

TOPIC BRIEF

Topic Title: Review and scrutiny of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-17

Officer Lead: Chris Patino

Planned start date: April 2014

Target PPB Meeting: September 2014

Topic Description and scope:

- Identify level of Domestic Abuse and identify where Halton is in relation to neighbouring LA's.
- Review existing models of service to meet need by identifying areas of good practice across the sub region of Cheshire
- Explore adoption of white ribbon status for the borough of Halton
- Identify areas of good practice across the sub region of Cheshire

Why this topic was chosen:

- Present levels in Halton have been identified as a particular problem.

Key outputs and outcomes sought:

- Recommendation of adoption by the Council of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-17.
- Identify the true level of the problem.
- Seek external funding/partners to help deliver the domestic abuse strategy.
- Increase awareness of support services on offer
- Raise confidence levels of victims to report offences

Which of Halton's 5 strategic priorities this topic addresses and the key objectives and improvement targets it will help to achieve:

- Safer
- Health and wellbeing

Financial issues

A need to identify any additional funding needed to progress the action plan.

Nature of expected/desired PPB input:

Member led scrutiny review by Cllr Darren Lea and Members from the Safer PPB, Emma Sutton-Thompson, Cheshire Police, Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre Cheshire & Merseyside (RASASC), Sarah Ashcroft (Domestic Abuse coordinator), Mike Andrews, RSL's (Lynn to clarify any volunteers).

Meetings, scrutiny and facilitators.

Preferred mode of operation:

Monthly two hourly meetings with a completed action plan by September 2014 for Executive Board approval in October 2014.

Agreed and signed by:

PPB chair

Officer

Date

Date