

Report to Domestic Violence Task and Finish Group

Comparative reporting figures for Buckinghamshire and the rest of Thames Valley and data on Domestic Violence refuge and outreach provision in Buckinghamshire

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Background

Section A of this paper sets out numbers of incidents of Domestic Violence reported to Thames Valley police in the Local Police Areas within the counties of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The figures cover the last three years (2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11) and show breakdowns by ethnicity, gender and age of victim. (Section A)

Section B of the paper includes information relating to refuge and outreach services provided by Women's Aid in Buckinghamshire.

Summary of findings across the data:

Age

- There is a correlation in the Police data and the Women's Aid data suggesting that Domestic Violence is concentrated in the 21-30, 31-40, and 41-50 age brackets.
- The Police data and refuge data show that the highest numbers are in the 21-30 age bracket.
- The highest number for outreach users is for the 31-40 bracket.

Ethnicity

- The proportion of incidents recorded by the Police in Asian ethnic groups is lower than in most Women's Aid services.
- The proportion of incidents recorded by the Police in White ethnic groups is greater than the proportions seen in all Women's Aid services.
- The proportion of incidents in Asian ethnic groups recorded by the Police has increased in Buckinghamshire over the last three years, but only by a small margin (from 8.7% in 2008/09 to 9.3% in 2010/11)

Gender

- The proportion of incidents recorded by the Police affecting male victims is significantly higher than the proportion of men using the IDVA service (which is for high risk victims of domestic violence).

Section A: Comparative reporting figures for Bucks and the rest of Thames Valley

Notes:

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Buckinghamshire includes the Local Police Areas of: Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Buckinghamshire, Wycombe

Berkshire includes the Local Police Areas of: Bracknell Forest, Reading, Slough, West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham

Oxfordshire includes the Local Police Areas of: Cherwell, Oxford, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, West Oxfordshire

Ethnicity

- 'Asian' includes: Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi, Indian, Pakistani, Any other Asian background
- 'Black' includes: Black or Black British – African, Caribbean, Any other Black background
- 'Mixed' includes: White and Asian, White and Black African, White and Black Caribbean, Any other mixed background
- 'White' includes: White British, White Irish, Any other White background
- 'Other' includes: Chinese, Any other ethnic group

2010/11

	Number of incidents	Ethnicity (%)						Age of victim (%)					Gender of victim (%)	
		Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other	Not known	<21	21-30	31-40	41-50	51+	F	M
Buckinghamshire	6,044	9.3	4.6	2.9	80.5	0.5	2.1	8.3	29.7	25.1	23.6	13.2	76.6	23.2
Berkshire	12,578	13.2	5.1	2.6	76.0	0.6	2.5	9.4	32.3	26.2	20.3	11.7	76.6	23.1
Oxfordshire	8,092	4.4	3.8	2.0	86.6	0.5	2.7	9.9	33.5	26.0	20.5	10.1	78.9	21.0

2009/10

	Number of incidents	Ethnicity (%)						Age of victim (%)					Gender of victim (%)	
		Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other	Not known	<21	21-30	31-40	41-50	51+	F	M
Buckinghamshire	5,814	9.1	4.8	2.8	81.1	0.5	1.7	9.5	30.7	26.5	21.7	11.6	76.1	23.9
Berkshire	11,971	12.1	5.4	3.1	76.5	0.7	2.1	9.2	33.5	25.9	20.4	10.9	76.8	23.2
Oxfordshire	7,748	4.7	3.2	2.2	86.5	1.0	2.3	10.4	32.8	25.8	20.1	11.0	77.3	22.6

2008/09

	Number of incidents	Ethnicity (%)						Age of victim (%)					Gender of victim (%)	
		Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other	Not known	<21	21-30	31-40	41-50	51+	F	M
Buckinghamshire	4,932	8.7	4.2	1.8	82.9	0.4	2.0	8.8	29.6	27.6	22.3	11.7	77.8	22.3
Berkshire	10,912	12.3	5.2	2.8	77.3	0.7	1.7	9.9	33.9	25.8	19.5	10.9	77.3	22.5
Oxfordshire	6,968	3.7	3.5	2.1	86.5	0.7	3.5	11.3	32.0	26.2	20.3	10.3	78.9	21.0

Section B: Data on Domestic Violence refuge and outreach provision in Buckinghamshire

Capacity of refuge provision

>> Aylesbury Women's Aid –

In 2010/11, 59 women stayed in the refuge, with 73 children.

Aylesbury refuge had a 100% occupancy rate. It has 12 rooms which can accommodate 28 women and children plus babies under 2 in cots at one time.

>> Wycombe Women's Aid -

In 2010/11, 66 women stayed in the refuge, with 81 children.

Wycombe's occupancy rate was 91%. It has 12 units which can accommodate up to 12 women and 20 children plus 9 cots.

Refuge residents in 2010/11

All residents are women or their children. Data below is for the women only. Percentages in tables may not total 100 due to rounding.

>>Age

	% of Aylesbury refuge guests	% of Wycombe refuge guests
<21	8	2
21-30	41	45
31-40	29	39
41-50	15	14
51+	3	-

>> Ethnicity

	% of Aylesbury refuge guests	% of Wycombe refuge guests
Asian (including Asian British, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Asian Other)	17	3
Black (including Black British, Black Caribbean, Black African, Black Other)	15	8
Mixed race (including white & black Caribbean, white & black African, white & Asian, mixed other)	5	12
White (including white British, white Irish and white other)	37	53
Other (including Chinese and other ethnicity)	0	3
Not known	25	21

Anecdotally, Aylesbury Women's Aid report seeing a recent increase in women from African communities needing refuge. Wycombe Women's Aid report seeing an increase in women from Travelling communities accessing refuge.

>> Previous housing tenure

	% of Aylesbury refuge guests	% of Wycombe refuge guests
Social Housing (Housing association tenancy or Council rental)	40	40
Private rental	25	55
Ownership	22	5
Living with relatives	10	-
Homeless hostel	1	-

Outreach, incl. IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate) in 2010/11

Aylesbury users of outreach and IDVA services totalled 259 adults
 Wycombe users of outreach and IDVA services totalled 285 adults

>> Age

	% of Aylesbury outreach users	% of Wycombe outreach users
<21	6	11
21-30	28	14
31-40	34	35
41-50	22	23
51+	7	17
Not known	7	-

>> Ethnicity

	% of Aylesbury outreach users	% of Wycombe outreach users
Asian (including Asian British, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Asian Other)	16	21
Black (including Black British, Black Caribbean, Black African, Black Other)	3	3
Mixed race (including white & black Caribbean, white & black African, white & Asian, mixed other)	2	2
White (including white British, white Irish and white other)	61	45
Other (including Chinese and other ethnicity)	1	3
Not known	16	23

>> Housing tenure

At Wycombe Women's Aid, 30% of outreach service users were in Social Housing, 50% were Privately Renting and 20% were home owners.

Aylesbury Women's Aid estimates that at least 50% of users of outreach services are owners or joint owners of their own property.

>> Gender

	% of Aylesbury IDVA clients	% of Wycombe IDVA clients
Women	98	98
Men	2	2

Reciprocal figures for refuge provision nationally 2010/11

Number of women from the area placed in a refuge outside the area
Through Aylesbury refuge = 30 (plus children)
Through Wycombe refuge = 45 (plus children)

Number of women from outside the refuge area placed within Buckinghamshire
Placed in Aylesbury = 49 (plus children)
Placed in Wycombe = data to follow

Number of women refused refuge due to lack of space (calls from refuges outside the area)
Aylesbury = 169 women (plus children)
Wycombe = 43 women (plus children)