

**Brief Description of Priority****Support and protect vulnerable victims**

- Increase the reporting and support available for Domestic Abuse
- Increase the reporting of Hate Incidents
- Identify and support vulnerable victims of ASB

**Period Covered From/To: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**

**Current Status:**      **Red**         **Amber**         **Green**  

**Position statement**

Reporting of Domestic Abuse – There were 649 domestic incidents In Harborough District reported to the Police in 2013/14 which was an 8.9% increase on the previous year.

Throughout the County, Outreach services are operating at capacity, most with waiting lists. The CSP has been successful in receiving further funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that there is extra capacity. This funding may prove essential as the Children's Centre sees their funding reduce and it is likely that this will impact on their contribution to the Outreach Domestic Abuse. Leicestershire County Council (LCC) are also looking at the possibility of centrally funding a Countywide Outreach Service. More should be known by November.

Reporting of Hate Incidents – the Harborough District is showing a decrease of 21 incidents / crimes reported in the last rolling year to the Hate Project and the Police to Sept'13. This is along the same lines as other districts. Hate Incidents are now recorded on and case managed through Sentinel.

Protecting the vulnerable – HDC continues to use and develop Sentinel to risk assess victims with high risk cases being sent to the weekly threat & harm meetings between HDC and Police or monthly Joint Action Group (JAG) to manage with wider partners.

On behalf of the CSP HDC Community Safety Team are represented at the fortnightly Early Help Locality Hub that ensures correct referrals to County Early Help services and Supporting Leicestershire Families (SLF), to families or agencies contacting First Response. More information about the Locality Hub is provided to Members in the SLF report also submitted for the Scrutiny Community Leadership Panel on 15 May 2014.

**Summary of activity****Journey Away from Domestic Abuse (JADA) (PCC Funded)**

- As of March 2014, 51 Families, adults and young people have been supported.
- The project has an engagement rate of 90%.
- Waiting list at the start of March was 9 with an average wait of 6 weeks.
- This service officially launched by Womens Aid Leicester and Leicestershire (WALL) in November. The project is funded by LCC, Market Harborough Children's Centre, Melton Mowbray Children's Centre and Melton BC as well as top up funding from the PCC.
- Potential risks to future funding have been identified and will be monitored – Womens Aid are aware.
- The introduction in March 2014 of the new powers under s24-33 of the Crime and Security Act 2010 regarding Domestic Violence (DV) Protection Notices/ Orders and DV Disclosure Scheme may have an impact on the demands for Outreach Services as the aim is to assist victims engage at an early level with support services.

### **Domestic Abuse – awareness raising**

- The CSP are continuing to run ‘Cracking Conflicts –Alternatives to Violence’ (CC-AV) sessions with Yr10 groups at Robert Smyth Academy
- Training session held in July for all interested parties regarding DV awareness and how to run CC-AV sessions.
- Various twitter messages run throughout the year and shop displays updated.
- Working with WALL to see if they can take on some additional awareness raising in the District.

### **Domestic Abuse - Target Hardening**

- 8 DV victims supported to improve home security.

This is at an average cost of £200 per fit. HDC is working with WALL to transfer the current service over to them. This will enable the CSP to get feedback regarding how the victim feels after the security fit is carried out and the service will also be provided at a lower cost.

### **Embracing Difference**

This is the CSP campaign to raise awareness of hate incidents, run each June. In 2013 CSP staff engaged with around 200 pupils at Fairfield Primary School running an assembly and outdoor activity session with a young wheelchair basketball player. The CSP also ran a sitting volleyball demonstration on the Square, Market Harborough with the Active Together Team and IMPACT were there with their football cage. The CSP engaged with around 40 people. The CSP promoted their activities via Twitter and Facebook and also had a display in St Mary’s Place including some display boards etc from the Multi-agency Traveller Unit. Lutterworth Town Council displayed a message for the CSP on their LED board. One of the tweeted pictures was picked up and printed in the Harborough Mail.

The aim of the campaign is to ask people to see differences in another light and to try and find out more before labelling people.

### **HATE Incident awareness raising**

- As a District the combined Police and Hate Incident Monitoring Project shows a reduction of 21 Hate incidents reported in the year to September 2013.
- LCC Keep Safe Places Scheme was re-launched across the County in December 2013.
- Continuing to run Hate Reporting Centre training for new staff
- Working with various HDC Officers to amend how staff incident reports regarding hate incidents are dealt with
- Reviewed hate incident reporting centres and are currently looking for suitable signposting centres. All Parish Councils contacted and some faith centres approached. A piece ran in the Kibworth Chronicle. So far only Kibworth Grammar School Hall and the Children’s Centres have shown an interest.
- Attended Inter-faith meeting in November – looking to build links between faith and none- faith communities in the District
- Attended Dementia Friends Information Session.

### **Victims of ASB**

- The Sentinel risk assessment was recently updated with a contribution from HDC community Safety Team to countywide development work. All victims on sentinel are risk assessed and victim

support referrals are done for all High Risk cases.

- HDC officers attend weekly Threat and Harm meeting with police to discuss any high risk/vulnerable victims involved with ASB and crime (both victims and perpetrators).
- High Risk cases are also included on JAG documents for discussion at the monthly meeting, to check all relevant referrals have been made and all agencies aware.
- A victim care package is to be commissioned which will provide notifications to case officers when a victim update is approaching, due and subsequently overdue. There will be an escalation capability if none of these are met plus the capability to set appropriate dates according to victim need.
- Sentinel Management report Jan 14 showed Harborough had created 157 cases since Oct 11 (before LAGAN interface) the average time these were open was 46 days, with only 11 cases open at that point.