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Agenda

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK & FINISH GROUP

Date: Wednesday 7 December 2011

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 MINUTES To Follow

The minutes of the meeting of the 21 November, to be confirmed

4 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE 1.15pm 1 - 10

Purpose – The Chairman of the Task and Finish Group will present the evidence programme for the review, including an outline of written evidence to be invited. Members will be requested to provide any comments by email due to the limited time available for discussion in the meeting.

Contributors

Lesley Clarke, Chairman of the Task and Finish Group Madeleine Thorpe, Policy Officer

Papers

- Evidence Programme summary paper
- Domestic Violence acronyms list
- Summary of Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004
- Statutory duties of partners on Domestic Violence to follow
- Comparative reporting figures for Buckinghamshire and rest of Thames Valley – to follow
- Women's Aid Refuge and Outreach information to follow
- Summary of Domestic Violence support for men in Buckinghamshire – to follow





5 POLICING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1.30pm

Purpose – This item is for members to explore Thames Valley Police's recording arrangements for incidents of Domestic Violence. The contributor will address the following questions, and then members will have the opportunity to ask any supplementary questions.

- How does TVP record incidents of domestic violence?
 - Are incidents correctly categorised?
 - o How well are repeat incidents captured?
 - o Recording of age / gender / ethnicity.
- Are there specific protocols/guidelines for frontline officers to follow when responding to incidents of domestic violence, and what do they cover?
 - o How does TVP ensure these guidelines are met?

Contributors

Chris Innes, Chief Inspector, Thames Valley Police

Papers - none

6 COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC 2.15pm 11 - 16 VIOLENCE

Purpose – Members will receive an explanation of current commissioning arrangements for Domestic Violence services in the county, and a summary of options to improve them. This will include funding detail.

Contributors

Susie Yapp, Safer Bucks Partnership Manager Lynda Ayres, Children and Young People's Commissioner

Papers – Proposal for Domestic Violence Commissioning in Partnership in Buckinghamshire

7 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 January 2011, 2pm, Mezzanine 1, County Hall, Aylesbury

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