kim Beney
 - Joint Commissioning Coordinator; CEF – Vinny Musters
 - Named Nurse; SW Essex PCT – Jacqui Pridie
 - Named Nurse; SW Essex PCT - Patricia Marius
 - Named Nurse; SW Essex PCT – Jane Herriott
 - Partnership Manager; TCSP – Michelle Cunningham
 - Partnership Support; TCSP – Lyn Snell
 - Principal Operations manager; Local Authority – Mary Delaney
 - Probation Officer; Essex Probation Service – Terry Hooper
 - Safer Relationships Chair; CEF– Cassie Hudson
 - Supporting People; Local Authority – Les Billingham
 - TRUST; Farhat Arif
 - Victim Support – Sue Chorley
 - Women's Aid – Erika Jenkins

Others will be invited to attend as work plans progress.

Roles and responsibilities

- Ensure that there is a multi agency approach to issues relating to domestic abuse
- Ensure that there is an action plan in place to implement the aims of the domestic abuse group
- Ensure that the Executive Group receives timely and accurate reports on performance
- Ensure that recommendations and concerns from the Exec are appropriately dealt with
- Ensure that projects are funded and resourced to deliver required outcomes
- Ensure that funded projects are overseen to ensure timely delivery of outcomes
- Ensure that the management of risk is conducted appropriately for projects
- Ensure that resource allocation is reviewed regularly and highlighted when appropriate
- Ensure compliance to equality and diversity
- Ensure compliance to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act
- Ensure compliance to the Information Sharing Protocol

Performance Targets

LAA 2007/10 Reward Indicators:

- Increase proportion of DV offences resulting in sanctioned detections
- Reduce proportion of victims experiencing repeat incidents of DV

National Indicators:

- NI32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence (MARAC)
- NI34 Domestic violence - murder

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Related National Indicators:

NI15 Serious violent crime

Sustainable Communities Strategy:

SO4 Reduce health inequalities

SO7 Reduce crime and the impact of drugs and antisocial behaviour

Local Indicators:

To increase no. of victims accessing the sanctuary scheme

Multi agency domestic violence training conducted during the year

To have in place 1 refuge place / 10,000 population

Local Safeguarding Children Board:

LSCB 9B No. of safeguarding publications produced by Partnership Board