



Report by Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)

Management Group : 19 November 2020

Subject: Domestic Abuse Summit Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on the system wide work to address domestic abuse in West Dunbartonshire specifically in relation to the time limited work associated with the Domestic Abuse Summit.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 CPWD is asked to note:

That the work in relation to the Domestic Abuse Summit has been absorbed into mainstream service provision, and;

That future reporting will be in line with the governance arrangements in place for the Violence Against Women and Girls Group.

3. Background

- 3.1 In February 2020 the Community Planning Board received an update on the outcomes of the Domestic Abuse Summit including feedback on the No Home for Domestic Abuse: Breaking the Silence Community Conference.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1 In the intervening period the outcomes of this work have been mainstreamed with the successful No Home for Domestic Abuse now core business as part of the Housing and Employability service.
- 4.2 A strategic Violence Against Women and Girls group (VAWG) has been established under the leadership of Annie Ritchie (West Dunbartonshire HSCP) and DCI Grant Macleod (Police Scotland). This group will continue to develop and implement a long term strategy for West Dunbartonshire VAWG

strategy ensuring it is both founded on Equally Safe national strategy and responsive to local needs.

- 4.3 Work is required to clarify reporting in relation to the Community Planning Partnership and the Public Protection Chief Officer Group. The resulting partnership structure will be implemented to ensure strategic and operational requirements are met within an appropriate governance framework.

5. People Implications

- 5.1 There are no people implications arising as a result of the recommendation within this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising as a result of the recommendation within this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 There are no specific risks identified as a result of the recommendations within this paper. It is worthy of note that there has been an increase in demand for services linked to this agenda during the COVID19 period. A breakdown in partnership working would result in increased costs and a negative impact on those affected by domestic abuse. This has been mitigated against by the development and implementation of a Local Recovery Action Plan based on Equally Safe national guidance for COVID19. This plan focuses on short, medium and long term planning for recovery aligned to the Scottish Government route map out of lockdown. The Violence Against Women and Girls group are now progressing through medium and long term actions.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1 There is no requirement for an EIA as the recommendation within this report does not impact on those with protected characteristics.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 There are no consultation requirements arising as a result of the recommendation within this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1 There are no requirements for a strategic assessment to be undertaken.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All Ward