

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD September 2023**

### **REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

## **DOMESTIC ABUSE STEERING GROUP UPDATE**

### **Summary**

There are clear examples of the Domestic Abuse Steering Group (DASG) delivering against the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-28. This will be evidenced by presentations from member organisations of the group.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Note the updates and achievements of the Domestic Abuse Steering Group.
2. Note the presentations:
  - a. Harbour: Workforce development
  - b. Harbour: GP Independent Domestic Violence Advocate
  - c. NTHFT: Hospital Independent Domestic Violence Advocate

### **Background**

The DASG is accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) for implementing the Domestic Abuse Strategy for Stockton-on-Tees (2022-28). The strategy was approved by HWB in December 2022. Since then an action plan has been developed through a workshop with partner organisations.

The DASG receives themed updates on the delivery of the action plan. Most recently, the updates have been in relation to workforce development and NHS pathways to specialist support.

### **Strategy implementation**

The strategy has three visionary components and six strategic priorities (see Figure 1 below). The action plan themes have been derived from these, that is, there are several areas of action required to deliver one of the strategic priorities. Each of the themes has a co-ordinator from an organisation or service area represented on the DASG. The action plan themes are listed at Figure 2.

The DASG wishes to highlight the progress in (a) workforce development and (b) best practice in service delivery.

Figure 1. Domestic abuse strategy vision and strategic priorities



Figure 2. Key themes for the action plan which deliver on the strategic priorities:

1. Education and Children & Young People
2. Workplaces (employers)
3. Community awareness
4. Workforce development
5. Commissioning
6. Best practice in service delivery
7. Pathway development (stop repeats)
8. Engagement in the criminal justice system
9. Work with repeat victims
10. Perpetrator interventions
11. Supporting families
12. Supporting victim survivors
13. Shared learning
14. Data collection
15. Data presentation

### Outcomes monitoring

A Task and Finish Group will develop an approach and framework to capture the impact on outcomes. This will be reported back to the next DASG meeting. This will enable further lines of enquiry and analysis of specific issues to drive further improvement. This will ensure that there is a clear line of sight between the strategic intent and the practical actions.

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