

# Domestic abuse

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# Overview

- Refresh of Domestic Abuse Strategy, strategic outcomes & monitoring
- Spend of national funding
- Update on key actions including commissioning

# Strategy refresh

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- Purpose:
  - understand what is working well & not so well in context of current Strategy (2017-22)
  - agree high level priority areas & next steps to inform Strategy development
- JSNA refresh will inform the Strategy supported by more detailed needs assessment as needed around specific areas of work
- Context has changed since current Strategy was produced e.g. Domestic Abuse Act 2021; continued evolution of strategic groups e.g. safeguarding boards; partnerships with Housing; learning through pandemic & widening inequalities

# Strategy refresh

## Interviews – Key Findings

- Work with Change and Transformation to review the current strategy:
  - 21+ interviews with the board members and key partner organisations; and facilitated discussions with Steering Group
- Insights fell into four key themes:
  - Thoughts on previous strategy and key priorities.
  - Data: Shared understanding, use, and communication
  - Collaboration: Across SBC departments and across system
  - Early Intervention: Education and Culture
- Cross-cutting themes:
  - Improve service-user involvement
  - Review demand and capacity across SBC & external partners
  - Review & communicate successes e.g., IDVA; GP work

# Key insights from interviews

## Previous Strategy - Process and Key Priorities

### What worked:

- Good Process
- Right people were involved
- Priorities were right & remain important now

### Suggested improvements:

- Housing Support needs more focus
- Reduce commitments and focus activity
- Clarify link from strategy activity to operational outputs

## Data: Shared Understanding and Communication

### What worked:

- Strong commitment - data should drive activity
- Willingness to share data
- Data available to SBC

### Suggested improvements:

- Focus on key outcomes & associated metrics
- Develop clear understanding of data sources
- Adopt SMART metrics & ensure context given

# Key insights from interviews

## Collaboration: Internally and Externally

### What worked:

- Highly committed DASG members
- Good mix of partners representative of subject
- Desire to have local impact

### Suggested improvements:

- Development of shared vision
- Clarity of working scales and impact
- Seek joint funding opportunities

## Early Intervention: Education and Culture

### What worked:

- Agreement: prevention as important as crisis support
- Educational teams within SBC working on DA
- External partners also working with schools

### Suggested improvements:

- Closer partnership working & more awareness raising
- Develop a range of interventions for schools
- Improve tracking of impact of interventions

# Next steps

- Small multi-agency working group to support DASG: strategy refresh process / JSNA inc. refreshed vision: strategy publication Aug. '22; also interim housing plan on a page (to be incorporated into Strategy)
- Dedicated strategic outcomes work: redefining these & identifying how we will monitor progress
- Strategic action plan to underpin Strategy
- Continued work to refocus SG on strategic multi-agency problem-solving, with business as usual monitored by working group and reported in
- Continued work to ensure strategic alignment across with other groups considering DA e.g. SSP, TSAB, children's safeguarding board



# Updates: national funding

# Use of national monies

- Capacity to support LA implementation of the DA Act 2021
- Capacity for Deep Dive PH needs assessments (housing & accommodation + CYP)
- Semi-structured interviews and surveys (stakeholders and service-users)
- Needs assessments to inform Interim Safe Accommodation strategy (merge with DA Strategy)
- Recommendations to inform commissioning
  
- Early achievements: Homelessness/DA post; Translation costs;
- Expectations:
  - inform DA service design;
  - inform opportunities for collaboration within the system;
  - inform opportunities to increase system partners (e.g., hairdressers and banks);
  - inform response to anticipated perpetrator strategy

# Updates: key actions

# Commissioning

- Procure new SBC domestic abuse service(s) to mobilise by 1 April 2023
- Engagement, PH needs assessment (with additional focus on CYP and housing needs) and service review ongoing
- Development of new service model to address local need
- Additional funding received
- Tender process to start in July/ August 2022

# Other key actions

- Partnerships e.g., OPCC service
- Securing update from Tees-wide Safe Lives work
- Data & intelligence
- Healthy Relationships education/ Respect & Responsibility – CYP, adults, parents
- NHS – Primary Care; Hospital IDVAs;
  
- Response to VAWG strategy
- Anticipate national Perpetrator strategy