

DOMESTIC ABUSE IN HAMPSHIRE

Policy, profile and prevention

PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES TO DVA

- DVA can happen to anyone – not ‘other’
- A higher priority issue than in the past - more visible, no hard evidence but rising prevalence probably due to better reporting
- Key policy drivers: 2019 Domestic Abuse Bill; VAWG Strategy 2016-2020
- Public health commissioning responsibility

ASSESSING NEED - LOCAL PREVALENCE

- Main sources of data:
 - Estimates based on national prevalence from CSEW/local population demographics
 - Service usage data
- Where we found gaps: referral sources; services for children; perpetrators; flexibility around provision of refuge/accessibility.
- What are we doing: prevention is not limited to responsive action

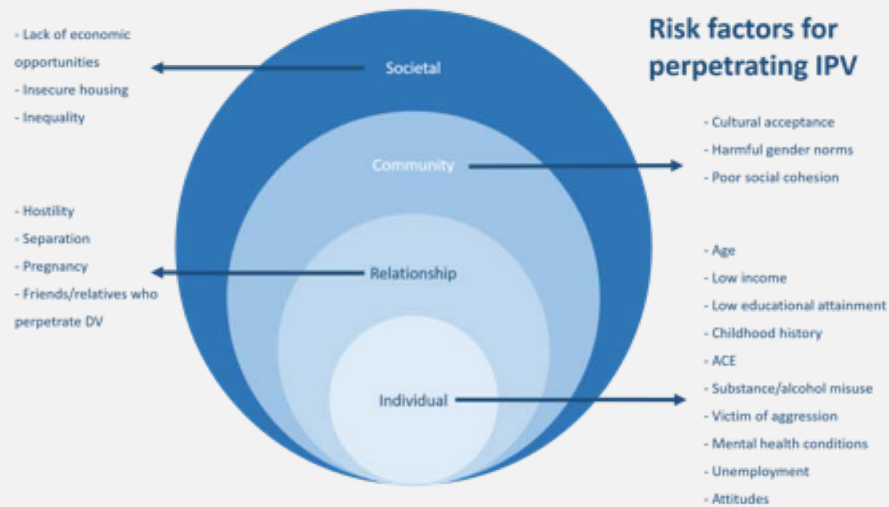
NOT JUST ABOUT THE VICTIM

- Prevention at all stages
- Complex at times (more often that not?)
- For every victim there's a perpetrator – often a repeat perpetrator/victim
- Perpetrators also need to understand behaviour/change – link with experience of DV in own childhood/early trauma
- Children profoundly affected
- Very considerable financial and societal cost

LOCAL POLICY CONTEXT

- Hampshire DVA prevention strategy and recommissioning mirrors key pillars of VAWG – 4 themes:
 - Promoting healthy relationships and preventing domestic abuse from starting (prevention);
 - Ensuring victims are protected and supported (providing services);
 - Reducing the impact of abuse on children, families and communities (providing services and partnership working);
 - Reducing those who perpetuate abuse and reducing unhealthy behaviour (prevention and pursuing perpetrators)
- Southampton Cabinet Action Plan
 - Victim/survivor centred approach
 - Prevention and early intervention
 - Children and young people at the heart of the response
 - Focus on perpetrators
 - Engaged, involved and empowered communities

PERPETRATOR SERVICES



- Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service
 - Group work
 - I2I
 - Stabilisation work
 - Mentoring
 - Whole family approach
 - Young people (16-24 year olds)

VICTIM/SURVIVOR SERVICES

- Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service
 - Safe spaces, including refuge, move on & resettlement
 - Community based support
 - IDVA/high risk support (incl. HRDA)
 - Group work
 - Children and young people's support
- Hampshire Making Safe Scheme – case example
 - Target hardening
 - Health advocacy
 - Community engagement



FOR CHILDREN



- Large numbers, complex family picture sometimes.
- Can increase chances of being victimised/perpetrating in future
- Hampshire early trauma concordat
- Family based approaches
- Operation Encompass

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- Support within refuge and in community settings
- Engagement with schools
- Engagement with children's social care
- Referral process for children of perpetrators
- Pilot prevention programme for 16-18 year olds who have lived with abuse

CLOSE / CALL TO ACTION

- Consider DVA in your own practice – are you linked in to services?
- Contacts/websites
 - Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service Advice Line: 03300 1655 112
 - Web: www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/domesticabuse
 - PIPPA (Soton): 023 8091 7917
- Mailing list – option to sign up.

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**Does domestic
abuse affect
your family?**

Are you being hurt or controlled?
Or are you hurting someone?
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