



Stakeholder Briefing #11

Notice

Covid-19 Pandemic

You will be aware that London has now been assessed as Covid Alert Level – High and restrictions are in place. See further information here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

“you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place” - what is the impact on domestic abuse victims and survivors? See the police recorded data.

What impact do the rules and restrictions have on the delivery of your services to domestic abuse victims, survivors and their families?

‘White Ribbon’ Campaign 2020/21 – Reserve the date.

- The Council and its partners are committed to the White Ribbon Campaign. The annual campaign launch event is taking place on the morning of 26th November 2020.
- Further details will follow shortly, although as you would expect the format will be different from previous years.
- The focus this year is the Employers’ Initiative and the creation of Safe Spaces

Recorded Data

Police recorded DA

Hillingdon Borough

In the rolling 12 months to September 2020 Hillingdon Police recorded:

- 3, 317 domestic abuse offences
- 5, 645 domestic abuse incidents (a combination of crime and non-crimes).

In the past 7 months (including September 2020), there has been an increase in domestic abuse in each month.

HIDVA Service data for medium / high-risk data

LBH 14/15	LBH 15/16	LBH 16/17	LBH 17/18	LBH 18/19	LBH 19/20
62%	77% (of 640 referrals)	87% (of 580 referrals)	65% (of 610 referrals)	100% (of 751 referrals)	100% (of 777 referrals)

- In Quarter 1 FY20/21 there were 219 referrals to the Hillingdon IDVA Service, which is a 24.4% increase compared to FY19/20 (when there were 176 referrals).
- In Q2 FY20/21, there were 210 referrals. In the same period, the HIDVA Service dealt with 167 referrals. This represents a 25.7% increase.

Operational DA MARAC data

- The SafeLives data for FY 19/20 (April 2019 to March 2020) shows that our local MARAC managed 518 referrals, which is an 11% increase compared to the previous year. This compares to a London average increase of 4%.
- In Q1 FY20/21 there were 151 referrals of high-risk cases (including 51 repeat referrals), which represents a 15.3% increase on Q1 FY 19/20 (131 referrals of which there were 29 repeat referrals).
- In Q2 FY20/21, there were 163 referrals (of which 53 are repeat referrals). In the same period in FY 19/20 there 116 referrals (of which 27 were repeat referrals). This represents a 40.5% increase in referrals.
- The Operational DA MARAC is meeting remotely every 2 weeks.

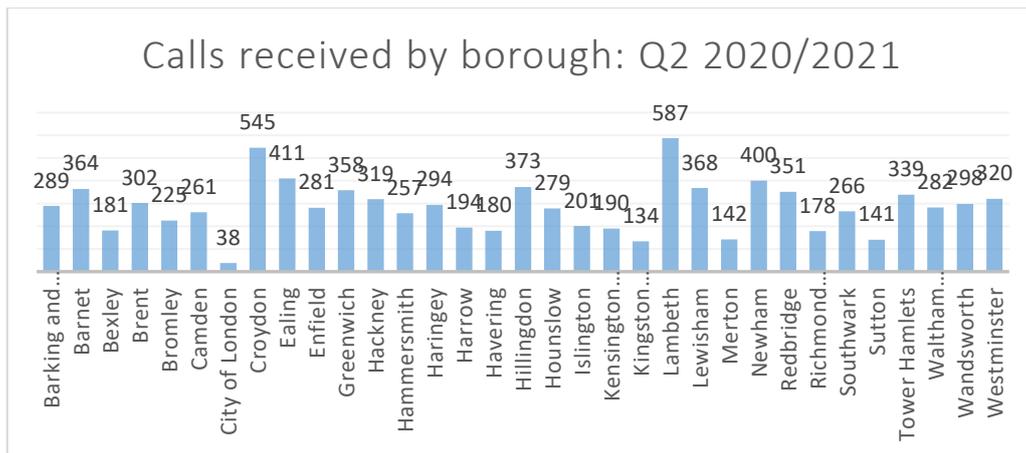
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

- In Q1 FY20/21 there were 737 police MERLIN reports regarding DA Safeguarding concerns compared to 537 in Q1 FY19/20. This represents a 37% increase.
- In Q2, there were 667 MERLINS where DA/DV was an identified safeguarding concern. Of these, 186 related to adults, with 481 relating to relationships, which involved children.

DA and Sexual Violence Helpline data

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

- In FY 19/20, there were 19,249 calls to the service of which 625 calls were received by people who live in Hillingdon. This is the 5th highest level of calls in London (out of the 33 areas including the City of London Area).
- In Q1 FY20/21, there were 3265 calls to the service of which 76 calls were received by people who live in Hillingdon. This is the 7th highest level of calls in London.
- In Q2 FY20/21, there were 373 calls from people who identified as Hillingdon residents. This is the 5th highest call volume in London. Overall, there were 9932 calls to the service.



Other key areas of work – Linked to the DA Strategy 2018 - 2021

- The Council’s approach to business delivery during the Covid 19 pandemic is well established including departments’ response to domestic abuse. Key services are being delivered to victims and their families in safe way in accordance with rules and regulations
 - In its last meeting on October 6th the DASE meeting asked that internal and external departments and agencies commence preparing for additional COVID-19 restrictions
- **DA Housing Alliance (DAHA).** The Council is in the process of working towards DAHA accreditation.
- **A local focused Employers’ Initiative and Safe Spaces Scheme has been launched.** Using Central Government funding the Hillingdon Women’s Centre, GRoW and The Sharan Project are leading on this project with the support of Hillingdon Council until the February 2021.
 - This funding will enable the project team to provide training and supporting products free of charge.
 - This short-term initiative is the foundation of the LBH’s longer-term project plan.

For the press release on this initiative see:

https://mailchi.mp/71fb578ba355/hillingdon-womens-centre-july-newsletter-5902967?e=69831575c6&fbclid=IwAR3PwJ8R7vmBv5txEk9CNdhYe07K_hDvnfbS4oyvhTXMismWRK_V7v9dhVQ

- The Suzy Lamplugh Trust has launched a survey regarding on-line behaviours at work.
Have you experienced online behaviours at work that have made you feel uncomfortable? Such as gas-lighting, name-calling, bullying? Since Covid-19, on-line abuse has increased by 46% #RightToBeSafe

Take time to complete the survey monkey
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SJGBKCG>

- DA awareness sessions for local multi-agency professionals (public and voluntary sectors) continue to be conducted - currently in a remote format. These awareness sessions are sponsored by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and the local Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). Training Programme Brochures have been produced and circulated. The next training session (remote) is on 12 and 20th November 2020 with other dates scheduled throughout FY 20/21. Please contact the Boards to secure your place on the training. Board member agencies and Council employees should follow laid down procedures.

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@hillingdon.gov.uk and stewart@hillingdon.gov.uk Tel: 07874620954

The DA MARAC will operate remotely every 2 weeks. Referrals can be made to Tim Moriarty – Timothy.Moriarty@met.pnn.police.uk

Our ASK

Please:

- i) Do let us know if your Organisation / Agency is receiving an increase in referrals of DA cases.
- ii) Provide us with any information or resources you think maybe useful.
- iii) Please let us know if you are interested in free online training. What specific subject areas in tackling domestic abuse are you interested in.

The Stakeholders' Briefings can be found in the Council's website DA Pages accessed via <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/abuse> In the left side of the screen there is a section marked Stakeholder Briefing, click on the link and you will go to the current and previous briefings.

Please send your updates or comments to gcampbell1@hillingdon.gov.uk

The next briefing will be provided in early November 2020.

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