

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	9 February 2021
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
<b>WARDS:</b>	All

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>
1.1	To update the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board in relation to the activities being supported across the Borough in response to domestic abuse and sexual violence.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that members of the Board Consider and comment on any aspect of this report.</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
3.1	<p><b>Halton Domestic Abuse Service – Integrated Family Model</b></p> <p>Halton have awarded the new Halton Domestic Abuse Service, integrated family model to WHAG a specialist domestic abuse provider that has services in operation in Cheshire West, Rochdale and Bury. The new model differs to anything we have delivered previously in Halton, but crucially has been carefully designed to maintain the proven strengths of our local services.</p> <p>Our new integrated family model will focus on the ‘Whole Family’ and will provide support, services and advocacy to adult victims, children affected by domestic abuse and in a change in the way the support services work in Halton interventions will be offered to those who harm. We anticipate better outcomes for victims, children and perpetrators whether they remain in the current relationship or go on and form new relationships.</p> <p><b>OVERALL SERVICE AIMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The service will form a whole family response to domestic abuse, working together to reduce the impact of domestic abuse on individuals, families and the community. This will enable people of all ages affected by domestic to be safe/r, to cope, to change and to recover.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a specialist Domestic Abuse service which will provide information, consultation and direct support to adults, children, young people and families experiencing domestic abuse ensuring a co-ordinated approach for individuals and families.</li> <li>• To provide access to short-term supported accommodation for victims of domestic abuse and their dependents, to allow them to receive appropriate support to meet their particular needs, focus on securing settled move-on accommodation and to start rebuilding their lives.</li> <li>• To provide individual and group support to parents and carers affected by domestic abuse. This support will aim to reduce the impact of domestic abuse on parenting capacity, helping them to understand and address the impact on the child's behaviour.</li> <li>• In partnership with the Council, to agree Halton's approach to working with perpetrators of intimate partner abuse, develop and deliver a perpetrator provision.</li> </ul> <p>The new service began operations in Halton on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b>
4.1	There are no policy implications contained within this report.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES</b>
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5.2	<b>Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton</b>
5.3	<b>Children and Young People in Halton</b>
5.4	<b>A Safer Halton</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>RISK ANALYSIS</b>
	These are contained within the report.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES</b>

<b>9.0</b>	<b>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972</b>
	None under the meaning of the Act