



Orkney Domestic Abuse Forum

(Incorporating the Violence Against Women Partnership)

“Sharing, Networking - Promoting Good Practice”

Action Plan: March 2017 to March 2019

Introduction

In seeking to reduce and prevent incidents of domestic abuse the Orkney Domestic Abuse Forum (DAF) (incorporating Violence Against Women [VAW] Partnership) has identified 4 strategic objectives. These are:

- 1: Increase awareness and understanding of what constitutes domestic abuse and violence against women and girls and promote appropriate responses and preventative approaches to eradicating these.
- 2: Maintain involvement in and monitor effectiveness of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC) in Orkney.
- 3: Ensure learning and development opportunities (including funding) are promoted and linked to national and local priorities.
- 4: Contribute to collation of national statistics and feeding into national work.

1. Increase awareness and understanding of what constitutes domestic abuse and violence against women and girls and promote appropriate responses and preventative approaches to eradicating these.

Targets to achieve objectives.	Outputs / outcomes.	Timescale.	Lead / delivery partners.	Resources required.	Progress.
Host a dedicated webpage with information / help numbers.	Promote awareness and provide information.	Review October 2017.	Chair DAF (VAW). LM.	Updated information. Contact numbers and details from all partners.	

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Domestic Abuse Awareness events.	Increase awareness.	October 2017.	WAO Forum members.	Leaflets, posters. Engage with media eg. Radio Orkney and The Orcadian newspaper. WAO book venues each day of the week (as part of 16 days of action) and distribute information from all services.	16 days – 25 November – 10 December. VAO window – 11-17 September.
Awareness materials for partners.	Promote awareness and provide information.	Review annually.	WAO. VAW Improvement service.	Leaflets, posters. WAO will be distributing leaflets etc. from WAO, MARAC, ORC and Victim Support and any other partners.	VAW improvement officer has been contacted.
Quarterly briefing updates to Chief Officer Group.	Governance assurance.	Quarterly.	Chair.		Standing agenda item.

2. Maintain involvement in and monitor effectiveness of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC) in Orkney

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Engage with MARAC.	Partnership working.	Review April 2018.		Identify gaps in attendance Funding (NHS / Criminal Justice / Housing.	Chair has contacted MARAC co-ordinator.

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Information sharing protocols to be signed off and implemented.	Partnership working.	Review April 2018.	MARAC, NHS, OIC.	Protocols in place.	Protocols signed off and implemented.

3. Ensure learning and development opportunities (including funding) are promoted and linked to national and local priorities

Targets to achieve objectives.	Outputs / outcomes.	Timescale.	Lead / delivery partners.	Resources required.	Progress.
Training for agencies.	<p>Identify learning and development opportunities and promote these locally.</p> <p>Continue to include domestic abuse / violence against women in CP Level 2 training.</p> <p>Identify any gaps in provision</p>	Review 6 monthly (first review April 2018).	All DAF (VAW) partners.	<p>Trainer from WAO.</p> <p>Time to develop/deliver training and evaluate feedback.</p>	Training for agencies.

4. Contribute to collation of national statistics and feeding into national work

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<p>Monitor reports received from police, MARAC, Women's Aid, Housing, Orkney Rape Crisis and any others that are relevant.</p>	<p>Identify any trends.</p> <p>Utilise trend data to prioritise future direction for DAF (VAW) activity.</p> <p>Feed into national requests for data.</p>	<p>At every DAF (VAW) meeting.</p>	<p>All partners involved in relevant data collection.</p>	<p>DAF to Collate figures.</p>	