

Violence Against Women and Girls Prevention Group



Held on December 15th 2010
9:30-11:30
Nightingale Room, South Plaza

Minutes

Present:	Ruth Dawes - Chair Emily Moreton Sian Taylor Alex Geen Katie Porter Lesley Welch Carol Metters	Laurie Jones –Notes Julie Coulthard Neil Davidson Stan George Elaine Hutton Helen Mott Maria Baños-Smith
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Apologies	April Pye Jackie Beavington Leigh Forster	Gill Brookman Annie Hudson Steve Jeffries
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Introductions and Apologies

This is the first meeting uniting the Domestic Violence and Prevention Sub Group and the Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Group.

The group introduced themselves, apologies were given as above. The notes from the previous minutes were reviewed and agreed.

Agreeing the Chair

It was agreed that **Ruth Dawes** would remain as the groups chair temporarily to be reviewed in the future.

Terms of Reference

A new terms of reference for the new group needs to be agreed and drafted to encompass the objectives of the new group, to include a focus on education as an awareness raising tool.

Name of the group

The group will be known as the 'Violence Against Women and Girls Prevention Group'

The group decided that the meeting will be held bi-monthly.

It was discussed that it would be useful to have a good idea of here the group fits in within the support provided that already exist in the area and what they are doing in relation to our work. There is a DVA structure outlined on the BDAF website.

Action: Carol to make notes on an updated structure for local provision and forward to Emily.

Action: Emily to produce a chart reflecting the updated local provision.

Report on Recent Progress from Ruth Dawes – Domestic Abuse

The Early Years toolkit is being used to raise awareness in children's centres and early year's settings.

Alex Geen has joined the team at NHS Bristol in a very demanding role.

Violence against Women and Girls: the new government strategy narrative – Presentation

Lesley Welch presented to the group on the new Government strategy which encompassed and highlighted several Domestic Abuse issues which had previously been less well known. The new strategy was encouraging and was received positively.

Action: Lesley to forward presentation for circulation to mailing list.

Prevention Work in Schools

It was agreed that the group needed a better understanding of the work that is already going on in schools to do with domestic abuse and sexual violence and that there could be a separate session in February in which this is presented.

Action: Julie/Neil: Finalise appropriate date for this to take place at the Bristol Education Centre - Sheridan Rd.

Report on EAW Week

Emily reported on the successes of End Violence Against Women Week. The launch was very well attended and lots of awareness raised.

AOB

Meetings will need to be re-arranged to incorporate the additional members of the newly formed group as rooms we have already booked will be too small to accommodate everyone.

Action: Laurie to check the status of the Boardroom and the Bevan Room in South Plaza for availability.

Next Meeting

Supplementary Meeting: Tuesday 15th February 2011:

Venue: Bristol Education Centre, Sheridan Road, Horfield, Bristol

Next Meeting: 9th March 2011: **Time 11-1 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE**

Venue: Bristol Education Centre, Sheridan Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 OPU

Action	Person
Action ; Lesley/Ruth/Stan. To draft terms of reference	Lesley/Ruth/Stan
Action: Carol to make notes on an updated structure for local provision and forward to Emily.	Carol
Action: Emily to produce a chary reflecting the updated local provision/	Emily
Action: Lesley to forward presentation for circulation to mailing list.	Lesley
Action: Julie/Neil: Finalise appropriate date for this to take place at the Bristol Education Centre - Sheridan Rd.	Julie/Neil
Action: Laurie to check the status of the Boardroom and the Bevan Room in South Plaza for availability.	Laurie