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1.0 Overview

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information to strategic partners on key Domestic Violence (DV) and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) in the London Borough of Bromley.

2.0 Performance and Data – Domestic Violence and VAWG Service

2.1 Due to contract start dates and the date for submission of this report, I'm unable to provide the Partnership with any statistical data summarising the performance of the VAWG service provider at this time. The contract specifies that the service provider requires up to 14 days to submit their performance data after the end of the previous financial quarter. Performance data will be available for future meetings.

3.0 MARAC Steering Group

3.1 The MARAC meets in Bromley each month to discuss those who have been identified as at high risk of domestic violence. The MARAC gathers information on victims, perpetrators and any children, and implements a safety plan accordingly. All victims discussed at MARAC should be allocated a Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid IDSVAs to support them.

3.2 Establishing a MARAC Steering Group was recommended and agreed by the SBP on the 27th June 2016, the formation of a MARAC Steering Group is also one of the strategic aims as set out in the LBB VAWG Strategy 2016-2019.

3.2 The MARAC Steering Group will be established to monitor the performance of Bromley MARAC. The MARAC Steering Group will be a sub group of the Safer Bromley Partnership. The VAWG Partnership Manager will provide updates and MARAC Performance data to the Safer Bromley Partnership on a quarterly basis.

3.3 The function of the MARAC Steering Group will be to:

- To monitor volume of cases reviewed at MARAC, breakdown by referring agency, repeat cases and number of children.
- Analyse changes in referral patterns and encourage multi agency referrals
- Report on attendance issues
- Report on quality of research, engagement and quality of responses to victims
- Monitor equality of access to MARAC including minority groups, disability, LGBT
- Review any breaches of confidentiality of serious operational issues
- Ensure all MARAC documentation is up to date and effectively implemented

4.0 **Update on the DV/VAWG Training and development Programme 2016-2019**

4.1 The Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board and Bromley Safeguarding Children's Board Training Sub Groups both ratified the VAWG Training and Development Programme on the 14th February 2017 and the 22nd February 2017. The programme has now been implemented and the following training commissioned as part of the programme:

4.2 The training dates are as follows:

Date	Time	Course Title	Level	Room Requested
5 October	9.15-4.45	Domestic Abuse	Foundation	Committee room 2
25 October	9.15-4.45	Domestic Abuse	Intermediate	Committee room 2
7 November	9.15-1.00	Domestic Abuse	Foundation	Committee room 2
7 December	9.15-4.45	Domestic Abuse	Foundation	Committee room 2
14 December	9.15-4.45	Domestic Abuse	Intermediate	Committee room 2

The advanced DV training will commence in January 2018, it is imperative that delegates complete the foundation and intermediate training before attending the advanced.

4.3 We are currently starting the process of commissioning FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) awareness training as part of the VAWG Training and Development Programme and will be working towards possible training dates for the beginning of 2018.

5.0 **DV/VAWG Forum**

5.1 The VAWG Forum met on the 27th September 2017, attendees included representatives from:

- Education Welfare Service
- CAMHS
- Bromley CCG
- Adult Safeguarding
- Bromley LMC
- Cllr Kate Lymer
- Victim Support (IRIS Project)
- BCWA

The educator/advocate from the LBB IRIS Project gave a presentation to the forum, the project supports GP's surgeries across the borough by providing bespoke training to GPs and clinicians about the dynamics of domestic violence, how to make safe enquiries and dedicated referral pathways into the IRIS advocate.

The IRIS project has already trained and supported 25 GP surgeries across the borough and the project is hoping to increase this to 35 surgeries. The VAWG Partnership Manager has been working closely with the IRIS Project and Bromley CCG to ensure maximum exposure of awareness of the service across the borough.

The next VAWG Forum meeting will be held on the 15th December 2017 with presentations/updates delivered by Bromley Drug and Alcohol Service and possibly the Met Police Sapphire Hub. It was also noted that representation at future Forum meetings from Bromley CSU or the MARAC Coordinator would be very welcome.