

Minutes of 'Domestic Abuse' Working Group Meeting

Held on Tuesday 13th May 2008 at 5pm

Halton Women's Centre, Castlefields, Runcorn

Present: Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Geoffrey Swift, Cllr Sue Blackmore, Howard Cockcroft – Operational Director Culture and Leisure Services, Sally Clarke Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, Steve Eastwood DAAT Co-ordinator, Sally Carr Halton Youth Service, Lindsay Bowker - The Relationship Centre, Inspector Simon Blackwell, Janet Guy Culture and Leisure Services.

Item	Details	Action
1	Apologies: Cllr Peter Murray, Cllr Martha Lloyd Jones	
2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 16th April and matters arising Minutes accepted as a true record. Matters arising – Working Neighbourhood Funds (WNF) Considering all bids submitted, but want to move away from bidding to commissioning, Alcohol, Worklessness, Health. Safer Halton Partnership looked at Alcohol and Worklessness today. More cross-cutting work with LAA meeting on Monday to start looking at issues. SE has had discussions with Paul Boyce Children & Young People (C&YP) to look at alternatives if bid unsuccessful. S Clarke put together for GONW £350, 000 bid and asked to see if we can get this money, includes £70,000 (£25k each for IDVA and IDSA, with £20k running costs. SE to produce a summary paper to be agreed with the group then distributed to relevant partners/agencies prior to September SH PPB. SB to talk to Gary Finchett – Police Divisional Commander. SE would suggest money from Police to fund work for repeat victims. S Carr asked about reduced figures in violent crime if the financial award could be used towards raising self-esteem. SB confirmed through LPSA 2 violent crime and vehicle crime targets met in Halton. Decision on reward monies rest with Chief Executive.</p>	SE SB
3	<p>One-stop shop Agencies/Services SE If WNF £80k not continuing, talked to different agencies who are willing to be involved. GS asked if the one-stop shop had been lost? Chair confirmed it hadn't and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) one-stop shop would hopefully be responded to at SH PPB on 17th June. Chair asked if any synergy between ASB and DA. SE discussed with Paul Boyce use of office space in Grosvenor House, customer contact via HDL who then call through to Grosvenor House. All new National Indicators will be reported on.</p>	
4	<p>Service User Advocate A full-time post of £36k (inc on costs). A common factor is that people find it difficult to complain about services they are using. This post would give people the opportunity to express what they want from the service, through this views can be taken on board and improvement of services can be developed. Chair asked what level of qualifications, background and experience would be required, 3 or 5 year post. SE Have an Advocacy post in DAAT, will use job description. SB asked if this would link back to Strategic and operational groups. SE agreed it would, and since having the post in DAAT, service delivery has improved.</p>	SE
5	<p>Any other business Present paper to SH PPB September 2008, (August deadline), SE to produce July. Cllr Geoffrey Swift will be changing Policy and Performance Boards, Chair thanked Geoffrey for his contributions and attendance at meetings.</p>	SE
6	<p>Date and time of next meeting Dates to be e-mailed to the group.</p>	