

Domestic Violence Services

1. Further to the discussion at the last meeting of the Partnership, on 14 February 2012, proposals for the services to be provided by Harbour in 2012/13 are attached as Appendix A. Key volumes are still to be agreed.
2. This document was considered at the meeting of the Domestic Violence Strategy Group on 5 March 2012. Agreement to the principle of funding flexibility by all SBC budget managers, along with the decision by Harbour to re-locate their office space from West Row to the Refuge, has made it possible for Harbour to redirect resources within the range of services so as to run the Refuge more efficiently and improve community services. In particular, this includes reinstatement of a dedicated role of Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA), which had been temporarily discontinued following the cessation of Home Office funding, and which will register support for the MARAC process to its former level.
3. It is proposed to agree this service pattern with Harbour for an initial period of 6 months i.e. April to September 2012, with a view to a 12 month extension once the outcomes of relevant Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Reviews within the Council are determined.