

Domestic and Sexual Abuse commissioning

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Introduction and Context

- **Domestic and Sexual abuse services are being recommissioned with new contracts due to be in place from August 1st 2021**
- **Currently reviewing service provision in Bristol**



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Domestic Violence and Abuse in Bristol

- Estimated that over 17,000 aged between 16 and 59 are likely to experience DVA in the last year: Most will be female (>11,000)
- Estimated that more than 60,000 of adults have experienced DVA since age of 16: more than 50,000 DVA partner abuse
- In 2018/19 there was a total of 10,021 recorded domestic abuse crime and incidents (Police data)
- Women are 3.4 times more likely to experience a domestic abuse related crime and incident (Police data)



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Sexual Violence and Abuse in Bristol

- Estimated up to 6200 in Bristol could have experienced sexual assault in last year; approx. 4000 women.
- In 2018/19 there were a total of 1025 sexual offences recorded in Bristol: This is a rate of 2.2 per 1000 for the city (Police data)
- The majority of recorded police offences happened in the central ward of Bristol (Police data)
- Estimates highlight that approximately only 1 in 5 offences are reported to police



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Recommendations of the needs assessment

- Exploring opportunities for prevention at every level including work with schools and communities.
- Development of a shared strategy
- The importance of Early Intervention work to prevent crisis situations arising.
- Partnership working was discussed and the success of co-location of services was highlighted. A clearer pathway for survivors of DVA needs to be developed as part of the recommissioning process.
- Specialist workers for equalities groups such as people with learning disabilities and Gypsy, Roma and travellers, should be considered
- Recognising the high demand for counselling for survivors of sexual abuse.



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Process so far

- Needs Assessment carried out
- Commissioning Board set up
- Working with Locality
- Early Engagement events in communities with high level of reporting and online survey attended by over 40 people.
- Online survey



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Next Steps

- Work with Equalities groups
- Pulling together findings and developing service model
- Early provider engagement
- Develop draft Service Specification
- Public Consultation
- Anticipated publication of tender documents Nov 2020



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