

# Response to domestic abuse in Barnsley

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# **1. Purpose of the report**

The report provides an overview and update on the progress of domestic abuse service provision in Barnsley, in response to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the needs assessment conducted in 2021.

## **2. Main findings**

The needs assessment found that domestic abuse in Barnsley has become more complex and diverse, and identified some key gaps in service provision, such as safe and suitable housing, specialist support for children and young people, and skilled work with perpetrators.

Our Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2025 seeks to address these gaps through outlining our current provision and future developments.

### **3. The four priorities of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2027**

1. Providing victims and survivors with the right support.
  - Increase our capacity to provide safe and suitable housing.
  - Ensure service development is driven by the need of survivors.
  - Develop the community support offer.
  - Introduce the Safe & Together™ Model
  
2. Preventing domestic abuse.
  - Develop a strong communications plan.
  - Deliver education on healthy relationships to children and young people.

### **3. The four priorities of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2027**

#### **3. Providing strong multi-agency support.**

- Ensure the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) works for agencies and delivers the best outcomes.
- Maintain and develop relationships with agencies working with victims and survivors.
- Domestic Abuse Partnership
- Develop expectations of agencies and professionals working together.
- Identify options for pooling resources.

### **3. The four priorities of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2027**

4. Holding perpetrators to account and supporting them to change their behaviour.
  - Support and develop the existing perpetrator programme to support perpetrators to change behaviour.
  - Support South Yorkshire Police in developing and implementing the Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) process.

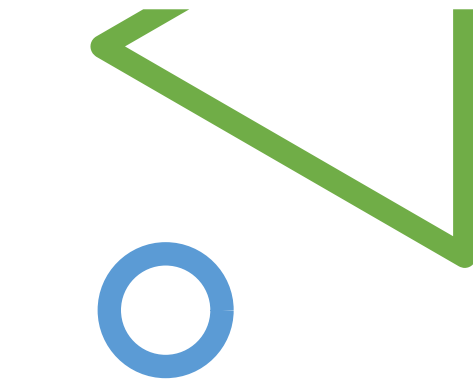
## 4. The current position and achievements of the service provision

Over the past seven years we have fundamentally transformed our approach to reducing domestic abuse through:

- a. Commissioning an integrated domestic abuse service delivered by IDAS.
- b. Developing new dispersed accommodation most recently by Target Housing.
- c. Commissioning a survivor's voice support service by GROW.
- d. Commissioning a perpetrator programme by Cranstoun.
- e. Commissioning a detached youth work programme.







#### 4. The current position and achievements of the service provision

- a. In development a new service called Help Out Barnsley.
- b. Having a comprehensive communications plan.
- c. Reviewing the way we prevent domestic abuse such as through MARAC.
- d. Strengthening our governance arrangements through the Domestic Abuse Partnership.

## **5. The future plans and challenges of the service provision**

- The rates of domestic abuse in Barnsley around 1800 reported incidents to the police each quarter. This is not going down?
- Domestic homicides – lessons learnt and partners role in this.
- Investment in new services can only happen with new money and the government grant is to end March 2025. There is no indication of continued support from the central government.

