

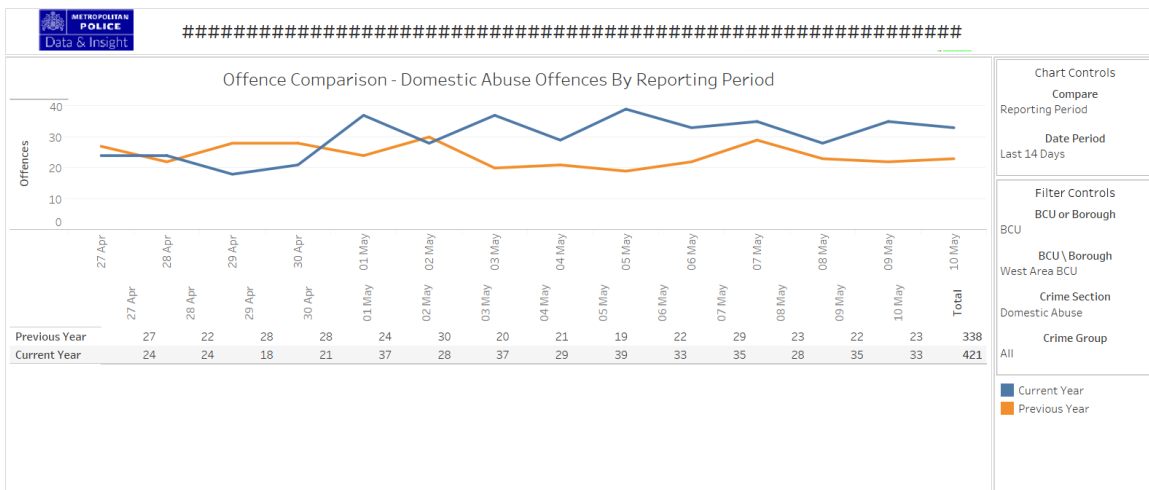


## Briefing for stakeholders 4

### 1. Recorded data

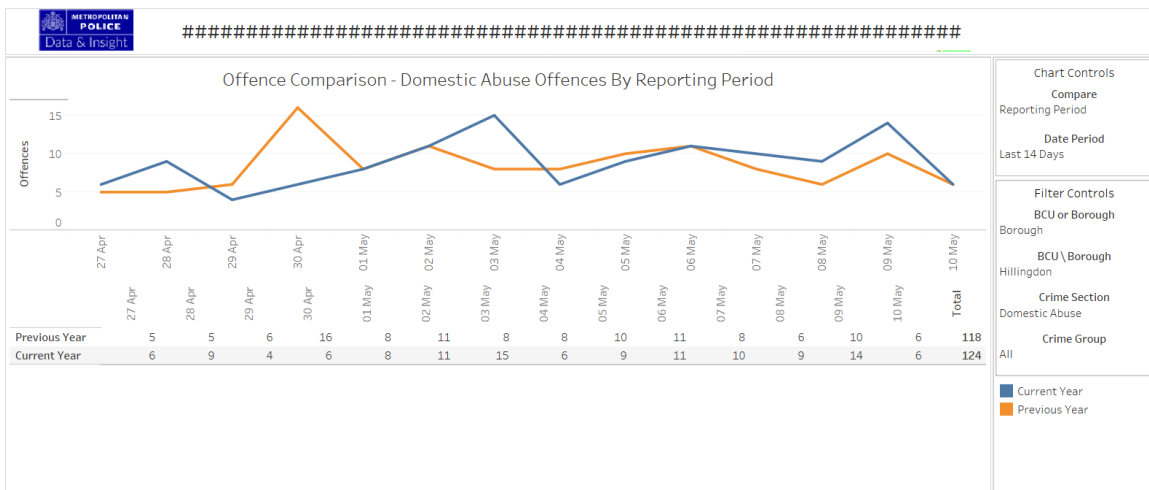
In the last 2 weeks there has been an increase of 83 recorded crimes (+24.5%) - 421 DA Offences from 338 compared to the same 2 weeks in the previous 12 months.

#### West Area BCU:



#### Hillingdon Borough:

In the last 2 weeks there has been a more modest 5% increase in recorded DA offences compared to the same 2 weeks in the previous 12 months (124 recorded offences compared to 118)



In addition, it is worth noting that this police data does NOT include the non-crime element, which invariably would be higher than the DA Offence data.

**Recommendation:** That the wider partnership markets and broadcasts the availability of DA support services on the borough and across London and encourage the safe reporting of DA.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has reported is an average of 100 arrests for DA Offences per day.

### **Hillingdon IDVA Service**

In April 2020 so far there have been 64 referrals to the IDVA Service. This 'mirrors' the 63 referrals in April 2019.

In the last 2 weeks (to May 10<sup>th</sup>) there were 28 referrals of high risk DA cases to the Hillingdon IDVA Service.

[In FY 2019/20 there were 777 referrals to this service. This represents an increase of 3.46% compared to FY 2018/19. This is the highest annual number of referrals managed by this service

### **Key points of note from the annual IDVA data:**

There were 635 children in those DA abusive households/relationships, 30 referrals of victims affected by honour based abuse and/or forced marriage, 26 referrals involved 26 adult child offenders

**Victims:** 85.2% / 4.8% (female/male), 92 referrals related to people aged 16 - 24 years, 10 victims were aged 65 - 94 years, 130 victims were identified as having a mental health issue, 33 reported having a drugs and/or alcohol problem and 50 victims with a 50 physical disability.

**Perpetrators:** 100 people were reported to have mental health issues, 139 were reported to have problems with drugs and/or alcohol].

(NB: the above information is that provided by the referee and based on their experiences and not from the perpetrators or healthcare diagnosis).

### **DA Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)**

There have 23 high risk cases referred to the DA MARAC in the 2 weeks to May 10<sup>th</sup>. The next 'remote' MARAC meeting is on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

See below for the DA MARAC Coordinator's contact details.

### **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

In the 2 weeks to May 10<sup>th</sup> the MASH has received 101 MERLIN reports of which 72 have a DA element to them involving children.

There is a general upward trend in the number of MERLIN reports that have a DA element to them.

Currently, Operation Encompass continues to operate in the borough. For more information please visit: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

(Note: Any data provided is for guidance only and may change).

### **Helpline calls**

We await the announcement of the borough breakdown of the use of the DA and Sexual Violence helpline.

Funded by London Councils, Women's Aid, Refuge, the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC), the Men's Advice Line (Respect) and the Women and Girls Network (WGN) are working together to deliver dedicated helpline services for all victims of domestic and sexual violence. This service includes men, boys and LGBT callers.

In Quarter 3 of Financial Year 2019/20 there were 173 callers who identified being resident in Hillingdon Borough; this is the 6<sup>th</sup> highest out of 33 borough areas in London (including the City of London area). This call rate volume is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in London when measured per 1000 of the population.

### **CNWL data - Use of Section 136 Mental Health Act provisions**

The provisions of section 136 Mental Health Act were used on 24 occasions in April 2020, which is a reduction from previous months. The gender mix was broadly similar to March i.e. approximately 2/3rds male and 1/3 female.

## **2. Emergency Fund to support the voluntary sector**

Further details can be found here:

<https://londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/> - applications close on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

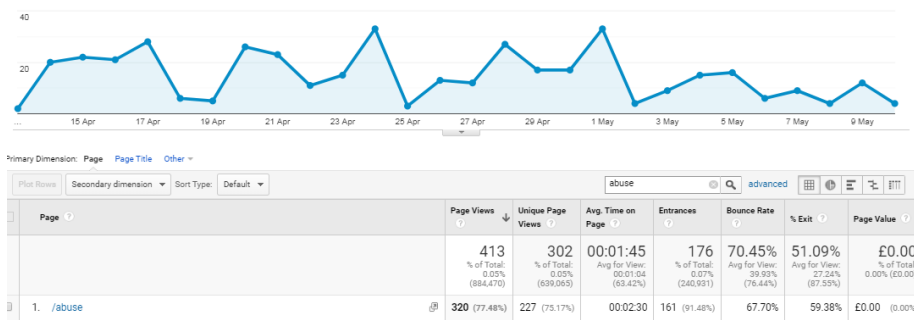
<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-contributes-1m-to-emergency-support-fund> .

The Chancellor announced a £750m funding boost for the charity sector as well as additional funding to support the delivery of helplines.

## **3. Resources**

Hillingdon Council Domestic Abuse web pages <https://hillingsdon.gov.uk/abuse> including Local Resources Guide

- the DA pages of the council's website has an average of 57 visitors each week with the peak day being a Friday:



- National Centre for Domestic Violence April Magazine (May not available) can be found by visiting [www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk](http://www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk)
  - Action: Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) Advice and Resources page during C-19 for housing providers  
<https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/resources/information-on-covid-19/>
  - Action: Hillingdon Women's Centre needs 10 minutes of your time to complete a survey, which they will be used to shape their service delivery:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPkMnEMe8L9FPM4loG9q9Sk7Rx2ROcWu1V88LVy-rAxWojg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPkMnEMe8L9FPM4loG9q9Sk7Rx2ROcWu1V88LVy-rAxWojg/viewform?usp=sf_link)
  - 'My Support Space' from Victim Support, which is designed to help victims of crime, manage the impact that crime has had on them. Victims can access a range of tools to help them cope and move forward after crime. They can work through a series of interactive guides which address their specific needs. The guides feature videos, techniques, activities and tips that can be completed at their own pace.
- Victim Support also runs a free and confidential Supportline allowing victims to access support 24/7. This can be reached on 08 08 16 89 111 or online on the [VS website](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk). The LVWS website can be found at [londonvws.org.uk](http://londonvws.org.uk)
- From May 1st, victims of **domestic abuse** will be able to access **safe spaces** at **Boots** pharmacies' consultation rooms where they can contact specialist domestic abuse services for support and advice. Launched by charity Hestia's **UK SAYS NO MORE** campaign. **SuperDrug** and **60 Independent** pharmacies have also joined this campaign.  
<https://www.hestia.org/news/press-release-campaign-launches-safe-space-in-boots-stores-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-across-the-uk>  
<https://www.hestia.org/news/superdrug-join-safe-spaces-scheme-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-almost-a-quarter-of-all-uk-pharmacies-now-taking-part>

This is welcomed news, which supports the work of the Hillingdon Domestic Abuse Steering Executive (DASE) and its strategic plans. Work is already underway in developing a Night Time Economy (NTE) Strategy supported by Safe Havens and Bystander Initiatives. In addition, such initiatives also support our work in developing a local Employers' Initiative recognising the importance of our people and internal communities.

We would welcome your contributions, support and involvement in the above work.

## XXXX Support Offer XXXX



The Council's parenting offer is delivered through *Brilliant Parents* <https://www.brilliantparents.org/>

Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions the Council has worked with *Brilliant Parents* to develop a range of online seminars and courses along with a number of 1-1s.

There are sessions for all age ranges and a specialist "stepping stones" programme for those children aged 2-11 years with additional needs starting on 1 June 2020.

The electronic referral form can be accessed via <https://www.brilliantparents.org/client-referral/>

For more information contact: Annmarie Fevrier at Brilliant Parents  
Tel: 020 3490 7007 or 07947 191462 E-mail: [enquiries@brilliantparents.org](mailto:enquiries@brilliantparents.org)



## XXX Crimestoppers Campaign XXXX



The Council has been working with Crimestoppers London on a local campaign to raise awareness of DA in / with our communities. The public space and social media messaging will be focussed on victims, family / friends / neighbours and perpetrators.

This messaging will begin in the coming days. Although the campaign was in the making prior to the UK's recorded COVID19 experiences, now is an opportune time for the campaign to proceed.

### 4. Local IDVA and MARAC Services – Reminder

As a reminder Hillingdon IDVA service and that provided by Victim Support remains operational. There will be remote contact with victims.

Referrals to Hillingdon IDVA Service can be made by the following NEW contact details: E-mail: [hidvas@hillingsdon.gov.uk](mailto:hidvas@hillingsdon.gov.uk) and [sstewart@hillingsdon.gov.uk](mailto:sstewart@hillingsdon.gov.uk) Tel: 07874620954

The DA MARAC will operate remotely every 2 weeks. Referrals to be made to Tim Moriarty – [Timothy.Moriarty@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Timothy.Moriarty@met.pnn.police.uk)

## 5. Our ASK

Please:

- i) Do let us know if your Organisation / Agency is receiving an increase in referral of DA cases.
  - ii) Provide us with any information or sources you think maybe useful.
  - iii) Provide us with any concerns or information of note that we can pass to Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), Local Government Association (LGA), Local Resilience Forum and the London Harmful Practices Working Group.
- The impact on domestic abuse and victims / survivors is well documented and publicised. Less so, is that associated with Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and other forms of harmful traditional practice including Child Abuse linked Faith or Belief (CALF). Health, Social care and other front line professionals needs to be alert to these additional risks associated with COVID19. The National FGM Centre accessed via <http://nationalfgmcentre.org.uk/> is a good source of information and support. Additionally, checkout the Council's resources guide accessed via the Council's DA web pages (details above).

Please send your updates to [gcampbell1@hillingsdon.gov.uk](mailto:gcampbell1@hillingsdon.gov.uk)

The next briefing will be provided on or about 29 May 2020.

**15 May 2020**