

Planned Action		Lead	Timescales	Commentary	Progress Status
<b><i>To increase public awareness as to the issues surrounding domestic abuse</i></b>					
Develop and implement an information and communications strategy for Domestic Abuse		NR	31 Mar 09	DAF to implement a task and finish group that could co-ordinate publicity/media campaign for forum.	
Quarterly review Domestic Abuse publicity for Community Communications Network (CCN)		Group	31 Mar 09		
Consider alternative communications medium:	Payroll	Group	31 Mar 09		
	Valley's Voice	Group	31 Mar 09		
	Top Brief – Internal Council	Group	31 Mar 09		
	School Diaries	Group	31 Mar 09		
	Pub Watch	Group	31 Mar 09		
Draft media release once per quarter		Group	31 Mar 09	12/12/07: DI Bill Davies - Press release issued: 'DV Patrols launched for Christmas and New Year periods Feb 08: Press release re BG investments (£) in DA	
Establish links with Gwent Police		NR	31 Jan 08	Invited Emma to next meeting of DAF to give presentation	
Place 'Communications' on Agenda as a standing item		NR	31 Jan 08		
Develop domestic abuse web-pages (link BGCBC & to BGDAS, Police, Supporting People, Tai Hafan etc)		NR	31 Mar 09		
Contact Sally Mark for assistance with Web-pages		NR	31 Mar 08	Meeting arranged for 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb Meeting re-arranged for 19 <sup>th</sup> March	

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<b><i>To improve the current service provision for all victims and to particularly increase the safe choices for women and children/young people who experience domestic abuse</i></b>					
Map counseling services for children and young people within BG schools		NR	31 Mar 08	Discuss with Ann Shepherd, Ebbw Vale School	
Identify substance misuse service providers dealing with residents of Blaenau Gwent		SV	31 Mar 08	Received the Gwent Directory of Substance Misuse Services	
Contact SM service providers to arrange meeting to discuss referral pathways into DA services		NR	31 Mar 09	Spoke to DIP, Fusion, CRI	
Explore opportunities for DA to be incorporated in to risk assessment forms of SM service providers		NR	31 Mar 09	Discussions underway with DIP – keen to engage	
Establish links with GP's via Gaynor Johnson		NR	31 Mar 08	GJ has left post	
Establish links with local GPs – via Michele Moseley		MM	31 Mar 08	Mtg with NR/MM 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Specialist Supported Housing Project	Develop a business case for a Specialist Supported Housing development in the County Borough	NR/MC/AH/J?	June 07	March 2007 - Bid submitted to WAG by Supporting People and United Welsh.	
				June 07 -Steering group set up	
				Tai Hafan to provide the service	
	Implement the Specialist Supported Housing Project	Steering Group		Discussions ongoing re: site	

# DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM

Version 7 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008

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Domestic Abuse Needs Analysis	Draft a Service Specification to carry out a Needs Analysis of domestic abuse	NR/Procurement	July 08		
	Identify three Consultants able to carry out the needs assessment	NR/Procurement	July 08		
	Identify funding for needs assessment work	HTH	January 09		
	Undertake Needs Analysis	Consultants/All members	January 09	FOR INFO ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs Analysis</li> <li>• Demographic Analysis</li> <li>• Findings from Service User and Carer Research</li> <li>• Consultation with Service Providers</li> <li>• Market Analysis</li> <li>• Mapping Existing Substance Misuse Services</li> <li>• Mapping Existing Contract Arrangements</li> <li>• Analysing the Quality of Services</li> <li>• Consultation with Service Users, Families and Carers</li> <li>• Resource Analysis</li> </ul>	

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Ensure links with other planning groups to encourage joint working	Local Safeguarding Children's Board	NR/RS	30 Nov 08	Contributed to LSCB Launch event. Domestic Abuse is currently 1 of the 4 Key aims of the LSCB	
	Children and Young People's Partnership	HTH	July 08	HTH met with Sharn Annett on LSCB Away Day to ensure that their strategic priorities are aligned with those contained within this plan. This Action Plan has been forwarded to SA for comment.	
				11/3: NR to re-send Action Plan and request feedback	
	Health Social Care and Well Being Partnership		July 08		
	Protection of Vulnerable Adult Co-ordinator	Sarah Jones	March 08	New person in post Sarah Jones – introductions to the DAF meeting – 5 Feb 08	
				NR assisting in the review of the SEW POVA Guidance to ensure appropriate DA input	
				NR in discussion with Mental Capacity Act Co-ord re awareness raising on potential misuse of new powers re DA	
	Mental Health Team	NR	April 08	NR to contact Sylvia Williams to discuss	
				New contact to be made through Michele Moseley	
	Gwent NHS Trust	NR	April 08	NR to contact Linda Brown	
				Attended the NHS Trust Forum – future meetings in schedule (next mtg 15/2/08)	Date f last meeting
				NR to assist in preparation of Strategy and Terms of Reference for the re-launched NHS Trust forum	
				T of Ref out to consultation	

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Identify solicitors experienced in Civil Law and who have an understanding of Domestic Abuse issues		NR	March 09	Local Solicitor identified via BGDAS – discussions ongoing	
				Solicitor to be advised to contact local DA Service providers direct	
Identify a contact within the Citizen Advice Bureau & invite to attend DAF		NR	March 09	Difficulty in establishing contact	
Develop and implement a group work program for female adult survivors of domestic abuse		CJ	October 07	BGDAS appointed Programme Worker Sarah Harding Freedom Project implemented October 2007	
Improve the services offered to victims from Minority Groups	Black and Ethnic Minority Victims	Tara	April 07	VALREC are currently key partners on DAF offering advice and support to BME victims upon request – link with BAWSO	
	Disabled victims	NR	July 08	NR influencing the design/planning considerations for the Specialist Supported Housing project	
	Lesbian, Gay and Bi-Sexual Victims			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links made also with Ceeder House Manager</li> <li>NR attended Cardiff WSU + Created Links with DYN coordinator to agree their involvement with future training, and linking in with BG Floating Support Project</li> <li>BGDAS are members of Broken Rainbow</li> </ul>	
	Sex Worker Victims			Size and scale of problem unable to be identified at this time	
Identify opportunities to develop domestic abuse services for male victims		NR		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Floating Support project (Tai Hafan) offering support to both female and male victims</li> <li>NR attended Cardiff WSU + Created Links with DYN coordinator to agree their involvement with future training, and linking in with BG Floating Support Project</li> </ul>	

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Contact fire Service representative to discuss Home Fire Risk Assessments for domestic abuse victims (contact name: Mick Flannagan)		NR	April 08		
Develop Home Fire Risk Assessment referrals with key domestic abuse service providers	Police	NR	March 09		
	BGDAS	NR	March 09		
	Supporting People	NR	March 09		
	Tai Hafan	NR	March 09		
	Probation	NR	March 09		
	Social Services	NR	March 09		

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<b><i>To facilitate the development and implementation of a quality co-ordinated joint-agency response</i></b>					
Re-establish Blaenau Gwent Domestic Abuse Forum		Group	September 07		
Review members of DAF		Group	30 Oct 07	Circulated and signed off 30/10/07	
Review the terms of Reference to include a definition of Domestic Abuse		Group	4 Sept 07	Discussed with Forum members and signed off 4/9/07	
Clarify the roles and responsibilities of members		Group	30 Oct 07	Discussed with Forum members and signed off 30/10/07	
Develop a Strategic Action Plan for Domestic Abuse		NR	February 08	Action Plan Sub Group set up meeting 22/11/07	
Review all policies, procedures and protocols		Group	March 09		
Carry out a training needs analysis		NR	March 09		
Develop a skills database		NR	March 09		
Develop a rolling training program for partners and external agencies		NR	March 09	Training YOT & Youth Service delivered	
				DA Level 1 trg to multi-agencies	
				4 Workshops delivered at LSCB launch	
Pan-Gwent Domestic Abuse forum	Establish a pan-Gwent Domestic Abuse Forum	NR	March 08	Meeting arranged 4 Feb 08	
	Review membership	Group	July 08		
	Contribute to establishment of a Terms of Reference	Group	July 08		
	Clarify the roles and responsibilities of members	Group	July 08		

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<p><b><i>To educate and inform children and young people to enable them to make informed choices and To protect children and young people in Blaenau Gwent from the negative impact of domestic abuse</i></b></p>					
To support the pan-Gwent bid for funding for a safer relationships play		NR		Bid successful	
To develop a program role out for all year 9 pupils in Blaenau Gwent		NR		Completed Performances to 5 Comprehensives between Sep – Nov 07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although offered, Brynmawr Comprehensive School opted not to participate</li> </ul> Posters/advice cards for Young People created by NR and circulated to all schools, NR Visited all secondary schools and briefed all child protection lead teachers	
To develop a Resource Pack for the schools in support of the Safer Relationships play		NR	Dec 2007	Awaiting printing date – Torfaen are leads	
				Awaiting final copy of the manual	
				Discussed possible launch for resource manuals	
				To be distributed to all secondary schools week 17/3	
To influence the development of the PSLO program	Contact Sue Ball/Lyndon Samuel (Gwent Police PSLO Co-ordinator) to discuss	NR	April 08	Met and discussed 'influence pathways'	
	Arrange meeting with Dave Smith PSLO BG to discuss local project	NR	Nov 07	Dave Smith involved in Safer Relationships play	
				Ad hoc meetings to continue with DS/NR to discuss local PSLO programmes	



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To influence the development of the PSLO program	Establish links into the Crucial Crew project – Dave Smith is main contact	NR	July 09		
	Review the DA specific elements of the PSLO programme within the upper key stage 2		Mar 08	Feb 08: discussed with LS	
	Arrange meeting between PSLOs and PSE Co-ord to observe practice in schools	DS/GD/SP	Jul 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently co-ordinating diaries to establish suitable date</li> </ul>	
Review the PSE programme (upper Key stage 2 – Years 9-11)	Arrange meeting with SP to discuss	NR SP	Sept 09	NR met with SP (Healthy Schools Co-ord/PSE Co-ord)	
	Identify current frameworks (national curriculum/Police)	NR	Mar 08	Feb 08: Meeting NR/SP/LS	
	Identify current teacher support packages available for PSE elements	NR	Mar 08	Gained a copy of the WAG Initiative "SENSE" NR reviewed the elements for DA content – identified a need to link into a review possibly with CYP Partnership re delivery of the Single CYP Plan	
	Arrange meeting with Sharn Annett/NR/SP/AP to discuss opportunities for using SENSE	NR SP	Jun 08		

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<b><i>To challenge the notion that domestic abuse is acceptable</i></b>					
Influence the development of partners agency's workplace policies and good practice guidelines dealing with the victims and perpetrators of Domestic Abuse	Identify working policies and procedures within BGCBC	NR	Mar 09	No "Workplace Policy" in place for BGCBC	
	To draft a Workplace Policy on Domestic Violence and Abuse	NR	Mar 09	Identified an opportunity to develop a "Workplace Policy on DA: Guidance for Employers"	
	Submit to DAF members and partner agencies for comment	NR	Mar 09	Meeting to be arranged with BG HR	
To influence (where appropriate) the development of Social Landlord Policy and Procedures to dealing with victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse	NR AR		July 08	NR identified models to consider – Humberside + 2	
				NR currently reviewing BGCBC Policy to be returned to AR	

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<b><i>To hold abusers accountable for their behaviour</i></b>					
Promoting the establishment of MARACS	Consider establishment of a MARAC in “C” Division	BD NR	March 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>07/11/07 meeting with BD to discuss core panel and structure of launch day</li> <li>19/11/07 MARAC Training/launch for core panel cancelled. BD confirmed that the first MARAC for BG will be held on 18/12/07</li> <li>30/11/07 MARAC cancelled due to MARAC co-ord resigning. MARAC implementation is now being managed by Police SMT. BD to update DAF of any progress</li> </ul>	
	Arrange further meetings with Police to establish a MARAC	BD		BD left post	
Review the DV1 Form (Police risk assessment forms)		NR	Sept 08	Comments forwarded to MD at Force HQ	
Explore opportunities to enhance evidence collection with new technologies such as ‘head cameras’ and digital cameras		BD	March 09	BD left post	
Strengthen links with the IDAP perpetrators program		DF	March 09		
Strengthen links with the women’s safety worker, based in Gwent Probation Programme Unit, Newport		NR	July 08		

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Perpetrator Programmes	Explore the opportunity to develop a Community based perpetrators program	NR	March 09	12/11/07 -Met with I L ( Torfaen Co-ord) to discuss the possibility of BG and Torfaen linking up to develop a programme..	
				19/11/07 Received email from IL stating that at the present time Torfaen want to run a pilot alone	
				Arrange meeting with ACO Gwent Probation to discuss Perpetrator Programme for BG	
Specialist Domestic Violence Courts Programme	To support the SDVCs in “C” Division and Gwent	NR	March 08	NR attend the Gwent SDVC Management Group	
	Visit Haverford West Magistrates Court to explore implementation of SSS Programme	NR SR (Newport)	Sep 07	Evaluative report submitted to SDVC, LOGs	
	Contribute to the development of a performance management framework to support the SDVC programme	NR	March 09	Aug 07 sub group established – NR is the representative	
				MD to arrange and confirm dates of meetings	
	Re-establish the Local Operational Groups (LOGs) in “C” Division	NR	March 09	LOG for C Div implemented initiated on 03/07/07	
	To support the development Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service	BGDAS NR	March 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SDVC has established a counselling service for all IDVAs</li> </ul>	