

Somerset Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2017-2020

Vision: To lead a co-ordinated effort to both prevent and reduce incidences of all types of domestic abuse and sexual violence in Somerset.

To achieve this, Somerset agencies will work together in a co-ordinated approach to raise awareness of domestic abuse and challenge those who condone it and help protect those who're affected.

	Outcome	Action	Measure	Target
Effective and Resilient System for Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse	Services and functions across the domestic abuse system are working effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear referral pathway /processes are in places Share best practice and work through case studies at CPD events Support effective operation of Specialist Domestic Violence Court Ensure that Somerset's unique demographic profile is considered when services are designed and commissioned Clear governance and accountability of partner agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of referrals from a wide variety of agencies Number of successful prosecutions at SDVCs Number of referrals of victims of all protected characteristics Number of Domestic Abuse Board self-assessments completed and demonstrating improvement in practice 	<p><i>Increase</i></p> <p><i>Increase</i></p> <p><i>Increase</i></p> <p><i>Increase</i></p>
	Effective engagement with local services e.g. primary and secondary health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate awareness raising in primary and secondary healthcare, to ensure early identification – through development of “champions” (extending GP champion pilot) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of “champions” in each healthcare setting Number of referrals directly from healthcare staff 	<p><i>Increase</i></p> <p><i>Increase</i></p>
	Victims or perpetrators with multiple and complex needs receive co-ordinated support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop multi-agency partnership working with specialist agencies to improve response Implement a “think family” approach so that the needs of victims, perpetrators and their dependents are identified and action taken to help support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of joint working protocol (SDAS, SIDAS and Sompar) Extension of joint working protocol to include other specialists – e.g. health and children's services Number of groups of Overcome Abuse and Becoming Respectful elements of My Change 	<p><i>Evidence Utilised</i></p> <p><i>Increase</i></p>
Breaking the cycle of victimisation by working with offenders and increasing prevention activity	MARAC well advertised and understood amongst practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for non-specialist staff and organisations (including voluntary sector) to reinforce prevention and awareness messages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of delegates attending SCC's multi-agency training programme (from wide variety of agencies) Number of referrals to MARAC from different agencies 	<p><i>Increase</i></p> <p><i><65% Police</i></p> <p><i>>35% Other</i></p>
	Be assured that services in place to help prevent young people becoming victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Relationships work continued via YOT Activity and cases managed by YPVA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly reports from YOT to SSP SIDAS numbers engaged 	<p><i>20-40 caseload maintained</i></p> <p><i>Maintain or increase</i></p>
	Effective interventions to achieve sustained behaviour change of perpetrators of domestic abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore evidence and options to help inform the future service options for working with perpetrators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case and proposal for Domestic Abuse Board in 2018/19 	<p><i>Completion</i></p>
Working in Partnership for Best Results	Improved awareness across all strategic partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral pathways and assessment criteria is included, and strategic priorities are reflected, in other partnerships such as Early Help, Housing, Safeguarding where appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Support for Children and Families document and other similar documents 	<p><i>Evidence</i></p>
	Annual communications plan for domestic abuse in Somerset linking to the Public Health planning cycle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of domestic abuse communications plan for the Safer Somerset Partnership, which will include multi-media approaches to ensure wide audience (i.e. including non-online) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and strategy completed and Disseminated to Board 	