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Summary

This summary report details the quarterly update of the activities of the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Forum with particular focus upon the new 2017-2019 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Forum Action Plan.

Members are asked to note the following updates;

- The previous Domestic Abuse Coordinator left their position in March 2017. Recruitment to replace this person has been completed and a new Community Safety Officer will be starting in the summer. The post holder will provide support for the MARAC and this general area of work alongside their broader role.
- The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Forum (DASV) has met on 1 occasion since the last SCP. The Terms of Reference for the Forum were reviewed and revised. Please see Appendix 1.
- Safeguarding Children from the Experience of Domestic Abuse Policy has now been signed off at the DASV and presented to the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Board. This had previously been presented to the SCP.
- Additional intelligence gathering capacity has been added to the SCP, which will assist in the emerging Domestic Abuse problem profile. The CoLP have developed their MARAC Dashboard which will be reviewed by the DASV Forum. An updated profile will be presented to the next SCP.
- The Directory of Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Services to help professionals and members of the public to access services in the City is in final stages of drafting. This will be finalised and disseminated to partners by next DASV.
- Training on engaging with perpetrators of domestic abuse, to strengthen access to programmes that facilitate understanding in perpetrators of the harmful impacts of their abusive and controlling behaviour took place over 2 days in May. A evaluation report will be submitted to the DASV Forum. This was one of the actions identified in the Action Plan, see next para.

The DASV Action Plan

The DASV Forum went through the new Action Plan in detail. The Action Plan is made up of 9 overarching thematic areas and essentially serves as the work plan for the Forum.

- Access to support
- Raising awareness of ending VAWG
- Ending harmful practice
- Holding perpetrators to account
- Responding to trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation
- Addressing harmful attitudes and behavior at an early age
- Understanding and responding to the health impact of VAWG
- Improving women's safety on public transport
- Learning from Domestic Violence Homicide Reviews and specialist service providers

All actions have been given leads and timescales for completion. Given the Domestic Abuse Coordinator was not in post at the time of the Forum, the membership reviewed the actions, leads and timelines across all thematic areas. A detailed progress report will be made available to the next SCP following the arrival of the new DA Coordinator.

The full updated Action Plan can be found at Appendix 2.

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