

SUMMARY

**Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Meeting
Wednesday 25th July 2018**

Present:	Sarah Breton (SB) <i>Chair</i>	Oxfordshire County Council
	Sarah Carter (SC)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Gillian Douglas (GD)	Cherwell District Council
	Liz Jones (LJ)	Oxford City Council
	Diane Foster (DF)	South & Vale DC
	Melanie Pearce (MP)	Adult Safeguarding, OCC
	Clare Knibbs (CK)	Thames Valley Police
	Alison Chapman (AC)	Oxfordshire CCG
	Agya Poudyal (AP)	TV BAMER Project
	David Colchester (DC)	Local Criminal Justice Board
	Abigail Wycherley (AW)	Oxfordshire County Council

Apologies:	Wendy Walker (WW)	OPCC Thames Valley
	Nicola Riley (NR)	Cherwell DC
	Jackie Wilderspin (JW)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Laura Clements (LC)	CSC, Oxfordshire County
	Caroline Heason (CH)	Oxford University Hospitals
	Diana Shelton (DS)	West Oxfordshire DC

Agenda Item: Commissioning Progress

Oxfordshire County Council are continuing to meet with A2Dominion fortnightly to discuss progress with implementation of the new contract. The Strategic Lead had a positive meeting with district housing leads to discuss the Places of Safety model in Oxfordshire.

Agenda Item: Operational Board Feedback

The July meeting had a thematic focus on perpetrators exploring the recent implementation of perpetrator focussed initiatives, including:

- Positive Relationships Programme, a 12-week group work intervention for perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Operational Vocal, a disruptive approach to perpetrators consistently driving demand within Thames Valley Police (TVP)
- 'MARDAP', multi-agency meetings focussing on perpetrators according to TVP's recency, frequency, gravity index.

The Operational Board agreed to return to this thematic focus in January 2019 to see how well these new initiatives are performing and identify any gaps that remain. Their October 2018 meeting will have a thematic focus on prevention.

Agenda Item: Domestic Abuse Training Progress

The Board considered two approaches to training; one that is being developed by the domestic abuse training subgroup, and another that was offered by Reducing the Risk which has been developed for use elsewhere in the Thames Valley. The Board opted to proceed with Reducing the Risk's offer of modular training on the basis that it is already up and running, appears to be working well elsewhere, and will be the quickest to implement in Oxfordshire.

Agenda Item: Domestic Abuse Communications

Domestic abuse is high on everyone's agenda and keeping people informed will reduce anxiety and ensure everyone is up to date with progress. Board members were asked to ensure effective communication processes were in place within their own organisations. Anyone requiring information should know there is a Strategic Board member who they can contact for information.

Agenda Item: Domestic Abuse Pathway for Young People

The pathway is ready to agree, following numerous meetings with key partners. The Board decided to remove 'peer-on-peer' from the title as it didn't fully capture all of those who should be going through the pathway (e.g. young people in a relationship with an older adult). The Board agreed that the pathway should be launched at the start of August. The pathway will be further embedded via specifically developed training to be delivered in October, and its implementation evaluated around April 19.

Agenda Item: Domestic Abuse Pathway

The Board agreed on the local dissemination of the pathway; adapted from a Thames Valley partner's pathway with permission.

Agenda Item: Places of Safety

The Board discussed the Places of Safety model; a dispersed accommodation alternative to refuge. The model was included in our recent recommissioning following stakeholder consultation highlighting a need for a model that was more inclusive and accessible for a range of individuals and families.

There is an opportunity to bid for money for accommodator based support for domestic abuse through the [MHCLG 2018-2020 Domestic Abuse funding opportunity](#). The possibility of putting in a bid for across the Thames Valley to both enhance and expand the Places of Safety provision has been discussed with our Thames Valley partners. The Board approved the approach, the Strategic Lead will be and leading on the Thames Valley wide bid.

Future meetings:

2018/19 Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Meetings

Q3 Wednesday 7th November 2018

Q4 Wednesday 13th February 2019