



Minutes of BDAF Lobbying Group

28th June 2010

Present: Emily Moreton, Sian Taylor.

Matters Arising:

This was a preliminary meeting to explore how to best maximise the lobbying group and to ascertain who we want to target, what we would like money to be spent on and how we envisage the lobbying group moving forward.

DVA resources are not matching the scale of the problem – what evidence can we provide to obtain more funding?

Action: Emily to speak to Lesley Welch to obtain a figure on how much DVA services are saving.

We already know how extensive DVA drains the NHS yet there remains a very small amount of emotional/psychological support for the vast amount of victims and survivors who need this intervention.

Action: Sian to obtain information around what support has proved suitable, is it group work, individual work?

Discussion around the correlation between women who've experienced DVA and female offending. If money was spent on stopping women being abused then it would help reduce female offending levels. From a preventative stand point, this would reduce drug and alcohol dependency and the percentage of women going through the criminal justice system and/or receiving custodial sentences.

Action: Sian to find evidence to support this claim, to ascertain costs around incarcerating an offender for a year and to see if there is any research findings around how many female offenders are victims of DVA.

Also a discussion around the lack of children's services, a need for a larger focus on prevention and education in general.

It was agreed that we needed to bring this discussion back to the next meeting to gather more ideas about the potential direction for the lobbying group.

Date of next meeting: 19th July 2010 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm at the Council House.