

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### CABINET

#### PROGRESS ON THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SCRUTINY ACTION PLAN

##### 1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To report progress on the executive action plan approved by Cabinet to address the recommendations of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel in a review of domestic violence.
- 1.2 The key points in this report are as follows:
- In September 2008, council approved a report of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel on domestic violence service provision and areas of vulnerability;
  - The Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership co-ordinated the executive action plan on behalf of Cabinet;
  - The action plan was approved by Cabinet in December 2008;
  - The Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel considered progress on the action plan in February this year; and
  - An updated version of the action plan and progress on implementation is attached for Cabinet's information.

##### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 24 September 2008, council approved a report of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel entitled "*Review of Domestic Violence - Service provision and areas of vulnerability*".
- 2.2 The Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership agreed on behalf of Cabinet to assume overall ownership of preparing and implementing an action plan to address the recommendations in the scrutiny report.
- 2.3 A multi-agency Domestic Violence Implementation Group worked on the preparation of the action plan that was received and approved by Cabinet in December 2008.
- 2.4 One of the more critical actions in the plan was to establish a dedicated lead officer post for domestic violence. This took place during the first part of 2009. A Domestic Violence Strategy Manager has been in place since October to drive progress on the remaining actions.

2.5 An updated version of the action plan and progress on its implementation was presented to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel in early February this year. This was followed by an in-depth discussion with members of the panel on issues involved in the implementation process. The views of the panel have been taken into account in the revised action plan report that is attached for Cabinet's information.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

To receive the action plan report.

### **4.. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 The updated action plan reflects both multi-agency partner commitment and constructive challenge from the council's scrutiny process.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

Financial

There are financial implications associated with a number of the scrutiny report recommendations. These continue to be considered by the North Lincolnshire Strategic Partnership as part of a wider assessment of the financial framework required to deliver the community strategy and the supporting local area agreement. Actions will only be progressed within the financial framework that is available.

#### **5.2 Staffing**

The council has ensured through its budget planning process that resources are in place to fund a number of partnership posts that are critical to tackling domestic violence. Humberside Police similarly makes a significant commitment to the overall staff resource that is required.

#### **5.3 Property**

A number of actions relate to making properties more secure in high-risk cases.

#### **5.4 Information Technology**

There are no direct implications.

### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

6.1 Successfully implementing the action plan is evidence of the council successfully discharging responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

6.2 It will also contribute to a number of the national indicators in the local area agreement. The main indicator in this respect is NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence.

6.3 Diversity impact issues were addressed throughout the scrutiny review.

## 7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 The original action plan was prepared by a multi-agency group of partners under the overview of the Safer Neighbourhoods Strategy Board. The Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel considered progress on the action plan in February this year.

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That Cabinet notes the report on the scrutiny action plan;

8.2 And requests that all reasonable steps be taken to successfully complete actions that are currently in progress.

### SERVICE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND RESOURCES

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#### **Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Review of Domestic Violence – Service provision and areas of vulnerability 2008.  
Cabinet Report December 2008  
Crime and Disorder Act 1998  
North Lincolnshire Local Area Agreement 2008-11

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN**

**RESPONSE TO SAFER & STRONGER SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**HEADLINE POSITION – MARCH 2010**

**1. General Comments on Progress**

Whilst good progress has been made in some areas, there is little doubt that the absence of a lead officer for Domestic Violence for the period August 2008 – October 2009 adversely affected the ability of Safer Neighbourhoods to drive forward this agenda. Much of the delay in recruitment was caused by the review, re-evaluation and re-grading of the post.

Debra Winning was appointed to the post of Domestic Violence Strategy Manager on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

One of her priority tasks remains the implementation of the Action Plan prepared in response to the Scrutiny Report.

**2. Key Aspects of the Response to the Scrutiny Report**

• **Training**

Training has commenced regarding the subject of domestic abuse, MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation. Planned training includes joint training with Humberside Police on the new risk assessment for domestic abuse and with the PCT for cascading this risk assessment through A&E staff, midwives and paediatric staff as examples.

Links have been made for a plan for domestic abuse training to be delivered through the corporate training package and this is ongoing.

A training programme is planned and dates have already been made available through the LSCB.

- **Young people**

The Government has developed some initiatives regarding young people and guidance on relationships. More work is needed to ensure that they are appropriately promoted.

- **The Refuge**

The current Refuge service is funded through the Supporting People budget. The demand for services is currently being reassessed as a pre-cursor to reviewing the existing supply contract.

- **Emergency/temporary Accommodation**

North Lincolnshire Homes have provided 8 houses for use as Emergency/Temporary Accommodation. There are discussions currently being held regarding the allocation of these properties for victims of domestic abuse. These discussions have acted as a catalyst for wider discussions about the provision of emergency accommodation for domestic abuse cases. These will form part of an extensive review about accommodation issues commissioned by the Safer Neighbourhoods Strategy Board meeting on 18 March 2010.

- **MARAC**

The MARAC is now well embedded in normal operating practices and is working well. Work is now underway to improve administrative support to that body.

**SAFER & STRONGER SCRUTINY PANEL – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

3	RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION	LEAD	TIMESCALE	COMMENTS
1.	That the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer (Domestic Violence) facilitate a mock homicide review. The results of the mock review to be shared with all participating partners and this scrutiny panel.	A formal protocol to review a DV-related homicide to be developed in conjunction with all partner agencies.	Safer N'hoods DV Strategy Manager ("SNDVSM")	March 2011	Guidance forwarded to Clr Davison regarding the Pemberton Domestic Violence Homicide Review.
2.	That a dedicated Domestic Violence Co-ordinator post be established to lead and manage tackling domestic violence in North Lincolnshire.	Recruitment process already under way	Stuart Minto (SM)	Completed	A Domestic Violence Strategy Manager has been recruited and has been in post since October 2009.
3.	<p>That a special meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Strategy Board be convened in order to plug the gaps in budget provision, particularly the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A dedicated budget for the creation, printing and distribution of domestic violence material.</li> <li>(ii) Updating and re-structuring the outdated Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership web site to include more information on domestic</li> </ul>			Completed	It is felt that this recommendation is covered in other areas of this document and will be dealt with there.

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	<p>violence.</p> <p>(iii) The IT support and maintenance of the Domestic Violence Web-Based Directory.</p> <p>(iv) The implementation of recommendations 2, 4, 21, 27, 28, 34, 35 and 36.</p> <p>(v) Training.</p>				
4.	That the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer (Domestic Violence) be allocated a specific budget to provide domestic violence training. In addition, a training programme be prepared and circulated to all partners for each council year.	SNDVSM to get dedicated budget.	SM	Financial Year 2010/11	DVSM is liaising with partners regarding training and a programme will be circulated. MARAC training has already commenced and LSCB had released dates for DV Training. DVSM will be providing basic DV awareness training dates.
5.	That domestic violence awareness training be included in the council's corporate induction programme.		DVSM	April 2010	DVSM liaising with Lisa Longstaff who deals with corporate induction training to include DV awareness training. Also consideration of E-learning package.
6.	That the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer (Domestic Violence) identify and arrange for relevant partners to receive training from	SNDVSM to arrange	SNDVSM	Ongoing	It would be useful if all partner agencies could use the same risk

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	CAADA.				assessment process as outlined in CAADA. MARAC Training is assisting with providing the same risk assessment. DASH is the new risk assessment to be released and training of agencies will commence very soon. Stonham has 1 staff member from the Refuge completing the IDVA/CAADA training.
7.	That all staff who come into direct contact with children receive basic awareness training from the Local Safeguarding Children's Board on domestic violence as a minimum, in order that appropriate resources and decisions are targeted at the family.	Katie Newborn to be contacted to discuss this recommendation.	SM	Training Plan ongoing	DVSM has spoken to Shamis Farah (LSCB Training Coordinator) and arranged training dates.
8.	That the Service Director Children, Strategy and Partnerships ensure that all services commissioned locally by the Children's Trust are consistent with the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services and the principles set out in the statutory guidance on making arrangements to safeguard and promote the	Check with Denise Hyde whether this is already happening as part of the commissioning framework.	SM	ASAP	Agreed in principle.

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	welfare of children under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.				
9.	That the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer (Domestic Violence) commission a piece of research with young people to gain a better understanding of how domestic violence is understood by them, and to ensure that they are confident about discussing any concerns they may have with appropriate adults.	N/A		Sept 2010	<p>Already carried out as part of the Adolescent Life Style survey.</p> <p>DVSM is preparing a piece of research based upon how many young people access services who are suffering from DV. DVSM is liaising with the IYSS.</p> <p>The Panel wished DVSM to consider the peer mentoring service, training and education in schools</p>
10.	<p>That to raise awareness of the seriousness of domestic violence and help children/young people and their families access appropriate support schools, the Service Director Learning, Schools and Communities encourage all schools in North Lincolnshire to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure relevant help line stickers are displayed inside every toilet cubicle,</li> </ul>	Ongoing	HSC	Ongoing	<p>Healthy Schools Co-ordinator (HSC) Discusses needs of vulnerable groups in schools as part of planning outcomes. If DV is identified links will be made between school and DVSM</p> <p>DVSM is linking with</p>

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	<p>where appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display leaflets and posters, with telephone numbers, in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Changing rooms</li> <li>▪ School youth clubs</li> <li>▪ Reception areas, and along</li> <li>▪ Corridors, and on</li> <li>▪ Notice Boards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Display posters and leaflets when there are parent evenings and open days.</li> </ul>				<p>HSC and providing training to teachers, aides etc. There are 2 training dates booked.</p> <p>The key issue was children missing in education and leaflets/posters being placed in the schools as this varied from school to school. DVSM to link with head teachers and Children's Trust.</p>
11.	That the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator devise an action plan to ensure that all pupils are taught respectful relationships and communication life-skills in all North Lincolnshire schools.	Ongoing	HSC	Ongoing	Input about DV is now written into SRE programme delivered in all secondary schools by Youth Service team
12.	That a teachers' handbook be drafted and fresh guidance be issued to all schools about the importance of providing better support to meet the needs of children affected by domestic violence.	Ongoing	HSC		HSC felt that issuing a handbook on its own is not helpful, as teachers may not read them. However she felt if they were handed out at a meeting or during training there would be a better chance of them

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					being used.
14.	That by no later than September 2009, the contract for the refuge provision be put out to tender.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	DVSM is liaising with Refuge regarding the tender in 2010.
15.	That the Supporting People programme undertake a cost-benefit analysis of the refuge to determine if the provider is providing value for money.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	DVSM is speaking to Supporting People regarding the provision of the refuge and possibly other services.
16.	That whilst it is noted that the layout of the refuge cannot be changed, the Supporting People programme explore the feasibility of support activities being undertaken by the staff to achieve 'stretch' elsewhere.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	DVSM is speaking to Supporting People regarding the provision of the refuge and possibly other services.
17.	That the Supporting People programme explore the reasons for the dramatic reduction in the number of referrals to and accepted by the refuge.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	DVSM is liaising with Supporting People and Refuge.

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18.	That as part of the re-commissioning of the refuge service (recommendation 14), the council's Supporting People Commissioning Body undertake a business case analysis to ascertain whether there is a need in North Lincolnshire for a 24 hour referral system for refuge accommodation and to have more staff on call.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	DVSM is speaking to Refuge Manager and Supporting People regarding a change in cover at the refuge to cover out of hours/weekend referrals.
19.	That in line with recommendation 14, when the refuge service is re-commissioned by the Supporting People programme, the specification for tender includes emergency provision for men, women, and those victims with male children above the age of 13.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	It is understood that the Refuge takes children up to the age of 16.  This has been confirmed by the Refuge
20.	That the Supporting People programme undertake a review of the new tenancy support contract after one calendar year to ensure that value for money is being provided with regard to tenancy support.	Rebecca Hollis and Julie Clark – Supporting People	RH	Ongoing	DVSM liaising with Supporting People.
21.	That the target hardening of properties budget be increased to a more realistic sum. This budget to be made available to target harden all high-risk cases as well as the new eight dispersed properties.	Apply to NLC for additional resources	Neil Laminman (NL)	April 2010	Currently have a budget of £20k which is used to fund target hardening for cases identified through the MARAC process. Any increase in this

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					amount will have to come from NLC as no further funds are available from SN.
22.	That the council lobby for the creation of a national directory of housing advice teams/contacts who would be able to prompt immediate priority moves. This would involve monitoring of transfers between areas, the number of voids available within an area. One suggestion is that each authority ensure that 1% of its voids is left vacant to accommodate urgent cases. This would assist housing advice teams to look where was available, areas that had not been saturated with domestic violence victims and make a request.	Set up a regional and sub-regional process with neighbouring authorities	Geoff Emberlin (GE)	Sept 2010	Unrealistic to set up a national system, but GE is currently working to set up a regional/sub-regional system. GE working towards transfers within areas for example to North East Lincs.  Choice Based Letting coming online later this year between North Lincs and North East Lincs.
23.	That the Scrutiny Panel monitor the implementation of the Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013, specifically the tasks relating to domestic violence.		Scrutiny Panel	Sept 2010	The dispersed housing has been discussed and has been considered. A scoping meeting is to be held to discuss this issue.
24.	That the council ensure that in order to deliver on the challenging targets set in its Homelessness Strategy action plan, it must provide the appropriate resources to enable	A case needs to be made to NLC's decision-making process.	?	ASAP	The Housing Advice Team would welcome this. To be further explored during the

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	the Housing Advice Team to continue to address the number of households accepted as homeless as a result of domestic violence in North Lincolnshire.				current accommodation review.
25.	That the Supporting People programme encourage North Lincolnshire Homes to provide and make habitable the eight dispersed properties by the end of 2008.	Ongoing.	NLH	Ongoing	NLH are currently looking at identifying properties to be re-furnished. There are current discussions regarding the 8 properties. NLH are agreeable for the 8 homes to be provided and leased to the Council for homelessness.
26.	That North Lincolnshire Homes be asked to amend its allocations policy as a matter of urgency to incorporate a clause preventing convicted perpetrators of domestic violence from entering into a tenancy agreement.	Liaise with NLH	SM	Ongoing	There are legal implications and it is not certain whether NLH are allowed by law to prevent convicted perpetrators of DV from entering into tenancy agreements or whether they can evict them from properties if the tenancy is in their name.  NLH do have the power to end tenancy regarding

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					DV perpetrator although they have not had any requests to do that.
27.	That a budget be allocated to administering the entire MARAC process.	Referred to SNEB as funds need to come from all partners.	SNEB	Ongoing	Any allocation of funds will have to be allocated as part of the wider Safer Neighbourhoods and North Lincolnshire Council Budget Process.
28.	That funding be identified by Humberside Police, Safer Neighbourhoods and other partners to appoint a MARAC Co-ordinator as a matter of urgency.	Referred to SNEB as funds need to come from all partners	SNEB	Ongoing	This is not a co-ordinator post, it is an administrative post. Discussions regarding a shared job with MAPPA coordinator.
29.	That Humberside Police checks that this (now criminal) breach of a Non-Molestation Order is investigated, as would any criminal offence, witness statements will be required in respect of the breach and the offender interviewed.	Ongoing.	Sally Parker (SP)	Completed	SP was sure that this was the case, but she will check to see that processes are in place for this to happen.
30.	That Humberside Police considers assigning a Police Officer to advise victims of how to obtain a Non-Molestation Order, or at the very least place a referral for the victim to Its My	Ongoing	SP	Completed	SP was sure that this was the case, but she will check to see that processes are in place

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	Right.				for this to happen.
31.	That local agencies including the Magistrates Court, North Lincolnshire Council, the Police, the Probation Service and specialist domestic abuse advice services be encouraged to work together to reapply for Specialist Domestic Violence Court status.	In abeyance	Mike Proudham (MP)	Jan 2011	MP is happy to lead on this, but will be unable to do anything until either invited to apply for Specialist DV Court status or it becomes mandatory for all courts to have a Specialist DV Court.  DVSM has liaised with GOYH and the area is working towards the DV Community Coordinated Response Model. Application for SDVC planned for January 2011.
32.	That regardless of the application for Specialist Domestic Violence Court status, Scunthorpe Magistrates Court be asked to ensure that all victims of domestic violence are made aware of the availability of separate entrances, exits and waiting areas so that victims don't come into contact with their attackers.	SM to speak to MP	SM	ASAP	This is done as much as possible, but doesn't always happen. SM will speak to MP.  DVSM is liaising with MP regarding SDVC application

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33.	That the Judicial Studies Board be encouraged to provide specialist training for Magistrates on an annual basis on domestic violence issues to assist them with developing a better understanding of the range of emotions and dilemmas faced by victims of domestic violence.	Not possible.	MP	Completed	MP indicated to SM that it is not possible to ask a national board to amend their training programme, however he will write to them and send them a copy of the Scrutiny Panel.
34.	That the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer (Domestic Violence) conduct a formal consultation exercise with the view to obtaining a written commitment from all key partners to base staff within the team; sufficient funding being identified to cover building, equipment and staffing costs; and clear arrangements for managing the team and building being put into place.	SNSB to be asked to commission a consultation to take into account efficacy and cost of co-locating staff	SNSB	Ongoing	There are a number of considerations involved in co-locating staff, including the not inconsiderable costs of renting and equipping premises together with the running costs (rates, utilities, wear & tear, etc.)
35.	That partners monitor and review the current funding streams for the IDVA and ISVA posts.	Identify a way to mainstream the funding for these posts.	SNSB	Ongoing	The funding for these posts is not protected and needs to be mainstreamed. However it is for the SNSB to decide.
36.	That partners explore the possibility of funding an additional IDVA post to “plug the gap” that currently exists for support services to men and all victims who are perceived to be a low	Identify funding for a new IDVA post	SNSB	Completed	It was felt it would be better to fund a generic post rather than a male-only post as the number

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	or medium risk case.				of male victims is low.
37.	The panel asks that Humberside Police ensures that systems are in place to 'flag' domestic violence incidents accurately, that responsibility for the correct application of domestic violence 'flags' is clearly identified within force policies and that staff with that responsibility are clear on the procedures to be followed.	Ongoing	Graham Bunfield (GB)	Completed	Currently codings are placed on incident logs, which initiates a procedural response for Police staff and call takers. Humberside Police also have a grading system for incidents, high, medium and low. All the staff have had training on the grading and their responses for each incident. DASH training will be provided this year for the new risk assessment.
38.	The panel asks that Humberside Police review their existing system for providing front line officers with previous history information to ensure that it can be easily accessed, retrieved and communicated prior to scene attendance.	Ongoing	GB	Completed	All information is currently placed on CIS 4, which is accessible to all staff. If appropriate attending officers are given details pre their attendance if safety is an issue.
39.	The panel would ask that the Chief Superintendent of Humberside Police (B Division) ensures that all the information	Ongoing	CSupt. Simmonds	Completed	All 913 forms go to DV for evaluation. This is

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	<p>recorded on domestic violence incident logs (913 forms) is sufficient to allow for effective investigation of scene attendance and investigation.</p>				<p>an ongoing QA process.</p> <p>Information contained within the forms is monitored by DV administration and if the quality and information is lacking they are returned to the attending officers for clarification, therefore maintaining high standards.</p> <p>The DMM ensure on a daily basis domestic violence incidents graded as high and standard are dealt with quickly and efficiently, handed over from shift to shift until resolved. Medium incidents are dealt with by the public protection teams, or interview team if the offender is in custody.</p>
40.	<p>The panel would like to see the continuation of the proactive monitoring of domestic violence incidents at daily management</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<p>Completed</p>	<p>DV Team do not attend Daily Management Meetings as directed by</p>

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	meetings, particularly in reviewing decisions not to arrest.				Senior Management but and alerts in DV are taken to the meeting to be discussed.
41.	<p>The panel asks that Humberside Police review Domestic Violence Officers' roles and job descriptions to ensure that the role is meeting the public's needs and expectations and that job descriptions accurately reflect work undertaken; and</p> <p>(i) As part of the process, assess workload and responsibilities to ensure that staffing levels are realistic and levels of responsibility are appropriate; and</p> <p>(ii) Review administrative functions with a view to providing adequate administrative support.</p>	Review to be carried out by Julie Cropley on 1/12/08	Julie Cropley (JC)	Dec 2010	Currently all roles within Public Protection Team are being written and reviewed.
42.	That the North Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust ensure that the updated Department of Health resource manual is available for use in all departments.	Done	NL PCT	Sept 2010	
43.	That the North Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust explore the possibility of mainstreaming training on domestic violence in order that it is	Check that staff are encouraged to attend	Sue May (SM)	ASAP	Regular & ongoing training is available to front-line staff, but is

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	regular and ongoing for all staff.	training			attended on a voluntary basis. Will look at making it mandatory.
44.	That North Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust review its current training processes and procedures for assessing victims of domestic violence presenting at the accident and emergency department. At the initial point of contact, the panel asks that the needs of the victim be of equal priority as contacting partner agencies if children are involved.	Speak to Sue Kidger at NLAG to check on current situation	SM	ASAP	<p>Not sure what the situation is as it comes under the jurisdiction of NLAG. SM to contact Sue Kidger to check on current situation.</p> <p>DVSM will be providing training for trainers on DASH to approx 9 members of staff (including midwives, A&amp;E, paediatric) in June for the DASH risk assessment to be cascaded down all NHS staff.</p>
45.	That all health professionals practise selective enquiry.	Speak to Sue Kidger at NLAG to check on current situation	SM	ASAP	Not sure what the situation is as it comes under the jurisdiction of NLAG. SM to contact Sue Kidger to check on current situation.

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46.	That routine enquiry be considered in a number of different settings, in particular in primary health care and when case-taking.	Speak to Sue Kidger at NLAG to check on current situation	SM	ASAP	Not sure what the situation is as it comes under the jurisdiction of NLAG. SM to contact Sue Kidger to check on current situation.  DVSM to link with training to ensure that the response to victim is appropriate.
47.	That Humberside Police conduct an audit sweep of the health professionals who are routinely called upon to provide evidence. Once identified, those professionals to receive guidance on the necessary ingredients required to complete a medical statement.	Information not currently available.	SP	ASAP	SP to check whether evidence received from health professionals is adequate or whether training needs to be provided. The FPU would be the unit for this check.
48.	The panel asks that Humberside Probation Trust reconsider its resource provision to North Lincolnshire to ensure that perpetrators of domestic violence are able to access the integrated Domestic Abuse Programme.	Probation to be asked for their views.	SM	ASAP	Humberside Probation Trust IDAP Target was 59. Overall Humberside reached 62 successful completions of IDAP, with 17 being in Scunthorpe
49.	That Safer Neighbourhoods assess the need for perpetrator provision for individuals in same sex relationships in order to ascertain	Probation to be asked for their views.	SM	ASAP	This data is not collected but Kate Munson will

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	whether Humberside Probation Trust should allocate resourcing for this specified social group.				consider this issue.
50.	That Humberside Probation Trust be asked to analyse the psychometric tests from the programme to ensure that the treatment is cost effective.	Probation to be asked for their views.	SM	April 2010	Part of an ongoing research programme to be completed by April 2010.
51.	That the North Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children Board investigate the validity of a voluntary perpetrator programme for North Lincolnshire perpetrators of domestic violence.	Re-visit what is currently being done.	John Beard	Sept 2010	DVSM liaising with John Beard