

Safe and Healthy People Select Committee – 14th March 2014

Domestic abuse services

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What are we trying to achieve?

To refresh and develop existing practices to ensure they are sustainable, innovative and remove barriers towards improved outcomes for individuals and families.

- Establish a joint strategy and investment between partners
- Simplify and modernise the commissioning structure
- Invest in community based services to meet identified demand
- Increase support for medium-high risk cases
- Provision of crisis accommodation and housing services
- Develop integrated services where possible
- Ensure robust referral, monitoring and information exchange

Current provision

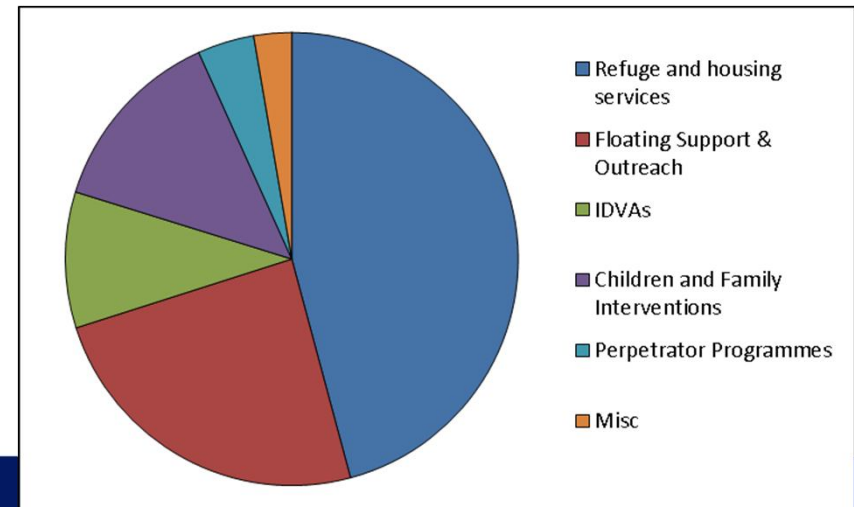
- 9 x contracts for 11 x refuges providing up to 92 family units
- 8 x floating support services for 260 victim / family places
- 1 x Sanctuary scheme; 14+ supported per year
- 4.5 Independent Domestic Violence Advisers supporting 440 clients annually
- 35 x children and family interventions
- 72 x perpetrator interventions, plus 'women's safety services'

Partner	Funding 2013-14
Adult services	£1,361,000
Children's Services	£191,500
B&DBC	£49,000
OPCC	£160,000
Home Office	£20,000
Total	£1,821,500

Effectiveness of current approach?

- Refuges accommodate up to 500 adults and 600 children each year
- Refuges maintain 95% utilisation but 50% stay up to 8 month
- 60% of children in refuges are 0-5 years old
- 900 adults and 1200 children receive Floating Support each year
- MARAC 'case conference' around 1450 annually
- 440 high risk cases supported through IDVA
- 65% improvement in assessed risk

How could we remodel by being more flexible with that distribution?



Plans for development

- Services to be commissioned in clusters
 - a) B&DBC, Hart, Rushmoor
 - b) Test Valley, Eastleigh, New Forest
 - c) Winchester, East Hants, Havant, Fareham, Gosport
- Minimum expectations within each area
- Focus on community based delivery as key work
- Refuges to be 'crisis' accommodation
- Develop housing 'toolkit'
- Improve referral pathways and risk assessment
- Develop relationship with HCC Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub to improve monitoring and information exchange



Future challenges and opportunities

- Sustaining the model long term
 - Meeting our responsibilities against changing financial landscape
- Commissioning with Health, OPCC and partners
 - Making best use of joint resources
- Meeting increased demand through service improvements
- Adapting to developments in policy and process; national and local
- Identifying funding for a Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme
 - Meeting needs for identified gap in provision