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County Durham and Darlington Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Plan on a Page 2017-19

Vision: Our vision for domestic abuse is that all agencies work together to seek to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse in County Durham and continue to provide and further develop a co-ordinated community response that provides high quality preventative, support and protection services and effectively deals with perpetrators. Our vision for sexual violence is that it will not be tolerated and that perpetrators will be brought to account for their actions. Victims of sexual violence will be supported, treated with dignity and respect and made to feel safe within their community whilst seeing their offenders brought to justice.

What are our priorities? (Objectives)

Obj1 – Reduce repeat victims and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse

- Durham Constabulary data highlights that since April 2016, approximately 42% of domestic abuse victims were repeat victims.
- Of the high risk cases discussed at MARAC approximately 17% have been repeat cases.
- During 2015/16 an average of 10% of adults referred into the Harbour programme have been previously referred during the last 12 months.

Ob2 – Domestic Abuse is prevented through early intervention

- Educating children and young people on respectful and healthy relationships is important in order to prevent offending or victimisation in later years.
- Having clear key messages is integral to any programme that is delivered to Children and Young People.

Ob3 – More invisible victims are identified and offered support

- Current data and information held by agencies relates to those individuals who have accessed specific provision or have been brought to the attention of services.
- National research identifies that this is the tip of the iceberg and that domestic abuse and sexual violence are hugely underreported.
- GPs and other primary care workers are well placed to spot signs and symptoms of abuse and provide guidance and support

What are we trying to achieve? (Draft Key Measures, to be finalised by T&F Groups)

Outcome 1 – % reduction in repeat victims

Outcomes 2 – % reduction in serial perpetrators

Outcome 3 – Numbers of children accessing healthy relationship programme

Outcome 4 – % of children feeling more aware of what constitutes a healthy, respectful relationship

Outcome 5 – % increase to in referrals to services from GP Surgeries

Outcome 6 – % increase in referrals to services from Healthy Pharmacies

What are we going to do? (Planned Interventions)

A1 – Explore the reason for repeats

A2 – Develop innovative and effective perpetrator interventions

A5 – Develop peer to peer relationship programme in conjunction with DCC Children's Services.

A7 – Implement peer to peer relationship programme in conjunction with DCC Children's Services.

A9 – Work with the CCG's to engage with GP's across County Durham and Darlington

A10 – Work with Public Health to engage with Healthy Pharmacy schemes across County Durham and Darlington

A3 – Support the specialist service with the delivery of the 'follow-up' service for abused women

A6 – Monitor and evaluate peer to peer programme on an ongoing basis

A11 – Establish IRIS programme within County Durham and Darlington

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