

Recommendation 2: Statement post publication

During the review, the panel identified at paragraph 5.28 *“[domestic abuse] training for GPs is not mandatory, it is often of short duration, fitted into lunch breaks due to work pressures, and locum doctors are not covered. A health panel member believes this is a national level issue, hence a recommendation is made”*.

The panel resolved to recommend *“That NHS England examine the efficacy of mandatory dedicated domestic abuse training for all GPs as part of their continuing professional development to enable them to keep up to date with all aspects of domestic abuse and the support services available in their area. If possible, training time should be protected to enable GPs to attend.”*

Upon publication, the overview report and executive summary were shared with NHS England, highlighting that Recommendation 2 suggested action for the organisation. NHS England responded, highlighting that General Practice education and oversight is not within the role of NHS England either regionally or nationally. This duty sits with local Integrated Care Systems and the Royal College OF General Practice (RCGP). Therefore, this recommendation cannot be completed as originally written.

Further discussions with the Integrated Care Board highlighted that DA training for GPs is part of a mandatory safeguarding training programme for Primary Care that is currently in place locally. Therefore, this recommendation will be actioned and evidenced locally and does not require any further national consideration.