

## Priorities for Domestic Violence Service Funding

1. The statistics for this paper are taken from the latest domestic violence performance figures and where possible extrapolated to the end of the financial year. Costs are shown at the current level and do not reflect need or development.
2. The purpose of this paper is to generate debate on which services we should prioritise with the funding that is available to provide domestic violence services for the borough. Once a decision has been new arrangements will be agreed for the revised service.

### What do we know?

1. Crime levels related to domestic violence have remained fairly consistent however incidents have increased significantly since April 2010. Compared to the previous year incidents have increased by 35% whereas crimes have reduced by 12%. The vast majority of 'crimes' are violence against the person, followed by criminal damage. Arrests have continued to increase during the year and also show an increase when compared with last year.
2. Cleveland Police have begun to record a new data set on repeat victims, defined as a person subject to two reported incidents within twelve months. It is likely that there will be 1,600 of these in the year.
3. Referrals to Harbour have shown a steady increase since 2007 with a dip in May, June and September. The main referral source is from the Police Vulnerability Unit followed by self referrals and then CESC.
4. The majority of victims reside in properties owned by Tristar Homes Ltd followed by living with family and friends, private rented, then owner occupiers. 5% are from another registered social landlord.

### Progress this financial year

1. Data from Cleveland Police shows that there has been a reduction in the number of Domestic incidents and crimes this financial year to date, and the number of repeat victims has reduced by 72 (-8.5%) compared to the same period last year. However, the detection rate has reduced by 1.8% over the same period, and arrests have reduced by 4.8%, although the arrest rate has remained almost constant (+0.1%).
2. Conviction data is always a month in arrears. For April – August 2011 the conviction rate reduced by 1.9% compared to the same period in 2010, and the rate of discontinued cases was 18.2%; an increase of 7.3% on the previous year. The figures could suggest that an increase in discontinued cases and a reduction in convictions could be linked to there being no IDVA support for Stockton during this financial year.
3. The tables below shows the DV current figures for 2011/12.

Domestic Incidents	April 11 To September 11			
	2011/12	2010/11	Change	% Change
DV Incidents	2164	2288	-124	-5.4%
DV Forms	2091	2230	-139	-6.2%
<i>Rate per 1000 Pop.</i>	11.28	11.93	-0.65	-5.4%
Crime & Detections	April 11 To September 11			
	2011/12	2010/11	Change	% Change
Recorded Crimes	472	497	-25	-5.0%
<i>Crime./Incident Ratio</i>	21.8%	21.7%	0.1%	0.1%
Iris Detections	267	290	-23	-7.9%
<i>Detection Rate</i>	56.6%	58.4%	-1.8%	-1.8%
Arrests	April 11 To September 11			
	2011/12	2010/11	Change	% Change
Arrests	420	441	-21	-4.8%
<i>Arrest Rate</i>	19.4%	19.3%	0.1%	0.1%
Custody Arrests	251	253	-2	-0.8%
Repeat Victims	April 11 To September 11			
	2011/12	2010/11	Change	% Change
Repeat Victims	777	849	-72	-8.5%
<i>Repeat Victim Rate</i>	35.9%	37.1%	-1.2%	-1.2%
Conviction Rate	April 11 To August 11			
	2011/12	2010/11	Change	% Change
Convictions	71	95	-24	-25.3%
<i>Conviction Rate</i>	71.7%	73.6%	-1.9%	-1.9%
Discontinued Cases	18	14	4	28.6%
<i>Discontinued Rate</i>	18.2%	10.9%	7.3%	7.3%

### What is currently provided?

1. **Freedom Programme** Around 78 women per year benefit from attending this programme which builds self esteem and helps women to make decisions about their life. A bespoke programme has also been run this year funded by the DAAT which has helped 14 women who are live to the probation service who also have problems with domestic violence and substance misuse.

**Cost of providing this service per year £15,000 approx. (£170 per woman) depending on the nature of the programme for example working with substance misusing offenders is more costly**

2. **Refuge** Referrals to the refuge peaked in 2008/09 and have remained at around 160 per year thereafter. 11 women were supported in three move on places.

REFUGES	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12* (Apr - Sep)
Number of Referrals	163	180	99
Women Accommodated	44	35	27
Number MARAC cases	3	3	2
Children Accommodated	106	33	37
Occupancy Rate	95%	95%	91%
Number Declined due to no space	77	126	42
% declined	47%	55%	42%

**Cost of providing this service per year £192,860 (approx. £464 per unit per week)**

3. **CESC DV team** This dedicated DV team also shows a steady increase in referrals however initial assessments and ongoing case numbers have declined. On average since 2008 there have been 260 referrals per quarter of these 117 are closed after being logged a further 146 had an initial assessment with 71 remaining open. This service is reliant on support services currently provided by Harbour

CESC DV TEAM	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12* (Apr - Sep)
Number of referrals	1131	1188	460
Closed & logged referrals	471	666	261
<i>% closed &amp; logged referrals</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>57%</i>
Assigned to team	661	522	199
<i>% Assigned to team</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>43%</i>
Cases ongoing following initial assessment	395	367	89
<i>% ongoing following initial assessment</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>45%</i>
NFA following assessment	266	152	107
<i>% NFA following assessment</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>54%</i>

**Cost of providing this service per year £213,215 (figure for 2011/12)**

4. **Perpetrator work non statutory** There are around 40 referrals per quarter to this programme which result in 30 assessments and a subsequent group size of around 15. In one year 40 will commence the programme and approx. 28 men will complete the process.

<b>PERPETRATOR PROGRAMME</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12* (Apr - Sep)</b>
Number of Referrals	157	178	79
Failed to Attend Any	47	52	36
Assessed not suitable or did not return to assessment	33	23	11
In Assessment	45	89	30
Currently on Group	33	52	21
1 to 1	0	2	2
1-1 completer	0	0	1
Completers (Not necessarily referred in period)	35	22	14
Completed more than 6 months ago	23	37	11
Of above, number of Police call outs	4	10	2

**Cost of providing this service per year £35,000 (approx. £1,250 per completer)**

5. **Outreach – Childrens** The need for this project outstrips capacity and referrals are often frozen to help to maintain the waiting list. There are approximately 40 referrals per quarter 43 were supported through one to one work and 115 through group work.

**Cost of providing this service per year £45,921 (approx. £290 per child supported)**

6. **Outreach – Adults** There are 700 referrals per year for this service which carries an average waiting list of 30 women at any one time. 78 clients within this category also attended a Freedom programme and 60 were supported by the IDVA process. Of the above referrals 79% have children

**Cost of providing this service per year £120,960 (approx. £173 per adult supported)**

7. **Safe at Home** This service is provided by the Community Safety Team to assist repeat and vulnerable victims of crime by improving their home security. Spend on domestic violence case is around £18,000 per year, this does not include the cost of the time of the Police crime prevention officer nor of the Community Safety Assistant who runs the project. The only funding available to run this project for 2011/12 is £5,000 from THL.

**Cost of providing this service per year £18,000 (average cost is £300 to £500 per property although safe rooms average £2,000)**

8. **Counselling service for rape and sexual violence survivors** This service has 190 referrals per year and carries a waiting list with 150 clients receiving counselling per year.

**Cost of providing this service per year £29,000 (approx. £193 per person)**

9. **Joint working with the Police** this is a service that is not currently being provided. The service would ensure that victims of domestic violence

reported to the police were contacted and offered support through a joint visit with Neighbourhood Police and Harbour support worker.

**Cost of providing this service per year £8,000 approx. (approx. 10 to 12 households per week)**

10. The total cost of providing existing services is shown below.

<b>Service</b>	<b>£'s per year</b>
Freedom Programme for 78 women	15,000
44 Women and 106 children accessing refuge	192,860
CESC DV support for 280 women and children	213,215
Perpetrator project for 47 men	35,000
Children's outreach supporting 158 children	45,921
Adult outreach supporting 231 women	120,960
Safe at Home supporting victims to remain in their home	18,000
Counselling service to support 161 victims of rape and/or sexual abuse	29,000
Joint working with the Police to support victims who have reported domestic violence	8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£681,956</b>

**Non recurring PCT Funding**

11. **Domestic Abuse IOM Pilot Project:** This pilot project started in October 2011. The aim of the project is:
- To identify ten victims of domestic violence who have been subject to multiple incidents by the same perpetrator and target the victim, perpetrator and children with supportive integrated interventions.
  - To work with probation, police, community safety, drug & alcohol treatment services, social services and health setting, where possible, to identify individuals experiencing most harm
  - To pilot a multi-agency, think family approach to addressing domestic violence.

For the duration of the project a PHD student from Durham University is carrying out an evaluation. The first initial findings are due in May with further evaluation work yet to be agreed to monitor progress over the next 12 months.

**Cost of providing this project £35,000**

12. **Adult Outreach:** Funding has been secured to provide additional outreach work and deliver enhanced support for victims of domestic violence within a health setting. Outreach workers to be on hand within A & E and as a drop in within the maternity unit at North Tees University Teaching Hospital Stockton site. The times for presence within A & E will be determined by analysis of A & E data by the community safety analyst. In addition Harbour staff will provide training within the hospital setting to increase the referral rate from A & E to Harbour. Details of how this project will be delivered are to be agreed and it is envisaged that work will commence in April 2012.

**Cost of providing this project £38,000**

13. **Additional DV outreach with substance misusers:** Harbour has received funding to deliver group work for families where both domestic abuse and substance abuse are issues. The work involves engagement with the whole family where this is prevalent. Details of how this project will be delivered are to be agreed and it is envisaged that work will commence in April 2012.

**Cost of providing this project £14,901**

14. Charts showing funding for domestic violence for 2011/12 and the projected funding for 2012/13 are shown on the attached tables on pages 7 and 8.

**Developing a service specification for Stockton.**

1. There remains a level of uncertainty in relation to long term funding levels and the on going reviews which will have an impact on budget allocations. With this in mind the Domestic Violence Strategy Group has concluded that a more formal service agreement needs to be approved to safeguard existing services as well as develop and evolve additional services to meet community need. Previously funding has been allocated and 'ring fenced' to specific areas of work. For 2012/13 there is the opportunity to apply a more flexible approach to resource allocation ensuring that the overall aims and objectives of the Domestic Violence Strategy are being met as well as accommodate any emerging issues such as the need for an IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate) to support victims through the legal process.
2. It is proposed that a service specification be developed in partnership with Harbour for a period of 18 months commencing in April 2012 and taking into account the projected funding levels highlighted in the budget for 2012/13. This will provide sufficient time to sustain and where necessary re-profile existing resources.
3. It is recommended that the Safer Stockton Partnership agree to this process.

<b>2011/12</b>	SBC (SP)	Safer Stronger Communities via SBC	SBC GRANT	SBC (CESC)	TRISTAR	CHILDREN IN NEED	OTHER	PCT	Home Office	Total of secure funding
REFUGE	£129,390						£56,220			£192,860
MARAC CO-ORDINATION			£3,000							£3,000
ADULT OUTREACH	£26,898	£11,139	£7,250		£26,000					£64,037
CHILDREN'S OUTREACH		£10,258	£7,250	£20,501						£38,009
PERPETRATOR		£25,500						£35,000 (IOM DV)		£60,500
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING			£29,000							£29,000
TOTAL	£156,288	£46,897	£46,500	£20,501	£26,000	£0	£56,220	£35,000	£0	£387,406

<b>Draft 2012/13</b>	SBC (SP)	Safer Stronger Communities via SBC	SBC GRANT	SBC (CESC)	TRISTAR	CHILDREN IN NEED	OTHER	PCT	Home Office	Total of secure funding
REFUGE	£129,390		£7,250				£56,220			£63,470
MARAC CO- ORDINATION			£3,000							£3,000
ADULT OUTREACH	£26,898	£11,139			£26,000			£52,901 (£14,901 substance misusers)		£90,040
CHILDREN'S OUTREACH		£10,258	£7,250	£20,501						£17,508
PERPETRATOR		£25,500								£25,500
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING			£29,000							£29,000
TOTAL	£156,288	£46,897	£46,500	**£20,501	£26,000	£0	£56,220	£52,901	£0	£228,518

\* Funding not secured for 2012 amount available not known



Appendix 1

**CESC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TEAM**  
**REFERRAL FLOW CHART**

