

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 14 June 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Operation Enhance (Domestic Abuse pilot)

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board on the Domestic Abuse Pilot work of the Safer Halton Partnership .

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the report be received and noted; and**
- 2) The Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Operation Enhance is a joint Halton Borough Council and Cheshire Police initiative which runs between the 6th February 2016 and 1st of August 2016.
- 3.2 The overall aim of this operation is to enhance the service provided to victims and front line Local Policing Unit (LPU) officers with support in relation to domestic abuse across the Runcorn LPU.
- 3.3 The Community Safety Manager will make a presentation to the Board on the project and its success to date.
- 3.4 The Operation is working very effectively and is being positively received by victims of domestic abuse, since February more than 100 victims have benefitted from this operation, so far. With risk assessments being completed by trained domestic abuse specialists, an increase in the number of HIGH risk cases has been identified, subsequently leading to an increased caseload being supported through the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). Due to victims accessing services in a more prompt way, engagement has improved and the case load of the core commissioned service has increased.

- 3.5 Victims are able to access support earlier than they have previously and victims that have been historically hard to reach by the Halton Domestic Abuse Service are being provided with a service effectively on their door step.
- 3.6 By gaining the confidence of victims at such an early stage is proving to be beneficial in supporting the victim.
- 3.7 A full evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of this new approach will be available at the end of the pilot, Chester University will be publishing the findings.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None

6.4 A Safer Halton

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

6.5 Environment and Regeneration

None

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.