



Gloucestershire DASV Briefing Sheet

Welcome to the first edition of the Glos DASV Briefing Sheet...

...it has been produced to be circulated amongst all those engaged in addressing the issues of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire.

It will be distributed following each 'Multi Agency Group' mtg (see below). It is intended that stakeholders will contribute to the briefing sheet so that information is shared across Gloucestershire.

Please forward any information for the Information Hub in no more than 150 words to Tina Hemingway (Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk) before Friday 22nd January 2015 to be included in the next edition.

Inaugural Multi Agency Group 'MAG' meeting held -Tuesday 29th Sept 2015

Following the adoption of the Gloucestershire DASV Commissioning Strategy and Outcomes Framework a Governance Review was undertaken to drive the strategy forward.

This work resulted in a DASV Commissioning Group and a Multi Agency Group, 'MAG' being established.

Colleagues invited to the 'MAG' have been to attend and represent a part of the system for dealing with DASV as opposed to their individual organisations e.g. Strategic housing, community safety or a locality by way of the forum etc... (See box for details)

The group were reminded how the DASV Commissioning Strategy and Outcomes Framework had been coproduced by the partnership and governance structures agreed. It was highlighted that the **Sexual Health Partnership Strategy Group** will lead on the SV specific activities and then link into the MAG. Much work had been done to date and this inaugural meeting of the MAG was to focus on 'getting into action' to deliver to the Strategic Objectives.... And into action we went.....

The group were tasked with identifying current activity, and potential future work, that relates to Strategic Objective 1 or 2. The items captured were then grouped under theme headings. The second exercise was for

each individual to prioritise which theme they felt would have the most impact and which were the most 'deliverable'.

The following were highlighted as priorities for the MAG:

1. Young People
2. Awareness Raising
3. Information Sharing
4. Training
5. Community Capacity Building

A small group of volunteers agreed to meet to discuss these priorities and flipchart notes, to create projects/activities prior to the next meeting.

The Terms of Reference were then considered and it was agreed that the MAG would meet quarterly. Discussion was had about the name of the group and how it should reflect the system coordination of the county response. It was also noted that the MAG and DASV Commissioning Group should also have some oversight of the lessons from the DHRs countywide.

Attendees were reminded of the wider networks they were linked into so that we could better co-ordinate the wealth of activity underway and support it further. This briefing sheet was considered to be an important resource that people should both contribute to, and disseminate amongst, their networks.

Attendance: Chair- Rachel North (DASV Commissioning Group- District rep); Kathryn Rees (GCC- Commissioner); Faye Kamara (DASV Coordinator); DCI Mark Chicken (Police); Pat Dabbs (Community Safety lead & Glos DASV Forum Lead); Teresa Hall (Early help lead); Heather Tucker (Chelt DASV Forum lead); Di Martin (Forest DASV Forum lead); Laura Stephen (Strategic Housing); Jeanette Waldman (Mental Health); Jeannette Welsh (Hospitals Trust); Carol Oram (Glos Care Services); Alison Croft (GSCB); Helen Godfrey (Adults safeguarding); Sally Morrissey (Commissioned Provider- GDASS); Karen Pitney (Sexual Health Strategy Group- SV link); Rachael Scott (CPS); Tracy Brown (Community response initiatives); Sally Unwin (Maternity); Tina Hemingway (Commissioning); Julie Goodson (drug and alcohol misuse)

Apologies: Jane Bee (Education); Mike Hammond (Stroud and Cotswolds Forum lead); Vicki Butler (Children Social Care); Julie McCarthy (Workforce development); Gillian Parry (Sexual Violence); Elaine Dainty (Health)

Information HUB

Recent and upcoming events

County: GRASAC organised a 'Reclaim the Night' March to raise awareness of Violence Against Women and Girls.

The walk took place on 25th November, and started at Merrywalks Centre, Stroud

County: 'Can you put yourself into a victim's shoes?' is this year's theme for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week (Monday 23rd- Friday 27th November 2015).

Visit <http://www.glostakeastand.com/dasv/> for details of the events held.

WATCH THIS SPACE - County: Public Health in Gloucestershire County Council will soon be launching a new website called **Respect Yourself** website. The website has been written by colleagues in Warwickshire Public Health Team and University of Coventry in consultation with under 25's. The website covers the full range of sexual health/safety issues

WINTER 2015



Local: Gloucester has undertaken a number of initiatives recently including;

"If your relationship, or your family life has become abusive, there are people who want to help you" booklet including information about DASV services in Gloucester, which was recommended by David Warren as best practice at a DHR elsewhere.

"Paws on Patrol" key rings which has the GDASS helpline number embedded in the bar code. Paws on Patrol is a project which is successful and well known in Gloucester and therefore would hopefully not alert the attention of a perpetrator if they found it in their partner's possession.

Stickers to go on the inside of toilet cubicles doors in various places across the city (pubs, clubs, libraries, museums, offices etc.) with the GDASS helpline number on it so the number can be taken down in private.

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board Roadshows-

'Working Together to Safeguard Children- The Child's Experience'. This year's workshops cover- Early Help, Child Protection and Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing

District	Dates and times	Venue
Gloucester	Wednesday 4th November 18:00 - 21:00	Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TH
Gloucester	Monday 9th November 12:45 - 16:30	Gloucester Farmers Club, Grenville Close, Sandhurst Lane, GL2 9RG
Stroud	Tuesday 17th November 09:15-13:00	Forest Green Rovers, The New Lawn, Another Way, Nailsworth, GL6 0FG
Forest of Dean	Thursday 19th November 12:45 - 16:30	The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford, GL16 8RH
Cotswold	Monday 30th November 09:15 - 13:00	The Corinium Stadium, Kingshill Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1HS
Cheltenham	Thursday 3rd December 12:45 - 16:30	The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN
Tewkesbury	Monday 7 th December 09:15 - 13:00	Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Hall, Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5RZ