

SUMMARY

**Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Meeting
Wednesday 22nd November 2017**

Present:	Sarah Breton (SB) <i>Chair</i>	Oxfordshire County Council
	Sarah Carter (SC)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Liz Jones (LJ)	Oxford City Council
	Delia Mann (DM)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Marianne North (MN)	Cherwell District Council
	Heather McCulloch (HM)	West Oxfordshire District
	David Colchester (DC)	Local Criminal Justice Board
	Melanie Pearce (MP)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Abigail Wycherley (AW)	Oxfordshire County Council

Apologies:	Caroline Heason (CH)	Oxford University Hospitals
	Felicity Parker (FP)	Thames Valley Police
	Liz Hayden (LH)	South & Vale District Council
	Jackie Wilderspin (JW)	Oxfordshire County Council
	Wendy Walker (WW)	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Thames Valley

Agenda Item: Outcome of Joint Boards Meeting & Operational Board feedback

The Strategic Board discussed feedback from the Joint Domestic Abuse Strategic and Operational Boards Meeting held on 3rd October, and subsequent conversation at the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Operational Board Meeting 7th November. There is overall agreement that the Operational Board should set the agenda for operational priorities and report to the Strategic Board where required.

Agenda Item: Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Implementation Plan

The Board agreed that an update on the Implementation Plan will be provided for each meeting, which can also be shared with the Operational Board and the Health Improvement Board. The Implementation Plan will enable a system to be held to account for the delivery of the recommendations of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Review.

Agenda Item: Young Person Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Pathway Evaluation

The Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse updated the Board on the [Young Person Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Pathway](#) Evaluation, requested by Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board. It has not been possible to identify a case in the 10-12 age bracket outlined in the Terms of Reference for the evaluation. Oxfordshire County Council's engagement team are liaising with the young people involved for

their feedback, and a Peer Review session for professionals will take place. The report will be brought to the next Strategic Board meeting in February 2018.

Agenda Item: Domestic Homicide Reviews

The Board discussed the local governance arrangements around DHRs. The Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse will be producing an annual report to be discussed at the Strategic Board. The Board agreed the need for improved resource to hold the system to account (ensuring sign up and accountability for action plans), and will approach the safeguarding boards for advice.

Agenda Item: Any Other Business

Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Consultation

The Board agreed that the Strategic Lead for Domestic Abuse will provide a County wide response to the [DCLG Consultation: Improving Access to Social Housing for Victims of Domestic Abuse](#), and Districts will provide responses for their areas.

Thames Valley Black, Asian, 'Minority' Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) Project

The Board discussed the Thames Valley BAMER Project, addressing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in BAMER communities across the region. Funding for the project was achieved via successful joint bids to the [DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund](#) and to the [Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls \(VAWG\) Service Transformation Fund](#) by Thames Valley Domestic Abuse Coordinators and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley. Recruitment for this project will begin soon and roles should be in post by 1st April 2018, fixed term for 24 months. The roles will include a strategic lead, based within Oxford City Council, and two Support Officers in each of the three counties (locally commissioned / recruited).

Positive Relationships Programme

The Board agreed the need for agencies to share information on the [Positive Relationships Programme](#) with frontline staff via team meetings and supervision to improve awareness and flow of referrals.

Future meetings:

2017/18 Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Meetings

Q4 Wednesday 21st February 2018