



Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum

Meeting Wednesday 7th September 2011-09-07
9.30 – 11.30am, Council House, College Green

MINUTES

Present:

Kate Garber (Unseen)	Rhiannon Griffiths, (BCC CYPS)
Jonathan Fowler (Splitz)	Ruth Dawes (NHS)
Lou Fox (Eden House)	Nicola Cossins (Womankind)
Astrid Kopmels (BRI IDVA)	Jane Gibney (CPS)
Alex Geen (NHS)	Melody Brown (Henriques Griffiths)
Shabana Kausar (BDAF)	Alex Wood (NHS)
Dave McCallum (today's Chair – police)	Marina O'Brien (Slutwalk)
Greg Jaxa-Aksentowicz (BSDAS)	Charlotte Robson (Splitz)
Emily Moreton (NSG)	Susan Lawrence (Rape Crisis)
Sally Morrissey (NSG)	Karen McVean (Shelter)
Tracey Masters (NHS Bristol Sexual Health Service)	Fiona Tudge (BCC CYPS)
Susanna Hall (as above)	Lesley Welch (Safer Bristol – minutes)
	Lucy Muchina (NHS)

Apologies: Leigh Forster (Wish), Julie Matthews (BCC Housing), Punita Morris (BRI IDVA), Donna Owen (Alabaré Christian Care & Support), Carol Metter (Missing Link), Belinda Cox (NHS), Barbara Bloomfield (Relate Avon).

1. Introductions, welcome and apologies

2. **Trafficking** – presentation attached

3. **Minutes of meeting of 8th June** – approved.

a. Actions:

- i. Sky Project has been invited
- ii. Forced marriage training being reconsidered by Training Working Group
- iii. No further action on BSCB Forced Marriage group – continuing action
- iv. FGM events were advertised in the BDAF newsletter.

4. **Matters arising:** none

5. **Action plans:** sub-groups now working on annual action plans against which BDAF will be able to hold them accountable. Drafts should be in place by the end of November.

a. **Feedback from Risk Reduction & Justice sub-group** –embedded:



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Funding now achieved to continue pilot Sexual Violence MARAC (funded by Home Office, as pilot for roll-out nationwide). Slight decrease in success rates in criminal justice system (from previous increases).

b. **Provision sub-group** – case studies considered re 1) victims with no recourse to public funds and 2) victim access to refuge/support who has serious substance misuse issues.

- c. **Prevention sub-group** – addressing challenge of expanded role (to VAAWG from DVA). Lack of accurate statistics on trafficking – Government commissioning research. Women’s Aid research links trafficking with eg. lap dancing clubs and sexual violence (Licensing Report embedded). Prevention will discuss trafficking at December meeting:



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6. **Feedback from VAAWG Strategy Group:** embedded:



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- a. Welcome to Rhiannon Griffiths, new CYPS DVA Commissioning Officer – post funded by Safer Bristol DVA Joint Commissioning Group. Lesley’s role at Safer Bristol as DVA Strategy Coordinator now deleted, but she is employed as generic project officer with responsibility for VAAWG.
- b. Feedback from Strategy consultation: many comments have been received, but none on objectives themselves and all on improving ‘readability’ on the document. Consultation open till 28 October 2011. Comments sought on title of strategy section – “sex work” or “prostitution”?

7. **Local forums:**

- a. **North Bristol DAF** – arranged six-weekly meetings, teaming up with Southmead DAF; participating in new DVA in Polish community work (with NHS and Wellspring), Avonmouth and Southmead Neighbourhood Forums have prioritised DVA and are liaising to discuss next steps and use for funding.
- b. **South Bristol DAF** – fell into abeyance, next meeting is Thursday 15th September, 2.00-4.00 at Princess House (contact Samuel Hayward, NHS).

8. **Campaigns (in addition to Prevention)**

- a. **DVA in the Polish community** – drop-in at Wellspring starting soon. Funded till December 2011 (with crèche).
Action 1: Alex Geen to send information to Emily for Freedom Programme newsletter and Shabana for BDAF newsletter.
- b. **Teen abuse 1 in 4 campaign this summer:** well received with more than 100 young people (in one day) making pledges. Training and resources available – contact Ruth Dawes (ruth.dawes@nhs.net) or Alex Geen (Alexandra.geen@bristolpct.nhs.uk).
- c. **Learning difficulties** : working with Misfits theatre company, production now filmed to enable creation of DVD with teaching pack.
- d. **November 25th** : reminder of gendered violence conference; poster displays sought from local providers. Will incorporate White Ribbon campaigning – men opposing VAAWG. Corporate communications on board – a major event.
- e. **Bright Ones book for pre-school age children** being launched shortly.
- f. **Reclaim the Night** march/rally/social event 18th November – see Bristol Feminist Network website.
- g. **Slutwalk** being organised 1st October 2.15pm at Queen’s Road Student Union – walk & speaker event www.slutwalkbristol.co.uk.
Action 2: Marina will contact Lesley at Safer Bristol re media coverage.

- h. **Survivors' Forum (Wings)** will be participating in campaigning events.
 - i. **BDAF setting up Facebook campaign** – contact Shabana. Events organisers asked to feed in via Shabana (to avoid possible misuse of the site).
 - j. **Police developing volunteer service** to contact victims after 1st report – in response to feedback from survivors at last survivors' forum in May.
9. **New IDVA service in BRI A&E** – DVA champion in BRI (Sarah Brierley) achieved funding for 1-year project (continuation will be on basis of demonstrating effective outcomes). Project aims to support 200 victims (women and men) – 7 days/week cover 9 till 5pm. As well as supporting victims, training for A&E staff to ask question and risk assess. New protocol may be available (**Astrid link?**). To date (from April 22nd) – 93 referrals, moderate and high-risk (approx one-third), representative of ethnic population make-up but men under-represented, higher number at weekends, 25 referrals to MARAC – they are definitely picking up high-risk cases that would not otherwise have been referred to MARAC. Have been asked to train staff at Frenchay Hospital, also linking with other hospitals and specialist clinics in Bristol. West Sussex Worth project see 6 – 10% male (high-risk) victims. Issue of perpetrators accompanying victims.
10. **Any other business:**
- a. **Survivors Groupwork working group:** first meeting Tuesday 13th September 3.30pm at Novas Scarman office in New Street – contact Emily Moreton.
 - b. **Licensing Department:** part of Safer Bristol – is there an opening to link with VAAWG strategy group re risk of sexual entertainment venues re VAAWG. What evidence?
Action 3: Dave McCallum, Lesley Welch, Susan Lawrence and Helen Mott (Bristol Fawcett) to work on making a case and presenting to the Licensing Committee.
Action 4: Ruth Dawes to send link for Camden research on risk of VAAWG from sexual entertainment venues to Lesley.
11. **Next meeting:** 14th December 9.30 in Council House.

Actions grid:

Number	Item	Who by
1.	8b: Alex Geen to send information to Emily for Freedom Programme newsletter and Shabana for BDAF newsletter.	Alex Geen
2.	8g: Marina will contact Lesley at Safer Bristol re media coverage.	Marina O'Brien
3.	10b: Dave McCallum, Lesley Welch, Susan Lawrence and Helen Mott (Bristol Fawcett) to work on making a case and presenting to the Licensing Committee.	DMcC, LW, SL, HM
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