

Warrington Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-2024



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Foreword

Domestic abuse affects many, both adults and children from all social and economic backgrounds. It can be hidden in plain sight and its affects can be life-changing - tragically sometimes fatal.

Warrington Borough Council, working with the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, takes its role in helping to prevent domestic abuse and offering support for victims very seriously.

The Domestic Abuse Act (2021) has established a statutory definition of domestic abuse, and places duties upon organisations to raise awareness of domestic abuse, strengthen support to victims (including children) and improve the criminal justice system. There is a new duty on the Council to make provision for victims living within safe accommodation, and we welcome the opportunity this new legislation brings to strengthen the work we already do with our partners to tackle domestic abuse.

Working with the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, we commit to implementing the agreed work plan over the next three years. Annual reviews will be undertaken which will support us to continue improving our response, ensuring it is led by local needs through incorporating the voices of victims. We have already taken steps to transform the way we reach in to victims, and the establishment of our survivors and supporters forum' provides regularly opportunity for victims, or their family and friends to co-produce our future response with their insider perspective, to ensure that we offer a proportionate, and targeted offer that helps to encourage people to seek support at the earliest opportunity.

This strategy sets out our intentions for the next three years whereby we aim to create sustainable change across the system through continued partnership work and further by increasing the existing types of provision on offer to all victims in safe accommodation and more widely.

We are committed to doing this in genuine collaboration with victims as experts by experience so they can have influence in decision making and design appropriate support in partnership with us and our partners.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of this strategy.

Cllr Maureen McLaughlin

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

Introduction

Domestic abuse is a complex social problem that impacts people, communities, and services across our society. It is very common and can happen regardless of social group, class, age, gender, race, disability or sexuality of the individuals involved.

The Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership Board has recently been re-established with clear governance arrangements which has representatives from cross the multi-agency network, a provider forum and a partnership lead for domestic abuse within the Warrington Safeguarding Partnership. A Survivors and Supporters Group has also been established and one member has been co-opted onto the Domestic Abuse Steering Group.

We can only increase the safety of our communities by working together to develop our understanding, approach and provision of support. Domestic abuse remains everyone's business and every agency has a role to play in supporting the whole family. The Safelives Whole Family Approach recognises the importance of working together to support the whole family rather than services working with individual family members in silo. Agencies are often responding to one aspect of the issue/or the same problem from different angles. Not looking at the bigger picture can lead to interventions being unsafe, ineffective and unsustainable. As a Partnership, we therefore seek to follow the Safelives Whole Family Approach.

A lot has been achieved over the last 4 years and we have seen developments and commissioned programmes and training which form strong foundations to work from. The Engage Programme – a medium term whole family approach focussing on perpetrators has been commissioned and we have started on our journey to increase accessibility of safe accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

This strategy is launched at a time when services are beginning to plan for future delivery in a new post Covid-19 landscape which gives us a good opportunity to review and adapt as required to meet the needs of our communities.

This strategy is based on:

- A Safelives systems review on our current domestic abuse approach
- Joint multi-agency audits including the Warrington Safeguarding Partnership and Adult Safeguarding Board
- Housing Needs and Multi-Agency Needs Assessments
- The context nationally and locally
- Recent changes and guidance from the Domestic abuse Act 2021
- Qualitative and quantitative data from a range of contributors including practitioners and survivors themselves
- Consultation with Stakeholders

Our strategy is ambitious but comes at a time where it is increasingly important that we take further steps to ensure safety from domestic abuse in comes, relationships, families and our communities.

National/Local Context



Physical: the intentional act of causing injury to another person or threatening to hurt you



Sexual: any action that forces someone to take part in unwanted, unsafe or degrading sexual activity



Psychological/Emotional: non-physical actions that manipulate, hurt, frighten or intimidate another person/making them feel the abuse is their fault



Economic: using money to control and manipulate someone - restricting finances/access to work, getting you in debt



Coercive or controlling: isolating you, monitoring your time, threats, humiliation

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

According to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, behaviour of person (“A”) towards another person (“B”) is “domestic abuse” if:

- A and B are each aged 16 or over and are personally connected to each other, and
- The behaviour is abusive.

Behaviour is “abusive” if it consists of any of the following:

- Physical or sexual abuse;
- Violent or threatening behaviour;
- Controlling or coercive behaviour;
- Economic abuse; or
- Psychological, emotional or other abuse.

It does not matter whether the behaviour consists of a single incident or a course of conduct. Children are now recognised in law as victims in their own right.

UK Legislation

The Domestic Abuse Bill passed both Houses of Parliament and was signed into law on 29 April 2021.

The Domestic Abuse Act is set to provide further protections to the millions of people who experience domestic abuse, as well as strengthen measures to tackle perpetrators.

The Domestic Abuse Act will:

- create a statutory definition of domestic abuse, emphasising that domestic abuse is not just physical violence, but can also be emotional, coercive or controlling, and economic abuse. As part of this definition, children will be explicitly recognised as victims if they see, hear or otherwise experience the effects of abuse
- create a new offence of non-fatal strangulation
- extending the controlling or coercive behaviour offence to cover post-separation abuse;
- extend the ‘revenge porn’ offence to cover the threat to disclose intimate images with the intention to cause distress
- clarify the law to further deter claims of “rough sex gone wrong” in cases involving death or serious injury
- create a statutory presumption that victims of domestic abuse are eligible for special measures in the criminal, civil and family courts

- establish in law the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, to stand up for victims and survivors, raise public awareness, monitor the response of local authorities, the justice system and other statutory agencies and hold them to account in tackling domestic abuse
- place a duty on local authorities in England to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation
- provide that all eligible homeless victims of domestic abuse automatically have ‘priority need’ for homelessness assistance
- place the guidance supporting the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (“Clare’s law”) on a statutory footing
- ensure that when local authorities rehouse victims of domestic abuse, they do not lose a secure lifetime or assured tenancy
- provide that all eligible homeless victims of domestic abuse automatically have ‘priority need’ for homelessness assistance
- stop vexatious family proceedings that can further traumatise victims by clarifying the circumstances in which a court may make a barring order under section 91(14) of the Children Act 1989
- prohibit GPs and other health professionals from charging a victim of domestic abuse for a letter to support an application for legal aid

The Act places a duty on local authorities in England to:

- Appoint a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board which it will consult as it performs certain specified functions
- Assess the need for accommodation-based domestic abuse support in their area for all victims or their children, including those who come from outside the area
- Develop and publish a strategy for the provision of such support to cover their locality, having regard to the needs assessment
- Give effect to the strategy (through commissioning/de-commissioning decisions)
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy
- Report back to central government

Other recent developments in UK legislation include:

- Claire’s Law (2014): A scheme allowing an individual to ask Police to check whether a new or existing partner has a violent past. A disclosure can be made by the Police if it is legal, proportionate and necessary to do so
- Coercive Control Offence (2015): Victims who experience coercive and controlling behaviour that stops short of serious physical violence, but amounts to extreme psychological and emotional abuse, can bring their perpetrators to justice
- Stalking Protections Orders (2020): A civil order that protects victims from stalking, harassment and other unwanted contact

A Whole Housing Approach (WHA) provides a framework for the domestic abuse and housing sectors to work together to address the immediate and longer term housing needs of victims/survivors. A WHA considers the needs of diverse communities of survivors across all housing tenures (social, private rented, privately owned, supported accommodation) to increase survivor accommodation sustainment and reduce homelessness and aims to:

- Enable earlier identification and intervention of domestic abuse
- Reduce the number of people rendered homeless because of domestic abuse
- Enable survivors to remain safely in their homes where it is their choice to do so, or to keep their tenancy status if they relocate

What do we know?

Domestic abuse impacts all sections of our society regardless of age, gender, sexuality, religion or wealth. Anyone can be at risk of domestic abuse but some people, particularly women, are more likely to be victims

National Data

Domestic abuse affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men in their lifetimes.

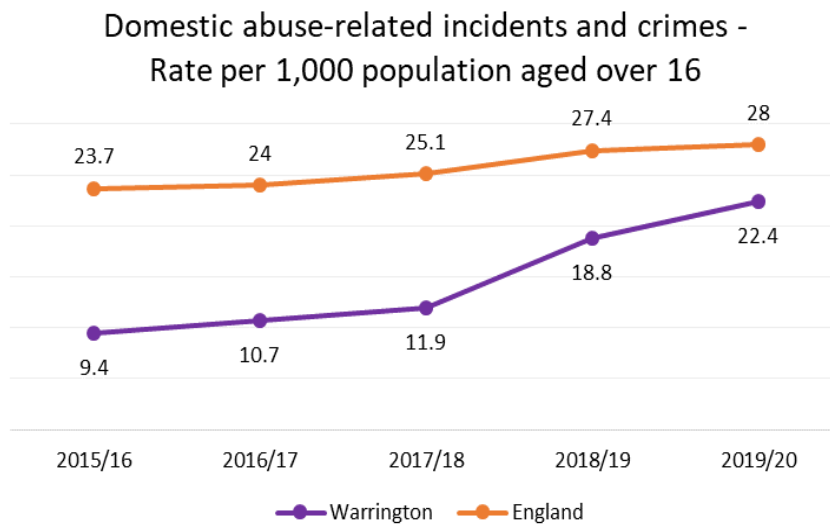
According to the Crime Survey for England and Wales year ending March 2020, an estimated 2.3 million adults aged 16-74 years experienced domestic abuse (1.6 million women and 757,000 men)¹ 107,855 high risk victims and 133,151 children were discussed at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences across England and Wales in year ending March 2021. 33% of these were repeat cases.

93.9% of high risk victims heard at MARAC were female and 6.1 male. 17.1% Black, Asian and racially minoritised. 7.6% disabled, 1.4% lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT+)

Local Data

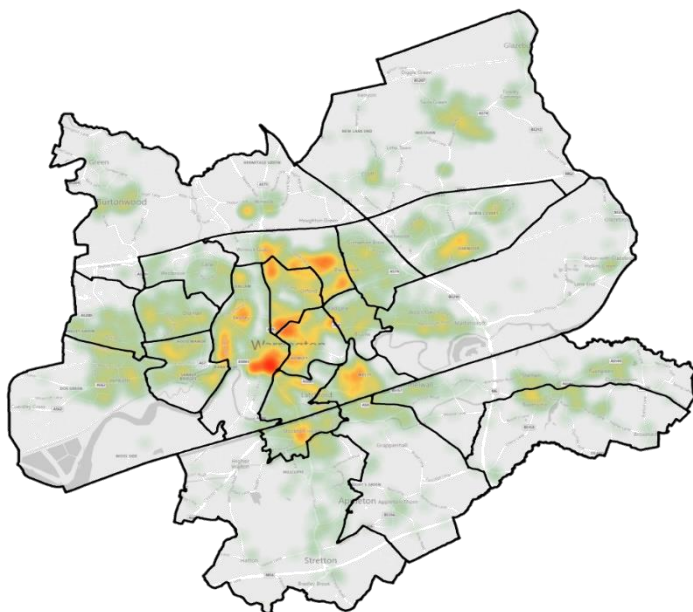
A Multi-Agency Needs Assessment was completed by Warrington Borough Council in 2021 to inform the Domestic Abuse Strategy. This is available as a separate document but key findings are presented below.

Whilst the rate per 1,000 population is lower in Warrington than England overall, both England and Warrington have shown increases annually in the rate between 2015/16 and 2019/20, with Warrington recording larger increases.



According to the data.police.uk website, 35% of recorded crimes in Warrington between October 2018 and September 2021 were related to ‘violence and sexual offences’. The following heat map shows the distribution of these crimes. Although high levels are shown in the centre of the town and what is commonly referred to as the ‘central six’, other areas also show higher levels.

¹ [Domestic abuse in England and Wales overview - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/people-population/demography/ethnicity/articles/domestic-abuse-in-england-and-wales-overview)



The Safelives prevalence tool (which uses data survey from the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) merged with local population data) suggests 8,920 people in Warrington were victims of domestic abuse in the last year (6,020 women and 2,900 men).

Data from Warrington Women's Aid and the Warrington IDVA service suggests a domestic abuse victim is likely to be:

- Heterosexual, White British, Female
- Aged between 20 to 40 years of age
- Although is more likely to not have children, if they do have dependents the majority are referred with one child.

Police data shows that over the last three financial years (2018/19 to 2020/21) there is an average of 821 domestic abuse incidents per quarter, of which around an average of 51% (423) individuals are repeat victims.

In Q4 2020/21, it was reported that the Warrington Borough Council had seen increases of referrals into Children's Social Care because of domestic abuse. There were 131 referrals in Q4 2020/21 compared to 103 in Q3 2020/21; an increase of 27%. Referrals include parents being abused by their children.

Operation Encompass is a police and education early identification safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. During the period of August 2021 to October 2021 a total of 405 contacts were made in Warrington under Operation Encompass (87 at Primary Schools and 318 at Secondary Schools).

SafeLives Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment

We commissioned SafeLives to provide us with support and coordination to ensure we were ready to implement the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and meet our statutory duties under the Act. The conclusions and recommendations from their assessment are highlighted below and have been built into our Priorities and Action Plan. The full SafeLives assessment is available as a separate document.

- Data Collection – Warrington Borough Council and the Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership Board need to ensure that data collected in an appropriate and consistent approach across all partner agencies to ensure all demographics are captured, with key

areas being ethnicity, sexual identity, disability, socio economic status and data on those who are harmed and those who harm.

- Provision of support and capacity of commissioned services – currently Warrington does not have the recommended number of safe accommodation provision. Warrington needs to increase this capacity, and work on understanding why the length of stay is so short in the current refuge.
- Children – As children are now recognised in law as victims in their own right, it is imperative that all data around children is captured to ensure that the needs of the child are met and appropriate support and services are in place for the whole family. Appropriate support for children should be available and accessible in all safe accommodation.
- Housing and Homelessness – where victims are unable to access Safe Accommodation, they may be offered alternative temporary accommodation. Consideration must be given to the importance of specialist women’s provision, not only for Safe Accommodation but for all forms of temporary accommodation. Consideration must also be given to those who are street homeless and hidden homeless.
- Performance Monitoring – Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (WDAPB) to complete dip sampling and case audits on those accessing safe accommodation on a quarterly basis.
- No Recourse to Public Funds – Ensure staff are aware of the Destitution Domestic Violence (DDV) Concession scheme for those who have been granted leave to enter as a spouse or partner of a British person.
- Understanding the needs of those from minoritised communities – the statutory guidance accompanying the DA Act 2021 states that local areas should “have embedded, or have readily available, input from specialist agencies and ‘by-and-for’ services that have a proven track record of supporting victims of domestic abuse and who are aware and experienced in working with male and female victims with protected characteristics, including being from an ethnic minority, being disabled, LGBTQ+ or from a particular religion or faith.” Warrington Borough Council could consult with specialist by and for agencies regarding additional support for victims who face multiple disadvantage and challenges to access services.

Where we are

What we have achieved so far

As discussed in the introduction, a lot has been achieved over the last 4 years and we now continue on our journey to develop our services, as a Partnership, to develop our offer to meet the needs of our communities. The figure below highlights how we have already started to respond to the needs of our communities:

You said	We did
We need more support for children affected by domestic abuse in Warrington	A bespoke service has been commissioned to offer a therapeutic service to children aged 5 to 19 years
We need better access to counselling	We have established a dedicated DA counselling service for adults who accessing refuge and other forms of safe housing
We need support for male victims and those with protected characteristics/from diverse communities	We have recruited a male LGBTQ+ IDVA and a Polish a speaking IDVA and in the process of recruiting a Urdu speaking IDVA
We need more support for perpetrators	We have commissioned the Engage programme; a medium term whole family approach focussing on perpetrators, and training 6 champions to deliver the work on a sustainable model.
We need more training for professionals in domestic abuse	We have commissioned training on; child parent violence and established 4 champions who can support families affected by this type of abuse; a MARAC masterclasses; Surviving Economic Abuse & a programme of Webinars covering a variety of DA themes including FGM.
We need more education for victims and survivors	We have increased the offer of the education programmes available to victims; Gateway online, and Freedom Programme.
We need more safe accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic abuse	We have increased our accessibility of safe accommodation for victims and children fleeing domestic abuse. A key element of this is that it is a dispersed property and able to accommodate those who cannot access refuge; teenage boys with their mothers, larger families and multiple needs.
We need to ensure the voice of survivors is heard and taken into account in developing our approach to tackling domestic abuse	A Survivors and Supporters Group has been established to co-produce our response with those with lived experience.

Vision & Priorities

Vision

Our vision is for Warrington to be an area where no-one has to live in fear of or experience domestic abuse in their relationship or family. We want Warrington to be a safe place to live where it is clear there is a zero tolerance towards domestic abuse and where residents know how to access help and support related to domestic abuse.

We will adopt a Whole Family/Whole Person Approach to ensure that everyone directly impacted, including children, are at the heart of our response whilst also working to challenge and change perpetrator behaviour.

The Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership will continue to work together with all partners to provide good quality services and pathways that are victim led.

Priorities

The following priorities have been co-produced with stakeholders and victims.

Priority 1 – Awareness, Intervention & Prevention

An environment where:

- Public and Professionals are aware of what domestic abuse is, that support is available and know where to go/who to refer victims and perpetrators to for support
- pathways for support are clear and there is no 'wrong door'
- all frontline adopt a consistent response to domestic abuse
- practitioners are professionally curious and able to recognise, intervene and prevent all types of domestic abuse
- domestic abuse is prevented through education
- work is done to remove the stigma attached to being a victim of domestic abuse
- Partnership agencies become 'best practice examples' in providing domestic abuse support to service users and employees

Priority 2 – Safe Housing

An environment where:

- The Domestic Abuse Partnership works towards adopting the Whole Housing Approach through establishing a domestic abuse housing sub-group to oversee the development of the 'safe housing' work area
- Domestic abuse housing pathways are clear, supported and understood by all agencies and where all victims receive a bespoke rehousing safety plan
- There is a strong coordinated partnership approach to ensuring victims access safe accommodation
- Victims have access to appropriate, accessible and affordable refuge/emergency accommodation
- Victims have access to a range of housing options with a choice to relocate or remain in their home (if they wish and it is safe to) with access to support regardless of their tenure
- There is early intervention to reduce the number of domestic abuse victims presenting as homeless/reaching the point of needing emergency accommodation

- Perpetrators are supported to access alternative accommodation via positive action (engaging with behaviour change programmes, mental health/substance misuse support)
- Domestic abuse is identified by housing providers and appropriate referrals are made to MARAC and DA support agencies.

Priority 3 – Protection and Support

An environment where:

- All those at risk or experiencing domestic abuse and their families are protected
- Support is available for all regardless of their personal characteristics
- A Whole Family Approach is taken with co-ordinated support for victims, children and perpetrators
- A variety of support is available to meet victim needs
- Support and processes are person centred and driven by the needs of the survivor
- There is increased support for children and young people affected by domestic abuse, through improved work in schools
- Survivors have timely access to bespoke domestic abuse counselling
- Support can be re-accessed as required with routine check-ups

Priority 4 – Reducing Re-offending

An environment where:

- As a partnership we become more offender focussed, acknowledging that dealing with abusive behaviour and encouraging perpetrators to engage with support results in increased safety for all
- We have a robust multi-agency approach to perpetrators and understand the roles each agency play in reducing re-offending in bringing individuals to justice, diverting their offending and providing support
- We challenge and change perpetrator behaviour by providing support/encouraging engagement on programmes to reduce re-offending
- Where we have increased understanding of perpetrator behaviour across organisations and recognise and acknowledge where behaviour is a result of experience
- We work with whole families to recognise abusive relationships and intervene at an early stage
- Where professionals are trained and confident to engage and have conversations with those displaying abusive behaviours
- Where we engage with service users to better understand and develop our approach to successfully support perpetrators

Priority 5 – Workforce Development

An environment where:

- Professionals and practitioners are well trained to recognise all types of domestic abuse
- all agencies involved understand the statutory duties and requirements of the new Domestic Abuse Act
- organisations and practitioners receive regular updates on best case practice, progress and domestic abuse protocols

- we have a multi-agency workforce development offer on domestic abuse with mandatory core training and a range of optional modules to access as required
- leaders support and encourage workforce development
- effectiveness of all training delivered is monitored and adapted as required

Priority 6 – Partnership working/Strategic Co-ordination & Performance Monitoring

An environment where:

- we have a strong governance process across the Partnership to promote change by working together
- the partnership is forward thinking and leading the way in supporting the whole family where domestic abuse is present
- we have strong partnership working with consistent data collection and effective intelligence sharing protocols
- we have a Domestic Abuse Champion (specialist) in all agencies
- everyone feels validated to interact, comment and raise issues and concerns
- processes are in place to evaluate effectiveness of programmes
- cases are discussed and reviewed and professionals/practitioners review and reflect on their practice to ensure we learn from experience
- we have a performance monitoring framework that maximises opportunities to learn from reviews/audits

Action Plan

An Action Plan has been developed to meet the objectives set out in our 6 priorities. The Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (WDAPB) has agreed the first action for each priority will be to set up a Task and Finish Group.

A summary of the objectives we will achieve over the next 3 years under each priority is provided below. Detailed actions and tasks required to deliver these objectives are set out in our working Action Plan (available as a separate document) and will be developed and delivered by the Task and Finish Groups in collaboration with the Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership Board.

Priorities

Priority 1 – Awareness, Intervention & Prevention

Lead partner: Awareness, Intervention & Prevention Task & Finish Group

Objectives:

- Give victims, families, friends and professionals the information and skills they need to support victims/perpetrators and to ensure they know where/how to access specialist help as required
- Increase knowledge of frontline staff in responding to DA. Ensure all frontline know the referral pathways to make appropriate referrals/signposting
- Develop capacity within various frontline settings in responding to DA victims subjected to NRTPF
- Ensure professionals and agencies are professionally curious to recognise, intervene and mitigate actions to prevent all types of domestic abuse
- Develop a whole community response in, responding to domestic abuse
- Roll out an Education Programme to raise awareness, change attitudes and prevent domestic abuse
- Warrington Borough Council to become a 'best practice example'

Priority 2 – Safe Housing

Lead partner: Safe Housing Task & Finish Group

Objectives:

- Co-ordinated approach across the partnership to work towards adopting the Whole Housing Approach in Warrington
- Ensure domestic abuse housing pathways are clear and understood by all agencies
- Co-ordinated approach to ensuring access to safe accommodation
- Access to appropriate, accessible and affordable refuge/safe accommodation
- Access to a range of housing options and support
- Early intervention to reduce re-housing due to domestic abuse
- Develop approach to manage and rehouse perpetrators as a route to providing 'safe housing' for victims

Strong working relationships between housing providers and the partnership with increased identification of domestic abuse

Priority 3: Protection and support

Lead partner: Protection & Support Task & Finish Group

Objectives:

- Those who are at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse and their families are protected, with support available for everyone affected by domestic abuse regardless of their personal characteristics
- Support is available and accessible to all – variety of methods/times of day
- Ensure victims are encouraged to speak out, access support and have confidence support is there for them
- Develop initiatives to remove barriers for minority groups and underreporting groups
- Support processes are person centred and driven by needs of survivors, whilst ensuring a Whole Family Approach with support for victims and children but also interventions and support for perpetrators
- Bespoke domestic abuse counselling
- Increase support for children and young people through improved work in schools
- Support can be re-accessed if required following a period of intervention

Priority 4: Reducing reoffending

Lead partner: Reducing Re-offending Task & Finish Group

Objectives:

- Develop a robust multi-agency approach to perpetrators, including closer links with the court service
- Develop support for those who harm across all agencies
- Increase understanding of abusive behaviour across the partnership
- Work with whole families to recognise abusive relationships and intervene at an early stage
- Engage with service users to understand and develop our approach to successfully supporting perpetrators

Priority 5: Workforce development

Lead partner: Workforce Development Task & Finish Group

Objectives:

- Ensure professionals at all agencies are aware and recognise all forms of domestic abuse (including coercion and control) and understand the statutory duties and requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act 21
- Ensure organisations and practitioners receive regular updates on best case practice, progress and domestic abuse protocols
- Strong leadership support throughout the partnership to encourage and prioritise workforce development with regard to domestic abuse
- Provide staff with the right tools, advice and understanding to do effective safety and support work with victims, families and perpetrators
- Ensure staff across the partnership understand the requirement to use DASH Risk Assessments and are aware of domestic abuse pathways

Priority 6 – Partnership working/Strategic Co-ordination & Performance Monitoring

Lead partner: Partnership working/Strategic Co-ordination & Performance Monitoring Task & Finish Group

Objectives:

- Work towards Warrington being a 'best practice example' leading the way in supporting those experiencing and affected by domestic abuse
- Ensure everyone concerned understands it is a multi-agency approach to achieve the overall outcome for the victim/family and not about individual agencies priorities
- Develop and improve working relationships where required
- Review and develop MARAC following Covid and personnel/process changes
- Consolidate/improve data systems/align data

Monitoring & Evaluation

This strategy is intended to be an overarching document which sets out common understanding and commitment from key partners to address domestic abuse across Warrington.

This strategy and Action Plan is a vehicle for conversation and will be used to review and develop our approaches over the next 3 years to meet changing needs and demand of the communities of Warrington.

Feedback from those who use interventions and services will form a vital role in service development and our future commissioning. We will work to ensure the voice of survivors, family members affected by domestic abuse and perpetrators who have engaged with our services are used to inform and continually improve our provision.

Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership will have ultimate responsibility for the delivery of the strategy and will review progress against the action plan on an annual basis, considering:

- Progress made against each of the strategies priorities
- Changes in/new legislation that needs to be incorporated in the strategy
- How well services/programmes are achieving their outcomes
- Review of service user needs/Local community/ emerging needs

Implementation of the Action Plan to continue to make a significant difference to the lives of survivors of domestic abuse and their families will require sustained commitment from all partners.

Available Support

For information about Domestic Abuse services in Warrington please visit:

warrington.gov.uk/domesticabuse
mylifewarrington.co.uk

Additional contacts:

For more information about our Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan, please contact Warrington Safeguarding Partnership:

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