



ONE MINUTE GUIDE

Domestic Abuse Services/Provision in Kirklees – Sept 2016

MASH (Children's Services)

Any police call outs to a domestic incident or crime where child/children have been involved are referred to Referral and Response to be triaged (which could include further information gathering through the MASH). Any cases reaching social care threshold would proceed through the usual enquiries and those not requiring social care intervention are appropriately signposted for support/intervention. This could be to any number of different services (including IDAT and PDVG) and are generally considered on a case by case basis. This would also be the first point of contact for other agencies or members of the public to report concerns about a child.

Gateway to Care / SPA (Adult Services)

Any police call outs to a domestic incident or crime where the adults may have vulnerabilities or care and support needs are referred to Gateway to Care/SPA for assessment and appropriate intervention. Any cases reaching social care threshold would proceed through the usual enquiries and those not requiring social care intervention are appropriately signposted for support/intervention. This could be to any number of different services (including IDAT and PDVG) and are generally considered on a case by case basis. This would also be the first point of contact for other agencies or members of the public to report concerns about vulnerable adults.

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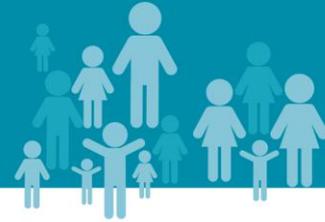
Statutory services working with perpetrators at all tiers of risk and linked in to both Children's and Adults Services through the MARAC and MAPPA processes.

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

Held fortnightly and chaired by the police for those considered to be high risk cases based on the DASH Risk Assessment. Actions are set (and monitored) at each meeting to safeguard victims and children through an effective multi-agency approach.

Integrated Domestic Abuse Team (IDAT)

The team is made up of staff from both adults and children's services to provide support and assistance for those experiencing domestic abuse. With the



implementation of the DRAMM below, it is likely that the focus of the team will be redirected towards initiatives/support relating to early intervention and prevention. This will be reviewed once the DRAMM is fully operational but early thoughts are around tailored support for those not reaching social care threshold; linking in to the proposed Early Help Hubs, providing support for universal services, working with schools and enhancing training capacity.

Daily Risk Assessment Management Meetings (DRAMM)

From 1st October 2016, the DRAMM will be piloted in Kirklees. This will build on the current MASH arrangements with the main outcome being to improve the safety and support to victims, children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse by:

- Providing a timely response to medium and high risk cases of domestic crimes (within 24 hours)
- Encouraging information sharing to understand, manage and minimise risk at the earliest opportunity; consider specific needs and co-ordinate appropriate support
- Strengthening links into Children's and Adult Safeguarding and Social Care so that the needs of children and vulnerable adults affected by domestic abuse are considered and supported
- One of the consequences of implementing the DRAMM should be that the function of IDAT can be reviewed to allow this valuable resource to be directed towards early intervention and prevention. They will also continue to provide a crucial link between safeguarding for adults and children in the MASH.
- Whilst any partners are more than welcome to link in remotely to the daily meetings, it is appreciated that not everyone will be able to resource this so, for a trial period, the process will be tested with the key contacts below:
 - ❖ MASH (IDAT for adults and children and agencies currently working within the MASH, including Health)
 - ❖ MARAC Co-ordinator
 - ❖ Police
 - ❖ Pennine Domestic Violence Group (including IDVAs)



The process will be as follows:

- Every week day the police will triage the domestic incidents and crimes for the previous 24 hour period
- Any involving children (irrespective of whether they are standard, medium or high risk) will be referred through Referral and Response (as is the case now)
- Any domestic crimes that score medium to high on the DASH risk assessment will continue to go through Referral and Response but the information will be sent on a DRAMM information form and also e-mailed to partners by 9.00am
- Partners will interrogate their own systems, update the DRAMM information form and return to the police by 10:00am
- At 10:00am, the DRAMM meeting will take place (via the MASH/Lync/Skype) and, following risk management discussions, actions will be set. This may be where further consultation or information is required the relevant agency will then be approached if they have not been present during the DRAMM. These actions will be recorded on the DRAMM information forms and held centrally by the police but partners will also be able to record this information on their own systems (such as CareFirst, Contact Manager etc.)
- The cases will be reviewed every week to ensure that actions have been completed

Pennine Domestic Violence Group

The local largest third sector provider, Pennine Domestic Violence Group (PDVG) have recently redesigned their services into a 'Live Safe' Hub which consists of 5 community based outreach services to provide targeted, focused support, advice, safety planning and crisis intervention to victims and families of domestic abuse. The Hub based approach offers a full triage and needs assessment and allows individuals to move between services if the level of risk increases or decreases:

- 24 hour helpline
- 2 x Refuges in the south of the district – Huddersfield Women's Aid (8 units across 2 sites) and a BME refuge, KABWWA (10 units).
- 5 x IDVAs who in addition to providing a generic IDVA service, also provide targeted support working specifically with under 25 year olds; people

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experiencing drug & alcohol problems, mental health issues, LGBT/BME communities, those attending A & E and providing guidance through the criminal justice system. This is a 2 year commissioned service provided through the pooling of resources from the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership

- Sanctuary Scheme (target hardening, tailored support and safety planning for medium to high risk cases)
- Staying Safe programme (up to 12 weeks of support with safety planning and exit strategy built in designed for low to medium risk cases). There is also a specific programme for males
- Short term welfare calls and legal support
- Volunteer and peer mentoring
- Supporting victims whose partners are undertaking the perpetrator programme so that the process is risk managed continuously
- Freedom Programme (for women who don't have children)
- Assisting those who have no recourse to public funding
- Working closely with statutory agencies (such as Children's Social Care) to undertake joint visits or assist at Child in Need or Child Protection Conferences

Connect Housing

North Kirklees Women's Refuge (Connect Housing) 10 units.

Freedom Programmes

For women with children:

An 11 week programme delivered by the Early Intervention and Targeted Support Service, Parenting Programme Team. Courses run at a range of venues across Kirklees and can accommodate up to 20 people. It is an evidence based programme for victims of domestic abuse and enables them to learn more about the reality of domestic abuse; to recognise the tactics used by abusive men and also to understand the beliefs held by them in doing so recognise which of these beliefs they have shared, to illustrate the effects of domestic violence on children and to assist women to recognise potential future abusers.

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For women without children:

Pennine Domestic Violence Group now deliver the same course as above as it was identified that those with children and those without children can often experience different issues which can make a mixed group more difficult and less effective for participants.

Step Up Programme

In 2014 the Stronger Families identified a significant number of households affected by teen violence or abuse towards parents. In response to this the programme team researched evidence based programme suitable to tackle this and chose the Step-Up Programme and adapted for use in the UK. The programme aims to help young people to stop the use of violent and abusive behaviours and teaches nonviolent, respectful ways of communicating and resolving conflict with family members. Delivered by trained and supported key workers as part of their case work with families, the programme contains 21 parent and young person sessions. It is a flexible programme where the sessions can be chosen to suit the needs of the young person or parent.

Key workers from Youth offending service, targeted youth service, family support and Attendance and pupil support service delivered the programme with families on their own caseloads as well as offering this as an additional intervention to complement social work support.

Perpetrator Programmes

Change, Grow, Live (Standard to Medium Risk):

Perpetrator programme run by Change, Grow, Live commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner and flexible in its approach to undertaking both group work and 1:1 support. The police also refer individuals to this programme as part of a conditional caution. Support and risk management of victims is provided by Pennine Domestic Violence Group and in some cases, the Women's Centre

Yorkshire Children's Centre (Medium to High Risk)

Perpetrator programme run by the Yorkshire Children's Centre funded by the Big Lottery. Group sessions and also deals with Cafcass referrals. Perpetrators can be referred between the two programmes if risk increases/decreases. Support and risk management of victims is provided by Pennine Domestic Violence Group and in some cases, the Women's Centre.

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Kirklees Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (KRASACC)

- 2 x Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVAs) commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner
- Provides a free specialist counselling service
- Provides specialist and confidential advice, information and telephone support to survivors.
- Provides a confidential counselling service within the guidelines of the British Association of Counselling code of ethics.
- Supports choice and empowerment of survivors of sexual violence and domestic violence

Sex Worker Empowerment, Education and Training (SWEET) and SWANS - Locala

Victims who may also be sex workers can be referred to Locala's SWEET project and pregnant victims can be referred to the SWANS project (again run by Locala). Both projects are represented at MARAC and will work jointly with other services.

Women Centre

Provides holistic, one-stop services at centres in Huddersfield, Halifax and in the community

The wide-ranging services include emotional and practical support on issues such as debt, benefits, mental or physical health, domestic violence, counselling and training and development.