

Gloucestershire DASV Briefing Sheet

This briefing sheet is produced with the support of the DASV Implementation Group (IG). Please circulate amongst all those engaged in addressing the issues of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire. Thank you!

Domestic Abuse Bill Consultation

The Home Office has released its consultation on the Domestic Abuse Bill, which sets out the government's approach to dealing with domestic abuse. It seeks to address domestic abuse at every stage from prevention through to rehabilitation.

Everyone is encouraged to respond to the consultation which is available by [clicking here](#). Please note the **deadline** for responses is **31st May 2018**.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):

A reminder that from **25th May 2018** a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force, providing increased rights for people over how their information is kept, used and shared. [Click here](#) for more information and to make sure you are up to date with the new regulation and accompanying responsibilities.



As part of the new responsibilities under GDPR, we, here at GCC, will be writing to colleagues on our DASV distribution lists to seek confirmation that you still wish to be receive DASV related information, including as appropriate, invites to the DASV IG Meetings. Please look out for this email and confirm your preferences, so you can keep up to date on the domestic abuse agenda. *Thank you!*

Safelives has recently published a **Briefing on Sexual Violence: Key findings from their pilot with Victim Support Services** which was designed to amplify the voices of victims and survivors of sexual violence, and learn more about the specialist support provided by Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs). [Click here](#) to access.

Summer 2018








A number of resources to promote and support the **Health Early Intervention Pilot** in **GP surgeries** and **hospital settings** will be available on the GDASS website soon. The GDASS information on developing Adult Safety Plans is already available on Glostakeastand by [clicking here](#).

The **Prison Reform Trust** has published a report, *"There's a reason we're in trouble": Domestic Abuse as a driver for Women's Offending* – to view a copy [click here](#)

Children and Domestic Homicide: The British Journal of Social Work has recently published a study addressing children's involvement in domestic homicides, the study analyses all Domestic Homicide Reviews published 2011 – 16 where there were children under eighteen. A copy is available by [clicking here](#).

Following the recent publication of the **Safelives Spotlight on Homelessness and Domestic Abuse**, Safelives has added a sixth 'Spotlight' to its series on **[LGBT+ people and domestic abuse](#)**.

The Spotlights series focuses on groups of victims who may be 'hidden' from services, or face additional barriers to accessing support and brings together insight from survivors, practitioners, academics and other experts, alongside SafeLives own data. Click on the links below to see the others in the series:

-  [Older People and Domestic Abuse](#)
-  [Disabled People and Domestic Abuse](#)
-  ['Honour'-Based Violence and Forced Marriage](#)
-  [Young People and Domestic Abuse](#)
-  [Homelessness and Domestic Abuse](#)

Including recent and upcoming events

DASV Implementation Group (IG)

Work in Progress:

The Concordat: guidance documents for professionals are now available on the [Glostakeastand website](http://www.glostakeastand.com). These include guidance on:

- ✂ Identifying and Responding to DA
- ✂ Identifying and Responding to Stalking and Stalking Clinic Protocol
- ✂ MARAC Protocol and Guidance
- ✂ DASH Form
- ✂ Identifying and Responding to Violence and Abuse in Teenage Relationships
- ✂ Young Person's DASH Form

We are working with HR colleagues to pull together a template policy for workplaces to adopt which will be circulated for comment and then the DASV Commissioning Group will agree an approach for sign up to the full concordat.



Communications Plan - The draft Comms Plan for 2018/19 will be circulated shortly for comment. If you have any ideas to be included in the calendar of events and communications and are able to take the lead on any aspect of this activity, please contact Sophie.Jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk.



Domestic Abuse Framework Agreement: Following a quality assurance evaluation, a number of providers have been appointed to the new five year Gloucestershire Multi Supplier Framework Agreement for Domestic Abuse, covering a range of activity to support DA across six discrete lots:

Lot 1: Support to Victims of Domestic Abuse (16+) Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse

Lot 2: Places of Safety

Lot 3: Addressing Perpetrator Behaviour

Lot 4: Young People

Lot 5: Early Identification and Workforce Development

Lot 6: Stalking

The Framework is accessible to a range of partners contributing to the DA agenda (GCC, District Councils, Gloucestershire Constabulary, Health and Office of Police & Crime Commissioner) and will be re-opened annually to enable other providers to join.



Following a tendering process and partner evaluation, GreenSquare have been awarded the Lot 1 contract for the new Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS) from July 2018 when the current contract ends.



Activity to call-off services for perpetrators under Lot 3 is currently underway and an update on the outcome will be given at the next DASV IG meeting.

If you would like any further information about the Framework, please contact tina.hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The next meeting of the DASV IG will be **Thursday 27th September 2018** from **9.30 – 12.30**, in **Gloucester**. For information about attending this meeting please contact: Heather.Ellis@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Please forward any information to be included in the next edition of the DASV Briefing Sheet to: Tina.Hemingway@gloucestershire.gov.uk by **Friday 14th September 2018**