



Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum
Minutes
Wednesday 13th January 2010
11.00am – 1.30pm

The Council House.

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Attendee	Representing
Carole Metters (Chair)	Next Link
Jon Peyton	AWP
Lesley Welch	Safer Bristol Partnership
Dave McCallum	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
Rebekka Jarvis	Knowle West Health Association
Leigh Forster	WISH
Emily Moreton	Safer Bristol Partnership
Pommy Harmar	Next Link
Michelle Cunningham	Police MARAC Co-ordinator
Susanna Hoare	ARA
Sally Walker-Cousins	Serenity House
Amy Campbell	NHS
Peter Heneghan	Serenity House
Jackie Mathers	NHS Bristol
Maggie Siviter	CYPS Bristol
Karen MacVean	Shelter
Helen Pitches	Safer Bristol Partnership
Veronica Shorttle (minutes)	Safer Bristol Partnership

Apologies received	Representing
Lucy Muchina	NHS
Bev Gordon	Victim Support
Ruth Dawes	NHS
Sarah Winfeld	NHS
Lyssa Randolph	Womankind

Action Points		By Whom	By When
1	Send out BDAF presentation & Alcohol Directory with minutes.	VS	asap
2	Communication Strategy to go to Prevention Sub-group	LW	Next meeting
3	Draft letter re: no attendance of Senior management at DV Conference.	LF	asap
4	Update on Perpetrators Programme to Jackie Mathers and Maggie Siviter.	HP	
5	Housing DA incident form	CM/PH	Next mtg

2. Presentation: Alcohol training for DVA workers

Presentation given by Sally Walker-Cousins from Serenity and Susanna Hoare from ARA. **Action 1 VMS** Presentation and alcohol directory to send out with minutes. The next mtg of the Domestic Violence, Alcohol & Probation Networking Lunch is Monday 8th February, 12 – 1.30pm, South Plaza (contact amycampbell@nhs.net to book).

3/4. Review of previous minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Communication Strategy –**Action 2 LW C/F** to go to Prevention sub-group.

5. Election of new chair and vice-chair

CM proposed Leigh Forster as chair, mtg agreed unanimously. Vice-chair CM, mtg agreed unanimously.

LW proposed a vote of thanks to CM for all her work as chair and the mtg presented Carol with flowers.

6. Dates for 2010 - 11

It has been decided to hold BDAF meetings on a separate day from DVA Strategy Group meetings; therefore the membership will be notified about the new dates for BDAF separately.

7. Update on action plan

Full action plans will be put on the BDAF website. The meeting will focus on main points from each plan only.

Protection & Justice

Focus on DV by Police is called operation Bliss and includes:

All domestic crimes are reviewed by a DAIT DS and investigating officers given advice and guidance as to the management of the investigation;

Any crime where it is proposed to caution an offender will have to be reviewed by a DAIT officer who will ratify that decision;

A daily check to be done of police command and control systems to identify breaches of order not acted on and they are to be enforced;

Daily review of domestic incidents graded immediate and prompt attendance not yet attended;

Daily review of domestic crimes in the last three days where no arrest has yet been made and the arrest to be prioritised;

Twice weekly review of outstanding named suspects crimes.

Representations have been made to enforce national guidance, which is that CPS will review and make decisions on all crimes where police believe that there is sufficient evidence to justify prosecution.

Highlighted the need to evaluate the Brigstock Road Project, which has now been running for some time.

Voluntary Perpetrators programme to start in April; only capacity for about 24 perpetrators annually.

Highlighted success of Media work re DV week of action in particular the ability to reach BME population through Radio Ujima and BCFM

Provision of Services

Letter has been written to Barbara Janke expressing concern over shortfall of budget for services.

Survivor Group tender closes 5th Feb. Emily Moreton has taken over as Freedom Programme Co-ordinator until end of March.

LW reported increased links with Children Services with the appointment of Alison Jackson and Michele Farmer. Maggie Siviter, CYPS Reviewing Manager, chairs case conferences for child protection.

6.2.2 of action plan, 4 key points have now been added to the Alcohol/Drug Treatment Plan.

Prevention

Amy Campbell and Ruth Dawes will be taking over chairing Prevention Group from Jackie Beavington.

The week of action 'Violence Against Women' ending with the conference on 27/11/09 was a success. One issue from the conference was that the Chair of Safer Bristol was not able to attend or any other senior management which was disappointing. The mtg decided to write a letter, **Action 3 LF**, draft a letter and send to key people on BDAF to agree before sending out.

8. Feedback from Strategy Group

Operation Bliss see notes above.

9. Commissioning update & election of BDAF rep to Joint Commissioning Group

HP tabled paper of approved Providers list, process is now completed. **Action 4 HP**
To update Jackie Mathers and Maggie Siviter on Perpetrators Programme.

10. Housing DA incident report form

Em suggested this item could be done outside of the meeting by email as Andrea Dell was not available to attend.

PH and CM had a mtg with Richard Nochar, Housing, about form and they are concerned that it asks for supporting evidence giving the implication that victims are not believed as being genuine, KM said victims should be believed in the first instance. There was some confusion over the correct form – **Action 5 CM/PH/MS** to follow up with Richard Nochar and report back.

11. Feedback on forced marriage IDVA pilot

CM - Next Link are involved in pilot, Forced Marriage Orders probably present a hurdle in supporting women, mediation is best solution not FMO. Referrals mainly from the police, 1 from CYPs. Support model is very useful not legislation.

12. Feedback from local forums

South Bristol Forum has shut down; next mtg of North Bristol Forum is on Monday 18th January.

13. Any other business

BDAF website will be ready early next week with full launch in February.

There should be 4 reps plus the chair from BDAF on the Strategy Group from the following organisations: Next Link, Wish, KW & Victim Support, the mtg agreed that Leigh will cover Wish as well as being chair and Emily will go as Freedom Rep, KW now doesn't exist.

Em gave a UDVA training update: Two extra level 2 courses were held this year to meet demand and three have been added for 2010-2011, giving a total of 11. Level 3 courses have started: Working with perpetrators will run for first time on 29th January, Working with children and young people on 15th March, Engaging with parents on 23rd January (PEYTU) and there will be a forced marriage session, date tbc. The recruitment of more trainers is being looked at as well as running another training for trainers session. Dates for level 2 courses for 2010 – 2011 are:

20th April, 14th May, 8th June, 6th July, 14th September, 20th October, 16th November, 7th December, 2011 dates are 11th January, 9th February and 1st March.

BDAF dates for 2010 – 2011 to be sent out separately.