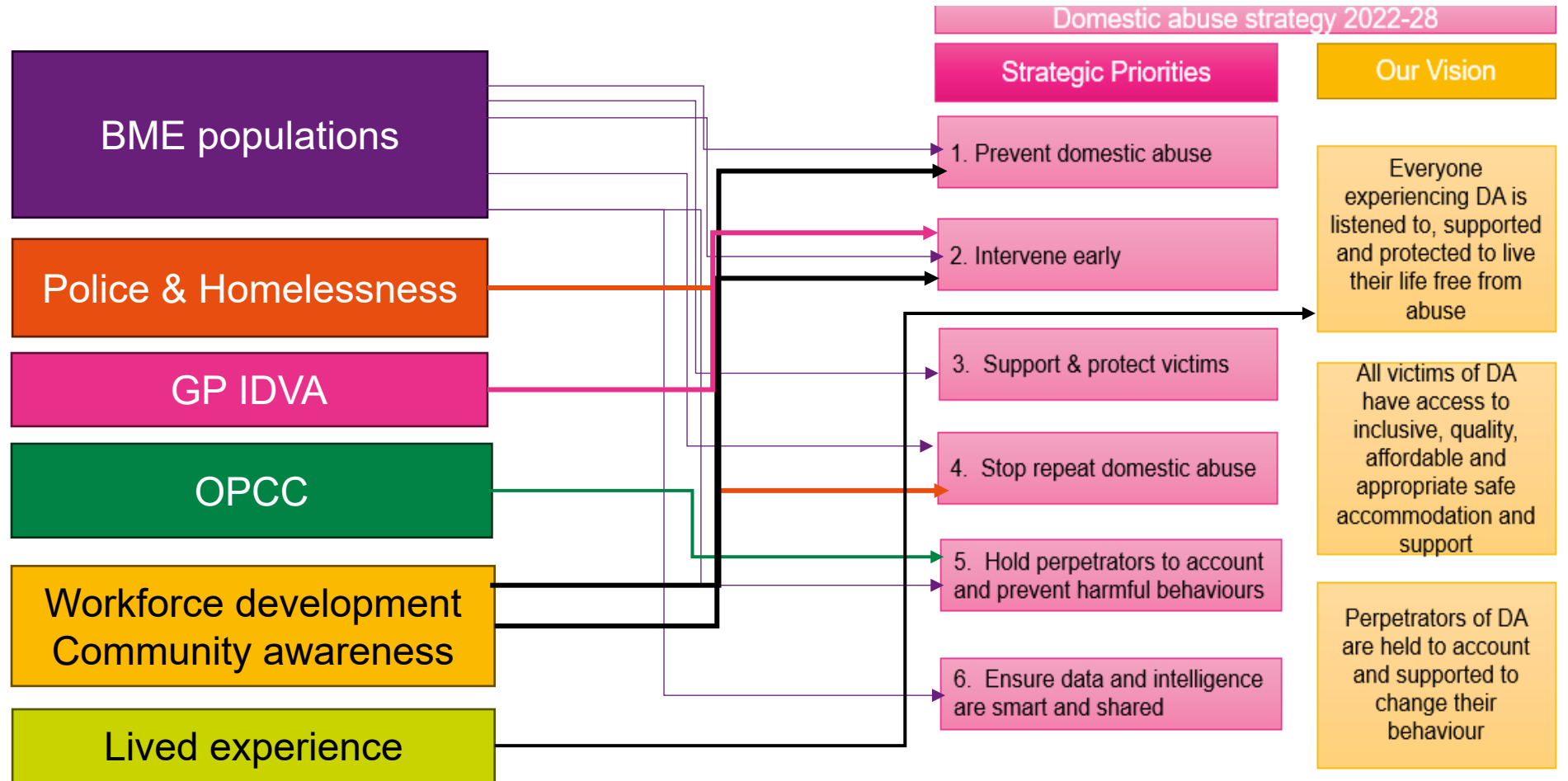# Domestic Abuse Steering Group

Update March 2024,

Mandy MacKinnon

Delivering on strategic priorities

Bridging the Gap report

- **OPCC** funded project

- Engage with community groups working with BME

- Identify needs of BME communities

- Support communities to identify domestic abuse and promote sources of help

- Understand and address barriers to accessing services

- Cultural and language barriers

- Working with grass roots organisations

Service & pathway improvements

- Links between **Police and Homelessness** team re DVPOs
  - ➢ Perpetrators may present as homeless

- **GP IDVA**
  - ➢ Availability at GP practices
  - ➢ Increased GP referrals
  - ➢ Hospital to community pathway

- **Harbour worker in Homelessness Team**

- Exploring opportunities for a *support in safe accommodation lens* to temporary supported accommodation

Tees approach to perpetrators

- Operational and strategic response
- **OPCC** leading the development of a Tees strategy
- Recognition of the spectrum of harm and risk
- Acknowledgement of the challenges of policing DVPO
- Opportunities in police custody
- Opportunities in probation

Workforce development

A tiered training programme has been developed by **Harbour** to provide basic and specialist training:

- Level 1

- Level 2

- Children and domestic abuse

- Domestic abuse and trauma

Community awareness

Delivered by **Harbour**

1. The 'Ask me' project is being implemented to challenge myths and victim blaming
2. Agreement to roll out the Ask for Angela programme to libraries across the borough

Lived experience

- Recognition of the importance and benefits of working with people with lived experience
- Exploration of ways of doing so
- Local expertise e.g. Making it Real Board
- National expertise, links with the Office of the Domestic Abuse Commissioner
- Exploring the development of a Charter for the DASG

This document was classified as: OFFICIAL

Delivering outcomes for Domestic Abuse

Priority Activities

- Specialist support for victim survivors of domestic abuse
- Safe accommodation and support for victim survivors of domestic abuse
- Specialist programmes for perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Implement a workforce development plan

Indicator (owner)

- % individuals engage from starting to completing intervention with DA service (Harbour)
- % individuals and families successfully move on from safe accommodation within 12 weeks (Harbour)
- % individuals and families supported to feel safe in their own homes (SBC Homelessness Team)

Action Plan themes

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

System Outcome (measure)

- Reduced proportion of repeat victims of domestic abuse (Police data)
- Reduced prevalence of domestic abuse
- An empowered and enabled workforce (self-reported confidence)
- Increased community awareness of domestic abuse (School survey?)
- Reduced levels of harm in communities (Cambridge Harm Index)

Strategic Priorities

1. Prevent domestic abuse
2. Intervene early
3. Support & protect victims
4. Stop repeat domestic abuse
5. Hold perpetrators to account and prevent harmful behaviours
6. Ensure data and intelligence are smart and shared

Our Vision

- Everyone experiencing DA is listened to, supported and protected to live their life free from abuse
- All victims of DA have access to inclusive, quality, affordable and appropriate safe accommodation and support
- Perpetrators of DA are held to account and supported to change their behaviour

action ← **outcome**

Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL

This document was classified as: OFFICIAL

Ask of the HWBB

- Support to develop the outcomes framework
  - ➢ Being smart with the use of data across the system to monitor progress

- Continue to support workforce development
  - ➢ Encouragement and release of staff

- Continue to support improvement of collaborative working
  - ➢ Ease of access to joined up support
  - ➢ Shared intelligence

Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

15/03/24

10