

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Reducing vulnerability, promoting equality and supporting victims

As well as physical violence or assault on a spouse or partner, domestic abuse is repeated behaviour which can include controlling what you do, who you see, what you read and where you go.

It can also be verbal abuse, harassment, stalking and/or sexual assault (this list is not exhaustive).

Nationally, the overarching aim is for all agencies and the police to work in partnership to take preventative measures, protect and provide support for victims of domestic abuse and for those of sexual violence.

Desired outcome of commissioning activity:

- Early intervention and prevention
- Help victims to cope
- Help victims to recover from the harm they have experienced
- Change the behaviour of perpetrators and stop the cycle of abuse.

What does the needs assessment say?

- Continue to fund, by way of grant, current services provided by Victim Support, Leeway and Orwell Housing until 31 March 2015
- Develop a greater understanding of restorative approaches, their potential value in preventing escalation of domestic abuse and, in particular, restorative justice, provided within the county and use MOJ funding to commission additional services in accordance with need
- Provide a grant to support the Victim Support

Domestic Abuse Project

- Provide a grant to support the Sue Lambert Trust in meeting increased demand for services from victims of sexual violence
- Provide a grant to support the Harbour Centre in meeting the need for specialist child advocacy provision
- Provide a grant to Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services to deliver training to GPs and their staff to recognise and respond to domestic abuse.

I will measure success based on:

- Changes made as a result of the service commissioned, e.g. have the services provided to the victims improved their circumstances and met their needs? Has the perpetrator re-offended?

Evidence that the provider has met victims' needs may include:

- Providing information requested by the victim
- Providing the specific intervention requested
- Providing emotional and practical support to victims
- Supporting victims through the criminal justice process
- Preventing or reducing re-victimisation
- Comparing victims' circumstances at intake to the service with those at exit.



Theme 2: Commissioning Intentions

Commissioning intent	How it will be commissioned	Amount	Additional information	Time frame
2.1 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator	Employment contract	£60,000	Salary, oncosts and working budget of £15,000	Coord in post
2.2 To provide support to victims of domestic abuse across Norfolk	Grant	£161,250	This relates to the continuation of a service currently provided by Leeway, ensuring continuity of service over the year	1 April 2014
2.3 To provide support to victims of domestic abuse across Norfolk	Grant	£41,250	This relates to the continuation of a service currently provided by Orwell Housing, ensuring continuity of service over the year	1 April 2014
2.4 To provide a court-based Independent Domestic Violence Advisor	Grant	£17,306	This relates to the continuation of a service currently provided by Leeway and funded by MOJ until 30 September 2014, ensuring continuity of service over the year	1 October 2014
2.5 To increase capacity and capability to support vulnerable women (particularly victims of domestic abuse with complex needs) in new and innovative ways	Grant	£40,000	This relates to the further development of services provided by the 4Women Centre. It is intended that the grant will be split, with £30,000 in support of victims (MOJ preparatory funding) and £10,000 to reduce re-offending, with the potential for further grants of £40,000 for the following two years	1 April 2014
2.6 To increase capacity and capability (both in respect of facilities and personnel) to support victims of sexual violence	Grant	£50,000	This relates to the further development of services currently provided by the Sue Lambert Trust to respond to substantial increased demand.	1 April 2014

Theme 2: Commissioning Intentions (continued)

Commissioning intent	How it will be commissioned	Amount	Additional information	Time frame
2.6 cont.			Financed from MOJ preparatory funding. Final negotiations to commission Victim Support	
2.7 To support the continued delivery of the Victim Support Domestic Abuse Project (reaching standard and medium-risk victims of domestic abuse)	Grant	£20,000	This service currently delivers intervention to more than 2,700 victims of domestic abuse per annum. Without it, no follow-up intervention would be made	1 April 2014
2.8 To continue the delivery of training for GPs and their staff to better enable them to recognise domestic abuse	Grant	£17,505	This relates to the continuation of work by Leeway, following a principal recommendation from the Domestic Homicide Review. Financed from MOJ preparatory funding	1 April 2014
2.9 To provide child advocacy at the Harbour Centre (child sexual assault referral centre (SARC))	Grant	£40,000	The establishment of a successful child SARC is dependent upon the provision of effective child advocacy	1 April 2014
2.10 To contribute funding to a joint strategic needs assessment in pursuit of an integrated approach to better support for victims of domestic abuse	Grant	£25,000	Picking up recommendations from the Blue Marble Review for the implementation of system improvement	TBC
2.11 To determine the most effective model to deliver integrated domestic abuse victim support and offender management within Norfolk	Grant	£35,000	Links to identified need for better integrated offender management to support victim safety. Financed from MOJ preparatory funding	1 April 2014
2.12 Comprehensive advocacy support to victims of domestic abuse	Grant	£134,534	MOJ Competed Fund, extension of an existing service	Scheme ends Mar 15 unless funding identified

Theme 2: Commissioning Intentions (continued)

Commissioning intent	How it will be commissioned	Amount	Additional information	Time frame
2.13 Norfolk Rape Crisis	Grant	£40,000	MOJ Competed Fund	Contribution to a capital scheme
2.14 Reaching Out on Sexual Exploitation (ROSE)	Grant	£26,736	MOJ Competed Fund	Scheme ends Mar 2015 unless funding identified

Principal stakeholders: MOJ, Norfolk Police & Crime Panel, Norfolk Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Board, Norfolk Community Safety Partners, and Norfolk & Suffolk Criminal Justice Board partners