



Gloucestershire DASV Briefing Sheet

Summer 2016

Third edition of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Briefing Sheet... this briefing sheet is produced with the support of the DASV Implementation Group (IG). Please circulate amongst all those engaged in addressing the issues of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire.

DASV Implementation Group (IG) Work in Progress:

District Mapping – District Forums have been tasked to define areas of high need and high volume in relation to DASV and to map this against available provision in their areas.

DASH Changes & Police Training – The police force has adopted its ‘opt out’ rather than ‘opt in’ question on the DASH in relation to referral to GDASS, the County’s commissioned DA support service. Police DASH are shared with GDASS in a timely fashion to alleviate any delay in contact with the victim. This process has been operating since June this year.

DASV Communications Strategy– A communications strategy has been developed to establish the key messages to be communicated by those members signed up to the DASV strategy to raise awareness of DASV within the county. Awareness raising activities have been planned for the year. If any agency has anything additional they wish to add, please contact Sophie Jarrett.

Perpetrator Programme – Work is being completed to review the current voluntary perpetrator programme in Gloucestershire and consider national research in relation to work with perpetrators to inform the short and longer term commissioning approach required to successfully implement the DASV Strategy.

A summary report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress with the DASV Strategy and Outcomes Framework 2014-18 is available at the following link:

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s32039/DASV%20Update%20HWBB%20July%202016.pdf>

What's next for the DASV IG?

DASV Pathway Mapping

Thank you to everyone that responded to the DASV Service Mapping Survey on UEngage. The responses have now been evaluated and a full report and executive summary report were presented to DASV Commissioning Group for approval. The results are now being used to inform the Pathway Mapping activity. The development of a set of pathways for DASV will require specialist knowledge from each area of delivery so some targeted working groups will be developed to gather information and then a broader working group will be formed to test the pathways. This will include mapping specific support to teenagers. If you are interested in being involved please contact: Sandra.Walker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Concordat & Policy Development

An Initial scoping meeting is being held on 3rd August to discuss the remit of the Concordat and any policy development required. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact:

Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Training Mapping

A working group has been established to map the current range of DASV training available across the county. This work will lead onto the development of training pathways and a Countywide DASV training statement to be included in the DASV Concordat.

National: Women’s aid launched the ‘Ask Me’ pilot on 15th June in 3 areas across the UK. Aims to create safe spaces in local businesses, where ‘ask me’ ambassadors will support early identification of DA and sign posting. For info:

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/new-pilot-launches-help-support-women-suffering-domestic-abuse/>

Information HUB



Recent and upcoming events

European Football Social Media Campaign: A social media campaign was run during the European Football Finals to raise awareness of DASV and encourage victims to report. The campaign reached 133,057 users of Facebook and Twitter and resulted in 1468 hits on the website for those seeking information about available support.

Sexual Violence Partnership Board: Work is currently underway around the formation of a Sexual Violence Partnership Board which would replace the current SARC Board, bringing together commissioners and providers working to support victims and survivors of sexual violence. A representative from this new group will be a member of the DASV IG.

SV Needs Assessment: A needs assessment exercise is being planned to look at the availability and need for therapeutic intervention for victims of sexual violence. Information from the recent 'survey monkey' completed by 13 organisations who provide emotional and counselling support to sexual violence victims in Gloucestershire will be used to inform the assessment.

Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (GRASAC) has produced three new guides, a self-help guide for survivors of rape and sexual abuse, also available in easy read format, and a guide for families and friends supporting someone who has been affected by sexual violence. The guides are available at <http://www.glostakeastand.com/types-of-abuse/rape-and-sexual-assault/>

Rape Crisis London have launched a film campaign **#BreaktheSilence:** a series of films for young survivors aimed at explaining the police, the court system and the ISVA support available from Rape Crisis.
<http://rapecrisis.org.uk/breakthesilence-film-campaign>

The next meeting of the DASV IG will be on **Friday 4th November 2016**, 9.30 – 12.00, at GLIC (Gloucester Language Immersion Centre, 4-6 Commercial Rd, Glos). There is a set membership for this group, if you would like to raise any issues please contact your identified representative or Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Young Persons DASH

Following the SCR 'Lucy' (Published 12/07/2016) a review of the referral pathway for younger victims is underway. This will include guidance to professionals on utilising the YP DASH. Any queries or interest to be involved please contact Alison Croft or Sophie Jarrett.

MARAC Review

A review of the MARAC process is underway and a survey has been circulated to all panel members to gain feedback on how they feel the process is currently working, and what could be improved. SafeLives have attended to observe the MARAC and formal feedback will be provided. The MARAC steering group will be re-convened to discuss the MARAC review in detail and look towards any future changes to the process.

16 days of action

The countywide plans for the 16 days of action, running from 25th November-10th December will focus on the theme of Coercive Control. It is hoped that an awareness raising poster campaign will be run to raise awareness amongst the public, and a conference will be held for professionals in conjunction with the PCC and the Hollie Gazzard Trust. For more information contact Sophie Jarrett: Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

WATCH THIS SPACE: As part of the 16 days of action in November /December, Gloucester will be hosting a lecture by Jane Monckton-Smith called "Are you afraid of someone?" focusing on coercive control and stalking. The event will be held at the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, Glos, on 29/11/16. Full details will be confirmed in the autumn. It will be free to attend and places will need to be booked.

...An update on the Gloucester Pods will be provided in the DASV Autumn Briefing Sheet.

Please forward any information to be included in the next edition of the DASV Briefing Sheet (no more than 150 words) to: Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk information to be received by **Monday 17th Oct 2016**.