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Title of meeting: Scrutiny Management Panel

Subject: Review of Domestic Abuse

Date of meeting: 11th April 2017

Report by: Bruce Marr, Hidden Violence Service Manager

Wards affected: All

1. Requested by Scrutiny Management Panel

2. Purpose

- 2.1** To update the Scrutiny Management Panel on the progress made in implementing agreed actions following the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety scrutiny panel report on "an assessment of the progress made following Portsmouth's review of Domestic Abuse."

3. Information Requested

- 3.1** The above report was published on 29th April 2014 with 20 recommendations. These recommendations were reviewed by the Domestic Abuse Commissioning Review group on 16th January 2015 and 6th May 2015.
- 3.2** On completion of the 20 recommendations 16 were achieved, 3 were rated as amber and 1 as red (appendix 1)
- 3.3** The one recommendation red is still ongoing. The threshold for Mental Health provision continues to be high however this continues to be addressed:
- 3.3.1** The CCG representative on the Domestic Abuse Commissioning Review group changed due to capacity, at the time a meeting was held with CCG commissioners and Mental health providers to explore how to improve access and more recently as a result of no ongoing funding for domestic abuse provision on 9th February 2017 Jo York (Director of Better Care, Portsmouth CCG) met with Rachael Dalby (Director of Regulatory Services and Community Safety) and Bruce Marr to consider how CCG can improve their response and commitment to supporting victims of domestic abuse in line with NICE guidance¹.

¹ National Institute for Health and Care Excellence PH50 Domestic Violence and Abuse: multi-agency working. February 2014

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- 3.3.2** As part of the "adults with complex needs" work being led by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership. The aim of this is to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly focusing on complex cases, with a view to resolving issues where the multi-agency work has not been able to agree the approach or responsibility for actions. This work is being led by Lisa Wills (strategy and partnerships) but has active involvement with adult mental health services whose strategy includes improving support for people with complex needs.
- 3.3.3** However this continues to be a challenge and is considered within the recently updated strategy.
- 3.4** Of the recommendations rated as amber:
- 3.4.1** There was no provision to ensure schools report on the frequency and content of PSHE² delivered. However as a City we were supportive and lobbied government to consider this being mandatory and in March 2017 the government announced that sex and relationships education will become compulsory from age 11
- 3.4.2** Training and support has been offered to housing providers and referrals have remained static.
- 3.4.3** The police reviewed it's procedures and identified Neighbourhood Policing Teams to provide support for medium risk cases and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned Victim Support to support victims assessed at standard risk. More recently Hampshire Constabulary has been inspected by the HMIC³. This report is now public⁴ and has made further recommendations.
- 3.5** In July 2015 the Safer Portsmouth Partnership recommended that the Domestic Abuse strategy be updated. The draft 2017 - 2020 domestic abuse strategy has been to the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children's Board on 1st February 2017, Safer Portsmouth Partnership on 2nd February and Portsmouth Safeguarding Adult Board on 21st March 2017 and this is being finalised to consider the recommendations from the boards.

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Signed by (Director)

² Personal, Social and Health Education

³ Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

⁴ <https://www.justiceinspectrates.gov.uk/hmic/hampshire/>

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Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location