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Health Improvement Board

15th September 2022

Launch of Oxfordshire Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy

Purpose / Recommendation

1. HIB members are asked to note the launch of the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Overarching strategy

Executive Summary

The Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board have launched the Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022 – 25. This sits alongside the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy 2021 – 24.

Recommendations from these strategies are being used to inform the recommissioning of domestic abuse services in Oxfordshire

Background [why the issue is a matter for the Board]

2. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 requires each Tier 1 local authority to lead a strategic partnership board with prescribed members from a range of organisations, including Tier 2 local authorities and people affected by domestic abuse. The Board is required to oversee the development of a local Needs Assessment and Safe Accommodation Strategy to ensure appropriate support for adults, children and young people affected by domestic abuse.
3. In line with this duty, the [Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy](#) was published in January 2022, following consultation.
4. Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board agreed to additionally undertake a broader needs assessment, considering the wider impacts of domestic abuse, and publish an overarching strategy. This work was undertaken by an external Public Health agency, PHAST, and supported by a local expert, to ensure the strategy reflects a good understanding the Oxfordshire system.

Key Issues

5. The Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-25 has been finalised and agreed at the Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, and will be launched on 12th September 2022. (Appendix 1) This sets out Oxfordshire's priorities and approaches to preventing and responding to domestic abuse. It outlines Oxfordshire's multi-agency response across the whole pathway from prevention, to the provision of high-quality support for victim survivors, including children and young people and work with perpetrators of domestic abuse. It will help inform key decisions about the future of Oxfordshire's domestic abuse response and services.

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6. This Overarching Strategy is based on a local need assessment including data and evidence from a range of national and local sources, asking professionals and people with lived experience for their views on what is working, gaps in services and recommendations for improvements to help define proposals for future provision.
7. The vision of these strategies is that Oxfordshire has a co-ordinated community response across all services and partnerships informed by consistent and aligned policies, shared system leadership from the Domestic Abuse Strategic Board and allocation of resources.

Budgetary implications

8. For 2022/23 a grant of £1.14million has been awarded to OCC by Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for delivery of the duties under the Act. The funding is being used to recommission domestic abuse services, the scope of which are informed the overarching strategy.

Equalities implications *[considering the impact of the policy on our customers]*

9. An Equality and Compliance Impact Assessment has been conducted which demonstrated that equality and diversity issues were being appropriately considered against the Council's statutory duties under the Equalities Act 2010, when developing the strategy and commissioning arrangements.

Sustainability implications *[considering the impact of the policy on our sustainability and climate action commitments]*

10. A Climate Impact Assessment report has been completed and demonstrated that Climate Action Implications have been considered in developing the strategy and future commissioning arrangements, and will have a positive impact on the carbon footprint for the Council, service provider arrangements and wider communities in Oxfordshire.

Risk Management *[considering the risks and opportunities]*

11. The safe accommodation needs assessment highlighted the difficulty in collecting data which helps to identify specific need. The Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, and the subgroup, Safe Accommodation Working Group, are working to address this challenge, so the impact of the strategies can be demonstrated.

Communications

12. The Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy and Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy have both been subject to public consultation on Let's Talk ,and comments included in the final versions of these documents.

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13. A launch event for the Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy is planned for September 12th 2022, chaired by Cllr Mark Lygo. This will be attended by partner agencies, and provide the opportunity for discussion on how the strategic priorities can be embedded in practice.

Key Dates

5 TH January 2022	Oxfordshire Safe Accommodation Strategy published
12 th September 2022	Oxfordshire Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy launched
April 2023	New Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Services commence

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Appendix 1:



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