



Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum

Minutes

Wednesday 6th May 2009

11.00am – 1.00pm

The Pavilion, Harbourside.

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Attendee	Representing
Carole Metters (Chair)	Next Link
Dave McCallum	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
Lesley Welch	Safer Bristol Partnership
Lyssa Randolph	Womankind
Rebekka Jarvis	Knowle West Health Association
Leigh Forster	WISH
Belinda Cox	UBHT
Emily Moreton	Safer Bristol Partnership
Angela Stewart-Gentle	Avon and Somerset Probation
Sally Morrissey	NOVAS Scarman Group
Margaret Butt	NHS Bristol
Amy Pearson	NHS Bristol
Hannah Perry	Lyons Davidson Solicitors
Jill McNamara	Crown Prosecution Service
Veronica Shorttle Minutes	Safer Bristol Partnership
Apologies received	Representing
Bev Gordon	Victim Support
Jon Peyton	AWP
Sarah Windfeld	NHS
Pommy Harmar	Next Link

Action Point	Matters arising	By Whom	By When
Item 2 of minutes			
1	Follow up getting a representative from Housing on BDAF and sub-groups.	LW/EM	ASAP
2	To be asked to follow up DVA reporting in to Safer Bristol Executive	PA	ASAP
3	Action Plans to be put on Safer Bristol Website.	LW/EM/ VS	July 09
Item 4 of minutes			
4	Timeline for commissioning	HP	April 2010
Item 6 of minutes			
5	Redraft action point 4.1.1 on Prevention Action Plan	LW	1/6/09
Item 7 of minutes			
6	Ask Violence Against Women to do case studies	LW	ASAP

2. Review of previous minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed with amendment to item 8, LF was incorrect. **Action 1 LW / EM** will pursue rep from N&HS.

Structure of meetings – first trial of new meeting arrangement.

Safer Bristol Link - **Action 2 PA** Follow up DVA reporting into Safer Bristol Executive.

Action 3 LW/EM/VS - Action Plans to be put on Safer Bristol Website, timescale end July 09.

ASG now attending Protection & Justice sub-groups.

Presentation from Eden Project not arranged yet, Sarah Smith from probation suggested contact.

Success with improved representation on MARAC from housing.

3. Training and BDAF Development Worker

Emily Moreton gave an introduction of her role and discussed future agenda items for BDAF meetings to include presentations on alcohol, drugs, disability, and forced marriages.

DM – suggested helpline could include reporting of forced marriages and FGM reporting. He was going to talk to the Safe Guarding Board about this.

LW was setting up a meeting with the Forced Marriage Group on 31/5/09, difficult to arrange as they are only volunteers. Also Sue Njie, Community Development Officer, a key person on the Equality and Diversity Group is still not back yet. This discussion highlighted there are two strands to setting this up, support and reporting.

AP – Suggested talking about the Freedom Programme as it is in crisis for funding facilitators and costs of crèche.

LR – Agreed presentations from other agencies is a good idea.

4. Commissioning Process

JCG are meeting monthly led by Helen Pitches. Preferred providers list to be set up, agencies will sign up in advance. Perpetrators programme allocated £150,000. There is £25,000 from NHS for Freedom Programme, though not limited to Freedom Programme can be used for work supporting women. Amount of money needed for Freedom Programme Co-ordinator to be found out. **Action 4 HP** to complete timeline for commissioning by April 2010. Carol raised Issues over funding for WISH and KWDAP. Lesley said there was funding until March 2010 then the commissioning would have been completed. LW Perpetrators Programme has approved a fund raiser who will start the project in October.

5. WAFE National Service Standards for Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Document sent out by LW in advance, guideline for best practice a good document no surprises contains useful principles. LF pointed out that it would be too expensive for each agency to print all literature in community languages as stated in 3.1.3 & 3.2.2 (and clarified that a multi-language approach would be city-wide rather than by each individual agency). BDAF agreed to adopt the document as a useful tool for commissioning.

6. Report back from strategic groups

Prevention

New date needs to be set and meetings revitalised.

3.1.1 Quality of Life survey not back yet should be available 1/7/09.

3.2.1 Emily looking at training, revise timeline from 1/6/09 to 1/9/09.

4.1.1 LW waiting for NSPCC pilot report. Healthy schools section not putting any additional resources in at the moment.

Action 5 LW to redraft Action point for 1/6/09.

4.1.2 Completed in draft going to DVA today.

Protection and Justice

Work on action plan items all in hand. Meeting to be arranged and group needs to be revitalised.

8.5.3 red goes to orange.

Provision of Services

5.1.2 – No engagement from Housing department.

6.1.2 – Action point needs to be clarified, add in definition of survivors and pathways of care.

7.2.4 – Support Children’s Centres to provide Freedom Programme.

This group is the most successful for attendance.

7. Police reporting how to collect data and use it

Guardian, electronic recording system started March 2008, there were initial problems of reporting figures.

DM – reporting of DV to Police has declined but increased to voluntary agencies. It would be helpful if all agencies contribute data so a clear picture can be got. DM – Positive arrest policy has been criticised because victims may not report next time, cautioning rate has gone up. DM – DV has the highest profile it has ever had.

LF – suggested Violence Against Women could do research into figures. **Action 6 LW** to ask them about case studies.

DM – questionnaires produced but never filled in.

8. Feed back from Forums

North Bristol Forum – reforming as a group.

9. Any other business

Violence Against Women Strategy any comments email to Lesley who will respond.

Next meeting: 9th September 2009, at the Council House.