

## **Safer Bristol Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategy Group Terms of Reference**

### **Aims**

- 1) To implement and renew when necessary Safer Bristol's multi-agency strategy against domestic violence and abuse, by development, monitoring and review of an Action Plan;
- 2) To influence other partnerships' strategies to include domestic violence and abuse;
- 3) To identify and secure partnership resources to deliver the strategy.

### **Objectives**

- ◆ To monitor and review Performance, Prevention, Provision of Services and Protection and Justice, in line with the objectives of the DVA Strategy;
- ◆ To receive progress reports from sub-groups on Action Plan;
- ◆ To amend Action Plan and Strategy as required;
- ◆ To report to the Safer Bristol Executive through the Violent Crime Delivery Group.

### **Membership**

Representatives of the following agencies at senior strategic management level:

Adult Community Care  
Avon & Somerset Police  
Avon & Somerset Probation  
Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP),  
Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum (BDAF) – Chair, plus 4 representatives of service providers  
Bristol Magistrates Court  
Bristol Family Court  
Crown Prosecution Service  
Children and Young People's Services (CYPS)  
Neighbourhood & Housing Services  
North Bristol Trust  
Public Health Directorate  
Safer Bristol Partnership  
United Bristol Healthcare Trust (UBHT)

BDAF will report to the DVASG on behalf of survivors.

Expert support, such as the Universities of Bristol, of the West of England and other relevant local, regional and national agencies, may be requested from time to time.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

Quarterly

### **Chair**

Chair will be elected annually by the membership of the DVASG. The Chair from July 2008 is Head of Bristol Public Protection Unit, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Chair will be responsible for:

- Drawing up meetings agendas;
- Ensuring that minutes of meetings are recorded and distributed;
- Requesting accountability for actions agreed through the Strategy and Action Plan.

### **Administrative Support/Minutes**

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### **Sub-groups**

Operational sub-groups will be the following:

1. Prevention
2. Provision of services
3. Protection and justice

The sub-groups will be responsible for the implementation, monitoring and review of the Action Plan.

### **Review**

To be reviewed annually.

