



Stakeholder Briefing #12

Covid-19 Pandemic and the Festive Period

London has been assessed as Covid Alert Level – High and restrictions are in place, with a continuing concern about the increasing level of infections.

See further information here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

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

This year's festive period celebrations will be different for many because of the wider impact of the Covid-19 pandemic including the loss of loved ones. The pandemic has also - as you know - resulted in an increase in abuse in existing domestic abuse relationships and/or households. Hillingdon Borough has not been immune from this.

The festive period will present increased risk to DA Victims and their children.

'White Ribbon' Campaign 202/21

- The annual campaign launch event took place via MS Teams on the morning of 26th November 2020.
- The focus this year's event was the Employers' Initiative and the creation of Safe Spaces
- **Reserve the Date for the 2021/22 event: 25th November 2020.**

Recorded Data

Police recorded DA

Metropolitan Police Service (ALL Boroughs) 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020

Overall, there has been a 5.5% increase in recorded crime (of all crime types) – to 912,760 crimes recorded in the Metropolitan Police area in FY 19/20.¹ The sanctioned detection rate was 8.31%

¹ Metropolitan Police Service Statistics FY 2019/20 accessed via <https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/year-end-crime-statistics-19-20/>

In summary recorded DA offences have increased by 1.85% (to 89,831) and sanctioned detections have reduced by 22.29% to 12,039. This represents a sanctioned detection (conversion) rate of 13.4% (a reduction of 4.17% on FY 18/19).²

	Offences		Sanctioned Detections			Offences Change	SD Change	Sanction Detection Rate (SDR)	SDR
	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY18/19	FY19/20				FY18/19	FY19/20
Total Notifiable Offences	25,533	27,212	2435	2348		+6.58%	-3.57%	9.54%	8.63%
DA Offences	2965	2925	668	577		-1.35%	-13.62%	22.53%	19.73%
DA VWI	850	759	257	182		-10.71%	-29.18%	30.24%	23.98%

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

- 3337 domestic abuse offences (the R12 months to August there were 3232 offences)
- 5570 domestic abuse incidents (a combination of crime and non-crimes) (the R12 months to August there were 5570 DA incidents).

In both areas, there has been above average offending in 7 out of the last 7 months (in accordance with police recorded data).

In the same time period, Hillingdon Police recorded:

- 516 Sexual offences (R12 months to August there were 485 Sexual Offences)
- Of which there were 214 Rape Offences (R12 months to August there were 210 Rape Offences) – In 5 of the last 7 months there has been above average offences recorded.
- Of which 302 Other Sexual Offences (R12months to August there were 275 Other Sexual Offences recorded).

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)

² MPS statistical data for Hillingdon Borough for FY 19/20 accessed via <https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/year-end-crime-statistics-19-20/>

- In Quarter 1 FY20/21 there were 188 referrals to the Hillingdon IDVA Service, which is an 8% increase compared to FY19/20 (when there were 174 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

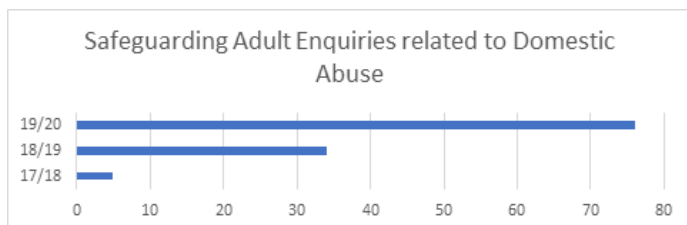
- The SaferLives data for FY 19/20 (April 2019 to March 2020) shows that our local MARAC managed 518 referrals, which is an 11% increase compared to the previous year. This compares to a London average increase of 4%
- In Q1 FY20/21 there were 151 referrals of high-risk cases (including 51 repeat referrals), which represents a 15.3% increase on Q1 FY 19/20 (131 referrals of which there were 29 repeat referrals)
- The Operational DA MARAC is meeting remotely every 2 weeks
- 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.
- In the rolling 12 months to September 2020 there were 594 cases heard at the MARAC, which is 28% increase. Repeats cases 29%.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) - Children

- 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.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) – Adults

Referrals to the Adult Social Care, which are related to domestic abuse over the last 3 financial years are reflected below:



A Daily Adult MASH meeting is now operating (Monday - Friday) at 12 noon. This weekday meeting is supported by a weekly overarching strategic meeting.

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

- **DA Housing Alliance (DAHA).** The Council is in the process of working towards DAHA accreditation.
- **The local focused Employers' Initiative and Safe Spaces Scheme is well underway.** Using Central Government funding the Hillingdon Women's Centre, Belina GRoW and The Sharan Project are leading on this project with the support of Hillingdon Council until March 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.
 - Register your interest and /or access to the newsletter here:
[Workplace Safespace Training |](#)
 - A progress report on this initiative will be provided in the next Stakeholders' Briefing.
- 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 sessions (remote) are 5.3.21 (LSCB Level I DA) and 26.3.21 (SAB Level I DA).
- DA Bill Update: [Domestic Abuse Bill passes House of Commons - Home Office in the media \(outlook.com\)](#)
- Metropolitan Police launches a Predatory Offender Unit. The Unit aims to tackle offenders who pose a significant risk to adults and children.
See: [Launch of Predatory Offender Units leads to 160 arrests for... - Metropolitan Police](#)

- Check out Standing Together Against Domestic Violence’s In Search of Excellence Report: An (Updated) Guide To Effective Domestic Violence Partnerships and the Coordinated Community Response

Further information can be found here: [In Search of Excellence — Standing Together](#)

- Hestia’s Bright Sky is a mobile app and [website](#) for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or who is worried about someone else. See [Bright Sky | Hestia](#)

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 Tel: 0208 2461798

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 January 2021.

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