

Edinburgh Violence Against Women Partnership - Action Plan 2011- 2012

Early Years and Young People

To sustain and develop an early intervention approach and effective services for children and young people affected by gender based violence

Outcomes:

- As per the SOA and Children & Families Service Plan' children and young people in need of support are provided with the service provision they require immediately
- Children and young people affected by gender-based violence are safer and better protected
- Services for children and young people affected by gender based violence are relevant, available and effective
- Children and young people have a better understanding of healthy relationships and how to keep safe

Action/Process	Output	Outcome	Partners	Timescale	Progress/ Success Measures
Develop a multi-agency pathway for children and young people based on results from the National GIRFEC pathfinder	Good practice guidelines and pathways document incorporating assessment, support and engagement	Services for children and young people affected by gender-based violence are relevant, available and effective Children and young people affected by gender-based violence are safer and better protected	CEC (Health and Social Care, Children and Families, Services for Communities, Corporate Services), NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police, Women's Aid, Shakti, GIRFEC Implementation Team, CYPSP	March 2012	Feedback from children & young people with regards to the service provided.
Identify the service availability and needs of children and young people affected by gender based violence throughout Edinburgh	Mapping of services and funding streams for children and young people affected by gender based violence with the purpose of informing the pathway partners	Services for children and young people affected by gender based violence are relevant, available and effective As per the SOA and Children & Families Service Plan' children and young people in	CEC (Health and Social Care, Children and Families, Services for Communities, Corporate Services), NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police, Women's Aid, Shakti, GIRFEC Implementation Team, CYPSP	March 2012	Feedback from children & young people with regards to the service provided.

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Carry out an analytical review of violence against women across Edinburgh and implications for children and young people.	Problem profile to inform the targeting of service provision across Edinburgh.	Services for children and young people affected by gender based violence are relevant, available and effective As per the SOA and Children & Families Service Plan' Children and Young People in need of support are provided with the service provision they require immediately	Lothian & Borders Police CEC (Health and Social Care, Children and Families, Services for Communities, Corporate Services), NHS Lothian	From April 2011	A reduction in repeat victims of gender based violence from a child and young person perspective through an analytical review.
Audit use of 'Respect' pack in schools Work in partnership with colleagues to introduce 'Respect' module in schools Carry out research into what gender based violence inputs there are in schools	Map of schools using 'Respect' pack 'Respect' pack is used in schools Map of work undertaken in schools re gender based violence	Children and young people have a better understanding of healthy relationships and how to keep safe	Zero Tolerance/Publicity and Awareness Sub Group, Early Years and Young People Sub Group	May 2012	Number of schools consulted Number of schools using 'Respect' pack Number of teachers trained in using 'Respect' pack Number of young people receiving inputs about gender based violence Feedback from children and young people

Domestic Abuse

To develop a co-ordinated and consistent response to those experiencing domestic abuse and to the perpetrators of domestic abuse

Outcomes:

- Women and children are safer as a result of a coordinated and consistent response to domestic abuse
- Men are more accountable for their behaviour and less likely to re offend against women
- Improved provision of secondary prevention work with men
- A co-ordinated approach across agencies to provide effective support

Action/Process	Output	Outcome	Partners	Timescale	Progress/ Success Measures
VAW Partnership to act as a stakeholders group for the implementation of the Caledonian system within Edinburgh for both Court and non mandated services.	Caledonian system implemented within Edinburgh	<p>Women and children are safer as a result of a coordinated and consistent response to domestic abuse</p> <p>Men are more accountable for their behaviour and less likely to re offend against women</p> <p>Improved provision of secondary prevention work with men</p>	CEC (Health and Social Care, Children and Families, Services for Communities, Corporate Services); NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police, Women's Aid, Shakti, Sheriff and Procurators Fiscal	<p>From June 2011</p> <p>Quarterly</p> <p>31 December 2011</p>	<p>Implementation plan</p> <p>Quarterly reports provided by Caledonian Edinburgh and Working with Men</p> <p>Evaluation by Scottish Government</p>
Audit existing domestic abuse policy and standards to identify needs and gaps and develop action plan.	A comprehensive and co-ordinated framework of policy and standards is in place within key strategic partners Action plan implemented.	<p>Women and children are safer as a result of a co-ordinated and consistent response to domestic abuse</p> <p>Men are more accountable for their behaviour and less likely to re offend against women</p>	NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police and City of Edinburgh Council	May 2012	Audit and Action plan provided for VAW Partnership

Establish a VAW sub group to consider options for service development regarding referral to advocacy services for victims of domestic abuse and the multi-agency sharing of information for risk management	Proposal for service delivery, including consideration of pilot of advocacy and multi-agency sharing of information for risk management	Women and children are safer as a result of a coordinated and consistent response to domestic abuse Men are more accountable for their behaviour and less likely to re offend against women	CEC (Health and Social Care, Children and Families, Services for Communities, Corporate Services); NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police, Women's Aid, Shakti, Sheriff and Procurators Fiscal, Witness Service, Victim Information and Advice service	Nov 2011	Proposal submitted to VAW partnership
Promote home safety for women affected by domestic abuse as part of a range of housing options.	Briefing sessions to partners on housing options particularly in relation to homelessness prevention.	A co-ordinated approach across agencies to enable access to effective support.	Services for Communities (CEC)	Sept 2011	Number of staff who have attended briefings or received information on housing options, housing safety options. Number of referrals for housing safety options Number of safety packages given
Establish data sharing between partners	Data sets shared amongst partners	Women and children are safer as a result of a co-ordinated and consistent response to domestic abuse	All partners	Sept 2011	Range of data sets shared
Identify and provide appropriate responses to repeat victims of domestic abuse and repeat perpetrators	Police anti violence campaign Caledonian system Development of advocacy services for women	Women and children are safer as a result of a co-ordinated and consistent response to domestic abuse Men are more accountable for their behaviour and less likely to offend against women	Lothian & Borders Police	April 2012	Number/percentage of incidents involving repeat victims and perpetrators.

Publicity and Awareness (including training and education)

To promote awareness and understanding of violence against women throughout Edinburgh

Outcomes:

- A joint approach to raising awareness
- Public awareness of VAW issues and how to access support and information for those affected by VAW has increased
- Increased confidence and competency of staff in dealing with issues around violence against women.
- Improved engagement and sharing of information with community planning partners and other stakeholders

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Develop public information on VAW	Production of an annual publicity and awareness communication plan for VAWP	A joint approach to raising awareness of VAW	CEC, NHS, L & B Police Comms Officers & Policy Officer Community Protection (CEC)	Sept 2011	Number of articles in internal and external publications
Revise the action plan	Revised VAWP action plan		All Partners	May 2011	
	Production of quarterly VAWP Newsletter		Community Protection Policy Officer (CEC)	Quarterly	
	Information on websites and other VAW publicity materials		CEC, NHS, L & B Police Comms Officers & Policy Officer Community Protection (CEC)	May 2012	Number of hits on VAW sections of websites
Involve local multi-agency VAW networks in planning of women focussed events seminars and open days	Programme of Events for 16 Days of Action International Women's Day activities.	Public awareness of VAW issues and how to access support and information for those affected by VAW has increased	Training and Awareness Sub Group	May 2012	Levels of participation and feedback from events from the public Number of articles in press
Work with partners to plan and develop VAW roadshow	Roadshow taken around schools and communities promoting awareness about VAW	Children and young people have a better understanding of healthy relationships and how to keep safe	Multi agency	May 2012	Number of schools/Neighbourhood Partnerships hosting a VAW event.
Use of 'Respect' pack in schools (see under Early Years & Young People)					

<p>Set up Multi Agency Sub Group to establish VAW training needs and map training provision across Edinburgh.</p> <p>Hold event with workforce development leaders on how to take forward VAW training.</p> <p>Improve accessibility of VAW resources and good practice to practitioners</p>	<p>Audit of training needs completed.</p> <p>Workforce development plan for VAW awareness training produced.</p> <p>VAW workshops delivered.</p> <p>E-learning module on GBV available to partners</p>	<p>Increased confidence and competency of staff in dealing with issues around violence against women.</p>	<p>CEC, Police, NHS, EVOC, EWRASAC, ZT, Publicity & Awareness Sub Group</p>	<p>From May 2011</p>	<p>Number of training programmes developed and delivered</p> <p>Evaluation of training programmes.</p> <p>Feedback from staff</p>
<p>Build knowledge and awareness of prevalence and impacts of sexual violence and commercial sexual exploitation through series of training events/ seminars</p>	<p>Series of training and seminars on sexual violence and commercial sexual exploitation</p>	<p>Women and children in Edinburgh affected by sexual violence and abuse have access to effective support.</p>	<p>EWRASAC/ZT/ Publicity & Awareness Sub Group</p>	<p>From May 2011</p>	<p>Number of training events held</p> <p>Attendance figures</p> <p>Evaluation feedback</p>
<p>Work with partners to share good practice and promote the VAWP</p> <p>Widen the membership of the VAWP's practitioners' network.</p>	<p>Workshops/presentations on work of the VAWP</p> <p>Membership drive</p>	<p>Improved engagement and sharing of information with community planning partners and other stakeholders</p>	<p>VAWP Membership</p> <p>Community Protection Policy Officer (CEC)</p>	<p>May 2012</p>	<p>Number of events held</p> <p>Feedback from stakeholders</p> <p>Number of new members added to the VAWP practitioners' network</p>
<p>Support national and local VAW campaigns</p>	<p>Local responses to National Campaigns</p> <p>Launch White Ribbon Campaign</p>	<p>A joint approach to raising awareness of VAW.</p>	<p>Zero Tolerance EWRASAC, Publicity & Awareness Sub Group</p>	<p>May 2012</p>	<p>Number of campaigns successfully delivered by or with VAWP support</p> <p>Use of social media to monitor impact of campaign</p> <p>Evaluation feedback</p> <p>Number of people in Edinburgh who have signed the white ribbon pledge</p>

Promote and develop remote reporting sites	Information on websites and other VAW publicity materials	Improved access to support services	Publicity & Awareness Sub Group	May 2012	Number of incidents reported through remote reporting sites
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Sexual Violence and Exploitation

To sustain and develop effective services for women and children affected by sexual violence and exploitation

Outcomes:

- Women and children in Edinburgh affected by sexual violence and abuse have access to effective support.
- Women involved in prostitution or who have been affected by other forms of CSE have a greater understanding of and access to a range of services.
- Women and children affected by sexual violence and/or exploitation are safer and better protected.

Action/Process	Output	Outcome	Partners	Timescale	Progress/ Success Measures
Sustain specialist services provided by EWRASAC, Edinburgh Women's Aid and Shakti Women's Aid for woman affected by sexual violence and abuse	Practical and emotional support, counselling, advocacy and information	Women and children in Edinburgh affected by sexual violence and abuse have access to effective support.	EVAWP	March 2012	CEC seek to continue to fund these services at same level Number of referrals received by these agencies Feedback from service users
Consult with Street Sex Workers Practitioners Forum and other key agencies to map existing service provision for women involved in street and indoor prostitution and others forms of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE)	Map of existing services working with women involved in street and indoor prostitution and other forms of CSE	A holistic approach to service commissioning and development	Scot-Pep/EWRASAC, Lothian & Borders Police, Sexual Violence and Exploitation Working Group	Dec 2011	Number of agencies consulted with Production of mapping report
Identify resources for, develop and distribute information leaflet/ pack outlining available support services	Information pack for women involved in prostitution and forms of CSE.	Women involved in prostitution or who have been affected by other forms of CSE have a greater understanding of and		May 2012	Number of leaflets distributed Number of agencies leaflets distributed to

		access to a range of services.			
Implement the ACPOS/Rape Crisis Scotland national protocol for referral of rape and sexual offences to local rape crisis service	National referral protocol implemented in Edinburgh	Women and children in Edinburgh affected by sexual violence and abuse have access to effective support.	Lothian & Borders Police	From May 2011	Number of referrals made by Lothian & Borders Police to Rape Crisis Scotland National Helpline Number of referrals received by EWRASAC via Rape Crisis Scotland from Lothian & Borders Police Feedback from services and service users
Support the roll out of routine enquiry for gender-based violence.	Training delivered to priority health settings/ teams in Edinburgh	Women and children in Edinburgh affected by sexual violence and abuse have access to effective support.	NHS/ EWRASAC	May 2012	Numbers of trainings delivered to how many NHS staff Numbers of disclosures made to NHS staff Feedback from services and service users
Investigate the feasibility of developing a new Ugly Mugs alert system to reduce harm and violence experienced by women working in prostitution.	Ugly Mugs scheme implemented	Women and children affected by sexual violence and/ or exploitation are safer and better protected.	Scot-Pep/ Lothian and Borders Police	May 2012	Numbers of reports by women to Ugly Mugs Scheme
Map existing range of services in place from advocacy to intervention for sexual offences	Map of existing services working with registered sex offenders	Women and children in Edinburgh are protected from sexual violence and exploitation	Criminal Justice/ Offender management Unit	May 2012	Number of services consulted with Production of mapping report
Set up a working group to establish an agreed understanding and definition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and activities relating to CSE	Working group established. Production of options paper for consideration by EVAWP.	Women and children in Edinburgh are protected from sexual violence and exploitation	EWRASAC and Zero Tolerance	May 2012	Production of options paper for consideration by EVAWP.

