DONCASTER DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY 2021-2024







### DOMESTIC ABUSE

DONCASTER YOUTH COUNCIL: DOMESTIC ABUSE CAMPAIGN

#### WHO WE ARE



Samuel Finn, 15
Member of Youth
Parliament
McAuley Catholic High School



Tommy Shaw, 17 **Chair of Youth Council** *Young Carers Representative New College Doncaster* 



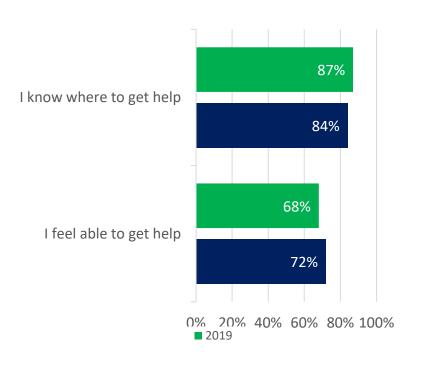
Owen Dungworth, 17
Young Commissioner
Representative
Hall Cross Academy

#### WHY DOMESTIC ABUSE?

- As a Youth Council, we lead the annual Make Your Mark consultation in Doncaster, where young people can vote for the top three issues in their area.
- This determines what the Youth Parliament will debate at the House of Commons, but it also decides what issues we have a duty to campaign for.
- Last year, we collected a total of 2175, a decrease compared to previous years due to COVID-19 engagement barriers.
- Domestic Abuse gained the most at 412 votes.
- •With it being a sensitive issue, we are working with the Domestic Abuse Team, Children's Services Trust and South Yorkshire Police.



Of those that have experienced abuse in a relationship, 84% know where to get help but 'only' 72% feel able to get help. Potentially most at risk are young carers, where only 56% feel able to get help.



2020 Survey	All Secondary	Year 8	Year 10	Boys	Girls	FSM
Base	310	179	131	130	162	49
I know where to get help	84%	84%	83%	83%	87%	80%
I feel able to get help	72%	72%	71%	78%	69%	65%

2020 Survey	SEN	Have a disability	Young carers	Ethnicity: White	BAME	Eng 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lang	LGBTQ
Base	38	71	39	259	41	66	51
I know where to get help	71%	76%	72%	85%	83%	83%	78%
I feel able to get help	68%	63%	56%	73%	66%	74%	61%

Proportion of pupils responding 'Yes'

Q: Thinking about the things that have happened to you....? Base: All who have had an abusive relationship 2019 n = 102, 2020 n = 310

#### PLAN OF ACTION

#### Aims:

- To identify and understand **which aspects** of domestic abuse young people are concerned with, and how we can raise awareness to support those in need.
- Our aim is not to end domestic abuse, but to raise awareness of it and combat the stigma and taboo associated with it so that young people feel comfortable to speak about their experiences and access support.
- #ReduceDomesticAbuse

#### WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Current Ongoing meetings are taking place with the Domestic Abuse team. We have formalised a logo, and created a #ReduceDomesticAbuse hashtag.
- Presented to the Domestic Abuse Theme Group, and secured funding from the DA Team.

We have helped to develop a survey on healthy / unhealthy relationships and have circulated this in schools.

- https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CL8MDHL
- Promoting the hashtag #ReduceDomesticAbuse



#### Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

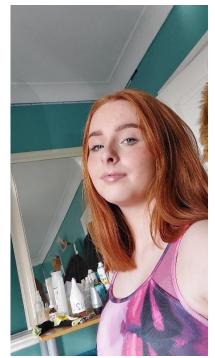
- •Throughout the month, we have been posting weekly quotes and support services across all social media platforms.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> We wore purple for Domestic Abuse
   Awareness day #PurpleThursday. The Youth Council posted selfies wearing purple to show their support and raise awareness.
- **November:** We aim to conduct a live QnA session on social media, where we interview a Domestic Abuse specialist with questions regarding all areas of domestic abuse (i.e intimate images, physical abuse etc), as well as information on support and services available.



### #PurpleThursday

Here's Bethany Dixon, Vice Chair and representative of the new @doncasterutc showing some love for #PurpleThursday





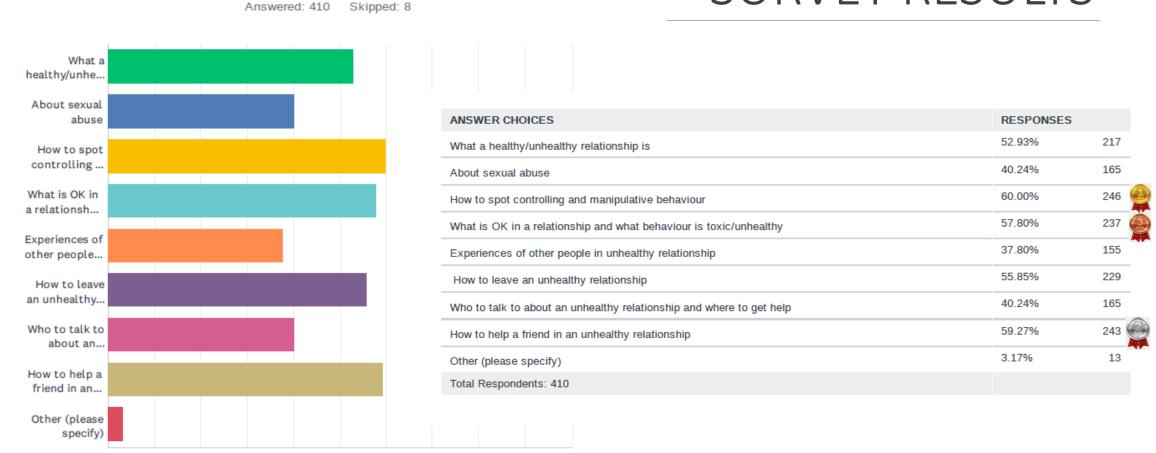






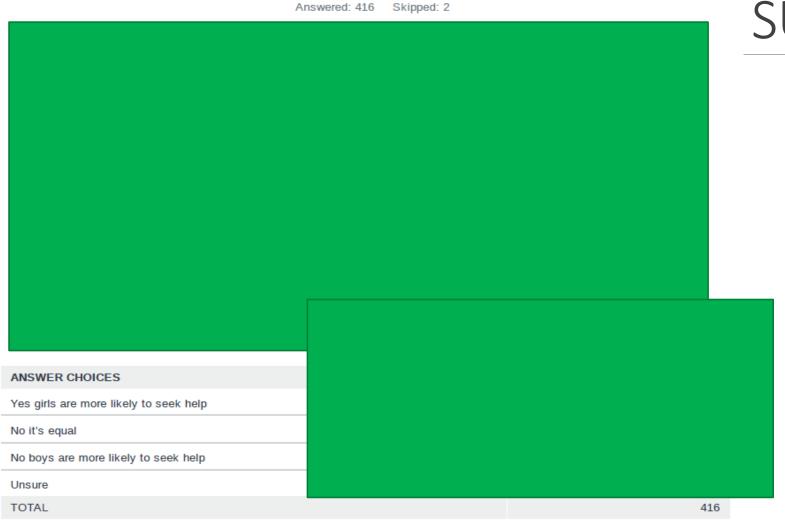
#### Q6 What would you like more information about when it comes to healthy and unhealthy relationships? (Tick all that apply)

#### SURVEY RESULTS



100%

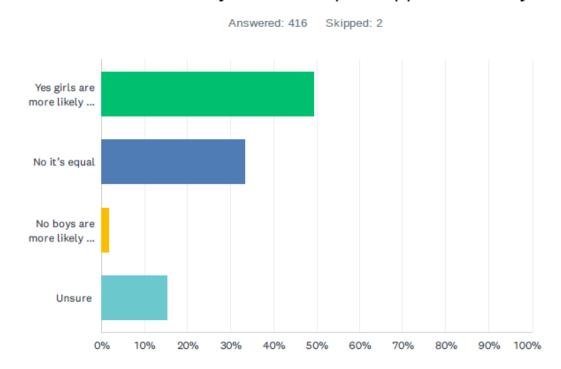
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ANSWER CHOICES R	RESPONSES	
Yes girls are more likely to seek help	19.52% 20	6
No it's equal	33.41% 13	9
No boys are more likely to seek help	1.68%	7
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TOTAL	41	6

#### SURVEY RESULTS



#### THEN WHAT?

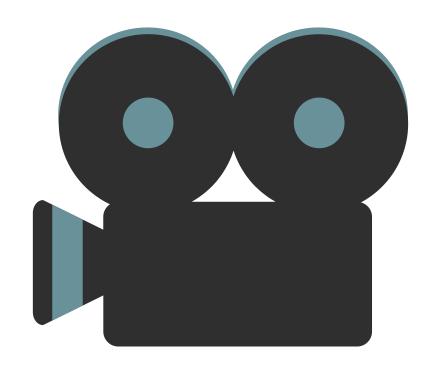
#### January 2022

Coercive / Controlling Behaviour – Spot The Signs

During this time, the Youth Council wish to launch their 'Spot the signs' campaign film.

This will be a carefully developed project (in partnership with the Domestic Abuse team) which highlights the most common signs/behaviours of a toxic or coercive relationship.

The responses from the survey sent out in Autumn will inform the structure and narrative of the film.



#### THEN WHAT?

#### **March 2022**

By March 2022, with the support of the domestic abuse team, we intend to have developed an assembly plan for schools to utilise across all year groups, and this will include the film aforementioned.

As a Youth Council with links in nearly all schools in the borough, we will liaise with our student leadership leads to coordinate this.



#### FUTURE PLANS

 We would like your support in launching these plans to reach as many young people in the borough as possible to #ReduceDomesticAbuse in Doncaster.





# The Domestic Abuse Navigator Service

Alicia Lee,
Doncaster Children's Services Trust



#### The DAN Service – Who we are and what we do...

















#### Why?

"interpersonal violence, especially violence experienced by children is the largest single preventable cause of mental illness. What cigarette smoking is to the rest of medicine, early childhood violence is to psychiatry"— Scharfstein 2006 p.g 2













### **Breaking Patterns**

- ➤ The cycle of violence and abuse within the relationship
- > Multiple relationships featuring domestic abuse
- > Intergenerational transmission of abuse
- All have implications for children and young people















#### Responding Differently

Whole family working DAN Service Criteria Supporting others













#### Why Domestic Abuse Navigators DAN's?

- A team of trauma informed workers who were tasked to work with victim, person causing the harm and the children.
- Specialists who understood the subtle complexities, typologies and systemic nature of domestic abuse and could disseminate this learning
- A service which wasn't statutory











#### **Factors for Success**

- Not time limited
- Therapeutic alliance with families
- Family work where safe to do so
- Meeting families where they are at
- Working with people that harm
- Reduced case loads
- Typology assessment
- Voluntary service
- Flexible and tailored interventions
- Deep level of understanding of the domestic abuse
- Challenging systems and thinking in relation to the abuse













#### There's more.....

Getting On programme

Caring Dads

One of a Kind

Community Engagement Work

















#### **Current Position**

- Further evaluation of the service
- Audit findings qualifying the impact of DAN intervention
- Good multi-agency working
- Extensive interest from other areas















#### Thank you for listening....











# Doncaster domestic abuse services

Tim Staniforth,

Doncaster Council



## Domestic Abuse Service

- Domestic Abuse Hub.
- Domestic Abuse Caseworker Service.
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocates service.
- MARAC.

#### **Domestic Abuse Hub**

- Triage/Advice.
- For victims, people with concerns for family, friends, neighbours.
- For Professionals.
- Referral receiving, client contact, allocation (with consent unless assessed as high risk).
- Multi Agency working.

#### **Domestic Abuse Caseworkers**

- Supporting clients assessed as standard and medium risk of harm.
- Therapeutic support/practical support.
- Support to reduce the risk of harm and avoid escalation.
- Multi Agency working/signposting

#### **IDVA Service**

- Supporting High Risk clients.
- Risk of serious harm.
- Support often provided at a time of crisis.
- Multi Agency working/signposting
- Victims voice at MARAC.

#### **MARAC**

- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference.
- High Risk Domestic Abuse.
- Meetings every two weeks.
- Administered by the DA Service.
- Chaired jointly with SYP.

#### **Doncaster DA Service**

- Support for both female and male victims.
- Staff are both female and male.
- Work in partnership with agencies to provide a whole family approach.
- Multi Agency working

#### **Doncaster Domestic Abuse Hub**

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IDVAs/MARAC

MARAC@doncaster.gov.uk

#### **Tim Staniforth**

DA and SA Theme Manager Tim.staniforth@doncaster.gov.uk

## How did the abuse make you feel?

This is what survivors told us:

Alone

In fear of my life

Ugly, fat, useless, lazy

Sub-human

Suicidal

Isolated

Useless

Numb

Like a failure

Worthless

Angry

Anxious

Dirty

Confused

Responsible

Depressed

Trapped

Ashamed

Concerned for my abuser

He made me happy and I loved him. I thought the problem was me

Unsure of the future, out of my depth, 'different'

# How should good support for people who are being abused look and feel? This is what survivors told us:

Just someone to talk to

Calm, safe, non judgemental.
Victim should be believed

Follow up calls and visits

Helping them get the strength and support to deal with things
- guidance advice

Recognise it!! Open a dialogue that encourages people to open up. Do not judge, but make sure options are discussed. Put on no pressure.

Non
judgemental,
non stigmatising,
empathetic,
accessible, not
time limited.

Made to feel not alone and can get through the situation

To feel safe

# How should good support for people who are being abused look and feel?

This is what survivors told us:

Not make you feel like burden

It should feel like a cuddle warm and supportive

Practical help such as how to flee safely

Don't tell me you know
how I feel. I am not
generic, each
circumstance is different,
and I want to be treated as
an individual. My concerns
need to be taken seriously.
If I am asking for support, I
need support.

It should be on the agenda at workplaces, schools etc. until it is accepted that it happens everywhere and to everyone...

I wanted someone to ask me again because I couldn't disclose at first.

There should be a person who is contactable when you need them. I always gets passed around to different people who don't know enough about my case, and it feels like I'm not important to anyone

# Holding abusers to account

Detective Superintendent Dave Cowley,
South Yorkshire Police



# SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE APPROACH TO DOMESTIC ABUSE

D/Supt. Dave Cowley

Force Lead for Domestic Abuse

#### The Current Position

- Improvements in the force response to DA
- DA Matters training
- DA Champions
- District DA investigation teams
- MATAC / MARAC new coordinators
- DARA Team
- DVPO Team
- Internal DA policy
- Inspire to Change Programme
- Serious Case Review Team

#### **Planned Workstreams**

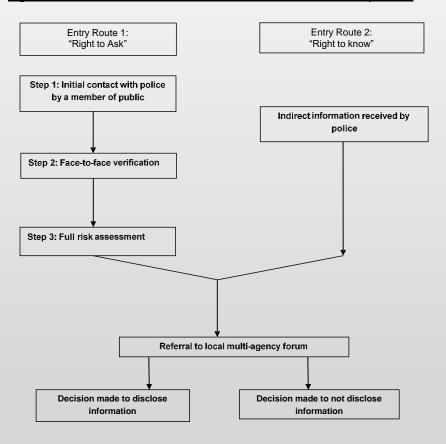
- VAWG strategy
- Links with Violence Reduction Unit
- Rape investigation review
- Focus on targeted problem solving repeats / crime harm
- Victim support services and the CJ system
- DA Best Practice Framework Police / CPS / HMCTS
- Implementation of the DA Act
- DAPO Pilot
- Improved outcomes for DA victims

## <u>Domestic Abuse Disclosure scheme</u> (<u>Clare's Law</u>)

- Right to Ask
- Right to know
- Current process DA prevention
- Volumes and successes
- Timescales for disclosure
- Domestic Homicides
- New DA Act and DADS working group
- Partnership involvement role of LRU
- Assessments and Common Law

#### **Current Guidance**

Figure 1: Overview of Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme entry routes



Note: a decision not to proceed with a disclosure, based an appropriate assessment of risk, may be made at any stage of the process.

# Holding abusers to account

Luke Shepherd, Probation Service





## Doncaster Domestic Abuse Strategy Launch Event

Luke Shepherd, Head of Doncaster Probation Delivery Unit

October 2021

#### **Probation Service**



#### Trauma informed approach to perpetrators

400,000 perpetrators causing high and medium levels of harm in England and Wales

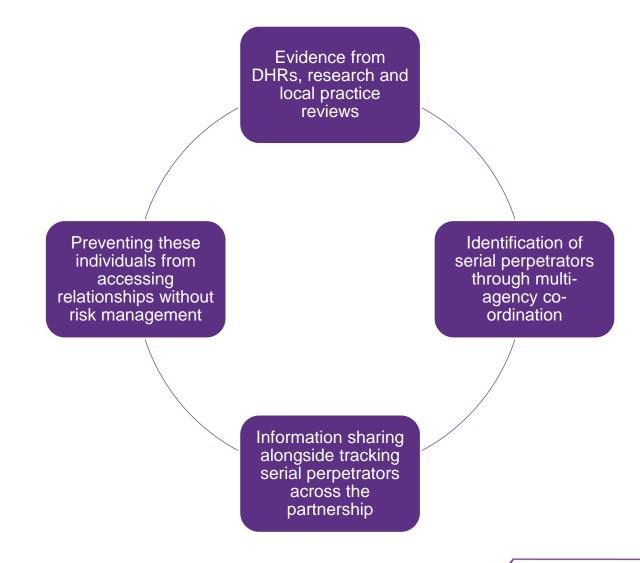
Less than 1% receiving specialist intervention

Why don't they stop?

Preventing and intervening in harmful behaviour

Holding them to account while attempting to address trauma

#### **Serial perpetrators**



#### **Moving forward**

Develop the serial perpetrator project

Promote the use of interventions within custody where appropriate

Embed the newly unified probation service in Yorkshire and the Humber

Improve our systematic management of DA perpetrators utilising multi agency frameworks and information sharing

Utilise cocommissioning opportunities to develop new services to meet gaps in provision

## Cranstoun Inspire to Change

Richard Newell
Doncaster Lead
Cranstoun Inspire to Change
South Yorkshire Programme
29th October 2021



#### Aims of the service

- To Deliver a Domestic Violence and Abuse intervention programme with male and female perpetrators aged 16 and above including those with multiple complex needs
- To implement a model of intervention that holds perpetrators to account while addressing Intimate Partner violence and abuse
- For the group-work programme to support and complement service users' wider needs, improvement of social functioning for the participants, building strengths, motivation and self- efficacy
- For the programme to seek to establish contact with the partners and ex-partners of the perpetrators attending in order to promote the safety of Partners and children



### Includes Changes from Domestic abuse act

- Works with Perpetrators 16+
- Increase provision for perpetrators
- Holds Perpetrators to account
- Work within the new Domestic abuse Definition



### Men and Masculinities perpetrator programme

- 24 week rolling programme, men can join at any point.
- Simple referral process.
- Ongoing communication and reporting to the referrer.
- Venue of Delivery TBC.
- Evening Delivery reducing obstacles.
- Attached partner support Service for all partners and ex partners of those attending group or one to one intervention, support continues 3 months post programme completion.



### Men and Masculinities perpetrator programme

- Increased responsibility challenging denial and minimisation increasing understanding of what constitutes domestic abuse (P&C Wheels) – increasing understanding of the impact of this abuse (on partners – on children) – an account of gender – the 'lens through which you see your relationships'
- What it means to be a man/woman
- Increased accountability living in light of the harm



### Female perpetrator offer

- 'Who does what to whom' assessment for both parties.
   Identifying primary aggressor.
- 16 week one to one programme.
- Attached partner support offer



## Level up

- 16-18 years
- One to one or group intervention 10 weeks
- Works with Male/Female/Non-binary
- Child/adolescent to parent/grandparent violence, siblings,
   Intimate partner
- Onward referral into adult intervention if deemed appropriate
- Attached family/partner support worker



#### LGBT+

- 16 weeks of one to one intervention
- Material/intervention already piloted in Brighton and Hove in partnership with Respect and WAFE
- Attached partner support service



## Objectives of the Partner Support Service

- To give information about the Domestic Violence Prevention Programme and assist victim/survivors in having realistic expectations.
- Safety planning with Victims and children who are in dangerous situations.
- Supporting victims/survivors in identifying resources victims/survivors could use to increase control and improve 'space for action'
- Emotional support and one to one work to facilitate victims personal and social understanding of the abuse they have experienced.



#### How to Refer

- Simple referral form all referrals to <a href="CITC@Cranstoun.org.uk">CITC@Cranstoun.org.uk</a> referral form also available on website.
- Ongoing communication to referrer throughout client journey
- Info wgrocott@Cranstoun.org.uk
- Telephone: 01143211377



# Governance and Leadership

Bill Hotchkiss and Karen Shooter,

Doncaster Council



## Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-2024

# Governance and Leadership

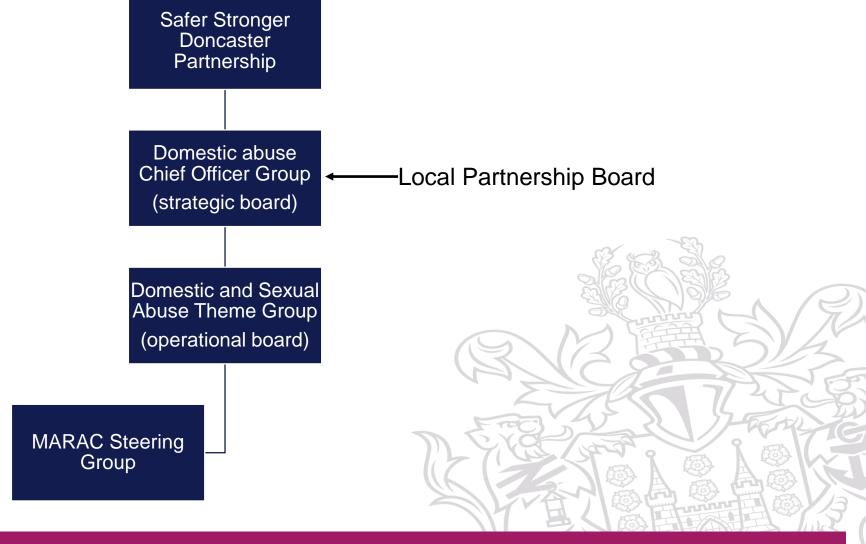
#### The Local Partnership Board

#### Specific duties:

- Assess the need for accommodation-based support for all victims and their children, including those who require cross border support.
- Prepare and publish strategies for the provision of support to cover the locality and diverse groups of victims.
- Give effect to strategies by making commissioning/decommissioning decisions to meet the support needs of victims and their children.
- Monitor and evaluate local delivery of the strategy.
- Report back to Central Government.

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#### Our Local Partnership Board structure



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#### Strategic priorities

- Prevent and ultimately end domestic abuse
- Support and keep victims, survivors & families
- Holding abusers to account

• Leadership, governance and quality assurance



#### Leadership, governance and quality assurance

#### Objectives:

- Use the survivor voice to determine what works, what isn't working, barriers and areas for improvement
- A commitment from partners to regularly update the domestic abuse needs assessment whilst developing and integrating new data sets to give fresh insights
- Measure progress made against nationally recognised standards including the Standing Together 'In Search of Excellence' and the Government's National Statement of Expectations
- Introduce a Doncaster Domestic Abuse Charter.
- Ensure long-term funding is committed to preventing and tackling domestic abuse
- Undertake further research and analysis into specific areas such as stalking and harassment, barriers to reporting and accessing support, and suicide

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#### **Domestic Abuse Charter**

	Standard
1.	Domestic abuse material is displayed by the business/organisation/department that is relevant to all local communities
2.	There is an effective domestic abuse policy/protocol or guidance in place detailing how the organisation/department will respond to clients/customers that are experiencing domestic abuse
3.	That staff who require domestic abuse training have been identified and the level of training required assessed and that all identified staff have completed the training to the required level
4.	The agency has an employee policy/procedure for employees experiencing or perpetrating domestic abuse
5.	There is at least one domestic abuse champion within the organisation/department who ensures that they keep up to date with the latest resources, referral pathways, policies and procedures and implement improvements in service delivery as necessary

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#### Implementation of the strategy

- A multi-agency action plan will be delivered through the operational and strategic boards with assurance given to SSDP
- A performance management framework allows the partnership to identify changes in trends and emerging issues
- The data and information we collect will help identify the impact of the work we are doing
- A quality assurance framework will facilitate scrutiny of data, case files and survivor feedback to ensure that the domestic abuse strategy is embedded and is successful in Doncaster

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# Domestic abuse training

Andrea Hamshaw, Doncaster Council

## Doncaster Domestic Abuse Training

Training and Workforce Development in Doncaster in relation to

Domestic Abuse:

All training is advertised on our website:

www.doncaster.gov.uk/domesticabuse

All training is free and accessible by either emailing

Andrea Hamshaw: <a href="mailto:andrea.hamshaw@doncaster.gov.uk">andrea.hamshaw@doncaster.gov.uk</a>

Or booking through Buy Doncaster

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# We need you!

Karen Shooter,
Doncaster Council

# Everyone's responsibility

- Domestic and sexual abuse newsletter
- Domestic Abuse Charter
- Champions Network
- Posters and leaflets











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Call: 01302 737 080

# Everyone's responsibility

- Pin badges
- Practitioner booklet
- Safety booklet
- www.doncaster.gov.uk/domesticabuse
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