

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	23 January 2020
Reporting Member/Officer:	Cllr Eleanor Wills, Executive Member Adult Social Care and Population Health Jeanelle De Gruchy, Director of Population Health
Subject:	DOMESTIC ABUSE IN TAMESIDE
Report Summary:	The presentation describes the recent peer review into how we tackle domestic abuse in Tameside, conducted in July 2019, and the subsequent work that has been undertaken to move forwards with the findings of the review to improve our system-wide approach to this issue.
Recommendations:	The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note and discuss the findings of the peer review and subsequent work. (b) Inform next steps.
Corporate Plan:	Domestic abuse aligns to all life course priorities within the Corporate Plan and is highlighted as a specific objective under the priority 'Nurturing Communities'.
Policy Implications:	The ongoing work coming from the initial peer review will look to reform our system-wide approach to tackling domestic abuse in Tameside, which will include reform of the existing strategic group; development of a new borough-wide Domestic Abuse Strategy; and development of a new commissioning and training framework around domestic abuse
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	The supporting presentation provides an overview of the estimated financial impact of domestic abuse both nationally and locally on the economy and related public services. The presentation also refers to non recurrent investment to finance a system wide strategic lead post on a two year fixed term contract. Members should note that this post will be financed via Council reserves subject to approval by Council. It is essential that appropriate performance monitoring arrangements are implemented to ensure related improvements to this system wide issue are evaluated alongside reductions to the estimated financial impact on locality public services.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) is one of the most pervasive crimes in our society. The harm resulting from domestic violence and abuse can have a lasting impact of families and victims and preventative action to reduce the number of incidents remains a priority for both local agencies and Government departments. It accounts for eight per cent of all crime with an estimated two million victims a year. Victims are predominantly women, with one in four women experiencing a form of domestic abuse in their lifetime. DVA also significantly affects those children and young people who witness such incidents of violence and control. Their experience of DVA can lead to intergenerational cycles of vulnerability and perpetration. The impact of domestic violence

and abuse can be devastating. In the worst instances, it results in serious injury or even death. There are long term implications for the health and wellbeing of victims, including poor physical and mental health conditions, isolation and often substance misuse. Children and young people suffer too as a result of such violence and abuse. There is a significant risk to the child's physical, emotional and social development and an increased risk they themselves will become victims of abuse themselves, or even perpetrators. Apart from the significant harm to families, the cost of failing to address this harm in society is significant demand on public services and in particular Children's Services. Accordingly, it is incumbent on the Council and CCG if we are to deliver a balanced budget that we find effective means to address this issue. It is important as we prioritise budget to tackling the issue that we have clear performance measures and monitoring in place to ensure such measures implemented are effective.

Risk Management:

The risks of failing to address this significant issue is that demand on supporting services will increase and hence why a joint organisational approach is required.

Background Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting James Mallion, Consultant Public Health



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