

## **Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services Partnership Improvement Programme 2018/19**

### **1. Strategic Objectives**

- 1.1. Redefine strategy to reflect local needs and context
- 1.2. Develop cross-sector partnership working opportunity and commitment
- 1.3. Broaden market place/service capacity to engage in the agenda
- 1.4. Re-commission services with focus on service user need and sustainable quality service provision

### **2. Governance**

A ***Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy and Commissioning Executive Board*** would operate on behalf of Brighton and Hove and East Sussex areas to ensure the programme is delivered (*VAWG Commissioning Group?*) and report in to the statutory Community Safety Executive Boards in each area.

Beneath this oversight board, a ***Strategy Task/Finish Group*** (to produce the draft strategy and delivery plan), and a ***Service Commissioning Task/Finish Group*** (to agree procurement approach/s and service specification/s) would be established consecutively to deliver the programme. Task/finish working groups and sessions would enable appropriate engagement of partners in shaping and delivery of key components that bring development forward:

#### **2.1. Component Task/Finish Work**

- Data analysis
- Stakeholder insight by theme (Place/Geography, Identities, Issues (DVA/SVA/S&H/HBV etc), Experience) including service user and victim/survivor involvement: experiences, 'real pathways', needs and gaps
- Service/intervention mapping (Specialist services and access point services including prevention (including training and awareness raising), acute response and recovery, and including how they fund their work)
- Commissioned services review including the Joint Unit (including MARAC administration), MARAC, The Portal, and Talking Therapies. This in addition to consideration of existing audit and review outcomes and recommendations including DHRs and SARCs.
- Best Practice and Innovation: research on partnership governance, procurement methods, service capacity and sustainability, service systems/procedure, urban and rural response in the context of specialist services and access to services
- Strategy and Action Plan
- Develop outline specification of component services and developments required to respond to the needs of victims and survivors and their families in relation to violence and abuse in line with the strategy, and including prioritisation for commissioners
- Commissioners develop service specification/s for procurement process (best mode to be determined through evidenced based work above).

### **3. Outline Programme Delivery Plan and Timescales**

A detailed project plan will be developed to include component task/finish work and project costs. At the time of writing this paper, negotiation is taking place to secure 'in-kind' resources

to deliver the work from BHCC, ESCC, and voluntary and community sector partners, led by the Safer Communities - Joint Domestic, Sexual Violence & Abuse and Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) Unit Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. The outline plan below is indicative only, and seeks to provide information and context for partners.

**Table 1: Outline Programme Delivery Plan and Timescales**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activity</b>
August 2018	Collaboration with AVA to update and complete Stakeholder Consultation Report
September 2018	Engage VCS infrastructure providers to support strategy development  Engage cross-sector partners to set up multi-agency cross sector steering group for strategy development  Engage members in gathering initial data and insight: what have we got already?  Develop stakeholder contacts for the purposes of strategy development  Agree approach with funding partners and commissioned services to complete review of function and pathways including: The Joint Unit, The Portal, MARAC, Talking Therapies and Victim Support Triage  Arrange stakeholder engagement events as key milestones in the strategy development process.
October 2018	Steering Group work to develop and finalise project plan and initiate task/finish work  Complete data based needs assessments for Brighton and Hove and East Sussex  Begin light touch review of services: service led
November 2018	Undertake task/finish work  Continue light touch review of services: service led
December 2018	Launch event for Strategy Development Programme:
January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present AVA findings</li> <li>- Present Data Needs Assessment</li> <li>- Present partnership insight to date</li> <li>- Identify and confirm key themes of interest for further exploration during strategy development process (For targeted workshops and task/finish work)</li> </ul> <p>Plan and run targeted thematic workshops and collate findings</p> <p>Plan stakeholder strategy verification conference</p>

	<p>Undertake Task/Finish Work including complete light touch review of services: service led</p> <p>Progress report to NICE Committee</p>
February 2019	<p>Draft Joint Strategy, and partnership delivery plan (East Sussex and Brighton and Hove components) and associated governance/infrastructure.</p> <p>Run stakeholder strategy verification conference</p> <p>Present draft strategy and delivery plan to NICE committee</p>
March 2019	
April 2019	<p>Review membership of Strategy and Commissioning Executive Board and associated governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategy Development Task/Finish Group ends</li> </ul>
May 2019	<p>Formation of Service Commissioning Task/Finish Group under direction from Executive Board</p> <p>Task/Finish group commences development of specification/s for required services including specialist support services based on findings of service review and emerging strategy.</p>
June 2019	<p>Procurement Process: activity and milestones to be confirmed dependent on commissioning model/s chosen</p>
July 2019	
August 2019	
September 2019	
October 2019	
November 2019	
December 2019	

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