



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMARY

Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Meeting Wednesday 31st July 2019

Present:	Sarah Breton (SB) <i>Chair</i>	Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
	Sarah Carter (SC)	OCC
	Liz Jones (LJ)	Oxford City Council
	Diane Foster (DF)	South & Vale DC
	Heather McCulloch (HM)	West Oxfordshire DC
	Agya Poudyal (AP)	TV BAMER Project
	Matt Bick (MB)	Thames Valley Police
	Abigail Wycherley (AW)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Lindsay Chapman (LC)	West Oxfordshire DC (Homelessness)
	David Colchester (DC)	Local Criminal Justice Board
	Anonymous [Part]	Expert by Experience

Apologies:	Wendy Walker (WW)	OPCC Thames Valley
	Caroline Heason (CH)	Oxford University Hospitals
	Jackie Wilderspin (JW)	Public Health, OCC
	Laura Clements (LC)	CSC, OCC
	Katharine Hoeger (KH)	Observer – academic research
	Lou Everatt (LE)	Community Rehabilitation Company
	Alison Chapman (AC)	Oxfordshire CCG
	Nicola Riley (NR)	Cherwell District Council
	Melanie Pearce (MP)	Adult Safeguarding, OCC

Agenda Item: Expert by Experience - update and learning session

An Expert by Experience for our domestic abuse Boards, shared her experiences and feedback on approaches to working with domestic abuse in Oxfordshire. She emphasised the need to be mindful of the people experiencing domestic abuse who

- Are **middle aged**
- Are **middle class**
- Support a partner with **mental illness**
- Have a **mortgage**
- **Manage** the impact of the abuse
- Have faith-based **morals**, especially when **married**

The Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse updated the board on local domestic abuse work co-produced with Experts by Experience. The Expert by Experience who attended this meeting communicated how difficult she had found it trying to flee to refuge with teenage sons, and this experience helped to inform our commissioning of the dispersed accommodation model.

Agenda Item: Operational Board Feedback

The July Operational Board meeting escalated issues around courts (especially family courts) to the Strategic Board. A task and finish group will be initiated to explore the need for tailored training for Oxfordshire courts services.

Agenda Item: Commissioning update

A2Dominion have new a new poster, leaflet and digital guide, embedded below.



ODAS Trifold June
19.pdf



ODAS Poster Mar
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ODAS Digital
Guide.pdf

Agenda Item: Children & Domestic Abuse: OSCB work

The Chair informed the board that OSCB have requested a piece of work which enables them to better understand the impact of domestic abuse for children in Oxfordshire, reviewing the services available and identifying any gaps. We'll be making contact with a number of agencies to obtain information and would really appreciate support with this important piece of work which will be reported to OSCB soon.

Agenda Item: Domestic Abuse Strategy Update, Y1 Delivery Plan & Dashboard

The Board discussed and amended the current draft of the 5-year domestic abuse strategy. The Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse shared that professionals at our Strategy consultation events said they found it really helpful to have somewhere for their issues to go and be heard, and we therefore plan to hold consultation events annually to inform our delivery plans.

Agenda Item: Domestic Abuse Pathway for Young People Audit – Update

The Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse updated the Board on progress with the DAPYP audit. There have been challenges in obtaining case information and this has resulted in significant slippage in timescales.

Agenda Item: Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Proposal

The Board agreed the implementation of a new DHR Review Group which would meet twice a year and report to The Strategic Board for Domestic Abuse. Among other functions, the group would work to develop a consistent approach to commissioning of DHRs across the County, review where a decision was made not to commission a DHR or where a DHR was not considered but a third party believes it should have been, provide oversight of the DHR shared budget fund and collate learning from DHRs, SCRs, SARs and Mental Health Reviews to make recommendations for cross-cutting Strategic change based on any recurring issues raised and escalating these to the appropriate body or partnership.

Agenda Item: Positive Relationships Programme Evaluation

The Board discussed the recent evaluation of the Positive Relationships Programme. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley has commissioned the programme for a further 12 months to enable a larger evidence base for long term decision making. The Board discussed current local perpetrator programme provision, which includes this 10 session Positive Relationships Programme as somewhat early intervention, and a 30 session Building Better Relationships Programme delivered by Community Rehabilitation Company to male offenders convicted of a domestic abuse offence. The Board learned that there is ongoing work exploring the development of an intervention to bridge the gap.

Meeting close. Future meetings:

2019/20 Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Meetings

Q3 Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Q4 Wednesday 19th February 2020