



Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum
Minutes
Wednesday 28th April 2010
9:30 – 11.30
The Council House.

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Attendee	Representing
Leigh Forster (Chair)	WISH
Carol Metters	Next Link
Ruth Dawes	NHS Bristol
Lesley Welch	Safer Bristol Partnership
Bev Gordon	Victim Support
Emily Moreton	Safer Bristol Partnership
Pommy Harmar	Next Link
Sally Morrissey	Novas Scarman
Hannah Maloney	Eden House
Iona Phillips	Lyons Davidson Solicitors
Sian Taylor	Wish
Ian Lawry	Wellspring
Helen Pitches	Safer Bristol Partnership
Veronica Shorttle (minutes)	Safer Bristol Partnership

Apologies received	Representing
Brenda Billinghamurst	
Margaret Griffin (down twice)	NBT
Sarah Winfeld	NHS

Ruby Raja	
Belinda Cox	Bristol Maternity
Hannah Wilcox	YWCA
Sally Walker-Cousins	Serenity House
Barbara Bloomfield	Relate
Dave McCallum	Avon & Somerset Constabulary

Action Points	Actions from BDAF mtg 28 th April 2010	By Whom	By When
1	Bristol Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Children in Care, final report will be published end of May, LW to send out.	LW	when published
2	LF told mtg that no Chair of Safer Bristol has been appointed, LW to follow up.	LW	Next meeting
3	Housing DA incident report form , still not clear which form is being used, CM to follow up with Richard Nochar.	CM	Next meeting
4	Circulate SDVC feedback from Ministry of Justice.	VS	With minutes
5	Election of BDAF non-voting rep to join JCG , If you would like to put yourself forward for this role, can you please let Emily have your name, job role, and agency by no later than Friday 14th May. Depending on how many people nominate themselves, we will then conduct an election, likely by email/post for the position - details of how this will work to come after the closing date for nominations.	EM	Asap Sent out 29/04/10
6	Lobbying group - If you are interested in finding out more about this group, or being part of it, please contact the new convenor, Sian Taylor on sian@wishforabrighterfuture.org.uk or 353 3132.	EM	Asap Sent out 29/04/10
7	Fundraising group - if you are interested in being part of it, please let Emily know on emily.moreton@bristol.gov.uk	EM	Asap Sent out 29/04/10

8	<p>Media interviews. Part of BDAF's work is around campaigning to prevent domestic violence, which usually involves three campaigns: February (Valentines Day), Summer, and November (End Violence Against Women Week). As part of this, we try to have people available to speak to the media about the campaigns, or domestic violence work in general, and I'd like to put together a pool of people who would be willing to be interviewed. The communications officer at Safer Bristol has offered to run a short training session for anyone who is interested, so if you are, can you please let me know (emily.moreton@bristol.gov.uk).</p>	EM	Asap Sent out 29/04/10
9	Bristol Domestic Abuse phone line, LW to update BDAF when changes are made.	LW	

1. Welcome and Introductions

The new chair Leigh Forster welcomed everyone and thanked Carol Metters previous chair.

2. Presentation Children's and Young Peoples Work in Bristol

LW gave a presentation outlining what had been achieved and what is planned to do in this area (following a briefing paper LW prepared for Bristol Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Children in Care) paper tabled and attached with minutes.

CM BME children's worker has been appointed and started work with Next Link. Wish recruiting a P/T children's worker post funded from joint commissioning. LF new Children's Co-ordinator will need support from agencies once appointed.

Action 1 LW to send out Bristol Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Children in Care, final report will be published end of May.

3/4. Review of previous minutes

Minutes agreed, with a note to item 11 Clarification of mediation noted that mediation between perpetrator and survivor is not recommended and can be positively dangerous. Noted that in context of Next Link work with victims of FM only mediation that takes place is between eg victim and her parents to stop FM and allow her to continue studies.

LF raised issue of there not being a chair of Safer Bristol, **Action 2 LW** to follow up. Update on Perpetrators Programme to Jackie Mathers and Maggie Siviter by HP c/f. Housing DA incident report form, still not clear which form is being used, **Action 3 CM** to follow up with Richard Nochar.

5. Update on action plan

Process of putting action plans in new format still being worked on by LW.

6. Feedback from Strategy Group

DM not here to give feedback.

Prevention.

Summer Campaign will be focusing on Teen abuse linking with national campaign.

Provision.

Drugs/alcohol Practitioners network working well. 4 points relating to DVA and substance misuse have been included in Adult Drug Treatment plan.

Protection and Justice.

LW has received data for 2008-2009 from Ministry of Justice on SDVC, positive feedback doing well. LW to give VS details **Action 4 VS** circulate with minutes.

Perpetrators Programme (“Stop Violence”) has been awarded to SPLITZ should start end of June. MARAC quality assurance report failed on a lot of points mainly covered by there being no operating protocol, but much good practice was recognised. IP Issues around CAFCASS and resource problems, officers are only doing preliminary checks not visits; this could be putting children/women at risk.

LF asked for CAFCASS issues to be brought back to next mtg.

7. Approval of proposed new aims and structure

Paper tabled outlining proposed new structure for BDAF, meeting agreed. Theme for each meeting and suggestions please send to Emily. LF said positive lobbying was a good idea. Next meeting SPLITZ is making a presentation.

8. Election of BDAF non-voting rep to joint commissioning group

Member of BDAF to join DVA JCG to provide expert knowledge, it will involve attending monthly mtgs and reading papers. **Action 5 EM** to send out email for nominations with deadline.

9. BDAF lobbying group / Fundraising group– members and convenor

Lobbying group – aim to act as a lobbying and pressure group with decision-makers and the public. Sian Taylor agreed to be the convenor and Ian Lawry member of the group. **Action 6 EM** to send out email for members.

Fundraising group – **Action 7 EM** to send out email asking for a convenor and members for this group.

10. Training update

Paper tabled by EM.

Action 8 EM send out email Part of BDAF's work is around campaigning to prevent domestic violence, which usually involves three campaigns: February (Valentines Day), Summer, and November (End Violence Against Women Week). It would be useful to have people available to speak to the media about the campaigns, or domestic violence work in general. The communications officer at Safer Bristol has offered to run a short training session for anyone who is interested.

11. Feedback from local forums

South Bristol Forum is on a break. North Bristol Forum has a new chair who will attend BDAF, a new leaflet and logo is being designed for this group.

12. Any other business

1. LF asked the question of the group whether anyone has noticed increase in abuse of parents by teenagers. BG agrees and also problem against grandparents. PH highlights parenting issues. IP often drug related with children and elder abuse increase could be due to awareness.
2. Next Link Equality and Human Rights Commission Domestic Abuse Worker who will also assist around racial incidents. Leaflets available in South Asian, CM to send copies for training packs.
3. Launch of BDAF website. EM asked meeting for suggestions. LW suggested Safeguarding Adults are preparing a campaign on Elder Abuse could join in there. RD suggested a postcard giving details and breakfast event.
4. BDAF 24hr helpline LW previously recommended to BDAF to drop the use of this line because it was not user friendly, it is run by the Police, there is 4mins of voicemail first, 2008/09 53% of callers hung up. IP raised issue of where are the legal calls going? It should be Lyons Davidson. Police suggested calls should go through to a local lead provider in the daytime and when closed straight through to the national helpline. LW selected Victim Support as Bristol lead provider though there is some concern about this. CM local providers should be on phone line, 1st call to Next Link they can then visit. IP concerns about local agencies involved referring on 2nd stage process is not good. **Action 9 LW** to inform BDAF when phone line changes are made.
5. Role description for reps to BDAF, EM asked group to send it by email.

Next meeting 7th July 2010, 9.30 – 11.30 at the Council House.