

Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan 2018

This delivery plan cites seven areas of improvement that reinforces the Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021.

Protecting the public from harm is, and will always be, a core police duty. However, the demands placed on the police have shifted greatly in recent years and resources need to be effectively targeted on the basis of threat, risk and harm.

Tackling domestic abuse forms part of the Police and Crime Plan under the priority to 'Protect the Most Vulnerable from Harm'.

Dorset Police has published its domestic abuse delivery plan for the next year to demonstrate its commitment to tackling the issue, which is one of the Force priorities.

Protecting, supporting, safeguarding and managing risk - associated with theme one of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Protecting People at Risk of Harm

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be working with the Chief Constable to provide a policing service that is valued by people in Dorset and in particular by victims of crime. In order to achieve this, Dorset Police will:

- Continue to assess the threat, risk and harm associated with domestic abuse and seek to safeguard victims, affected children and vulnerable adults
- Work closely with support services to enable victims to receive the support they require
- Continue to support high risk victims of domestic abuse and have a strong commitment to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

Information, intelligence, data collection and management information - associated with theme three of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Supporting Victims, Witnesses and Reducing Reoffending

Policing alone cannot protect those at risk. As detailed in the Police and Crime plan, the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will continue to work with local authorities, the voluntary and charitable sector and partners more widely to support and commission high quality services in order to provide help to those most vulnerable members in our community.



Dorset Police will continue to:

- Lawfully store, assess and share relevant intelligence and information in the best interests of victims of domestic abuse, affected children and vulnerable adults
- Be committed to the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) which allows agencies to develop improved outcomes for children at risk of significant harm

Effective investigation outcomes - associated with theme two of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Working with our communities

An essential part of the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner involves acting as a link between the public and police service, and also as a facilitator in bringing local partners together to tackle shared priorities, issues and concerns. The Police and Crime Commissioner will work alongside Dorset Police and other agencies locally, regionally and nationally to keep Dorset communities safe.

Dorset Police will continue to:

- Invest in training our staff to be able to identify and respond to domestic abuse
- Provide specialist advice for domestic abuse investigators in order to bring offenders to justice
- Support prosecutors at specialist domestic abuse court hearings

Leadership

Dorset Police will continue to:

- Provide strong leadership and commitment to protecting people at risk of harm, by supporting victims and witnesses and by seeking to reduce reoffending
- Lead multi agency projects to improve services for the local communities

Learning and development - associated with theme four of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Transforming for the future

The Police and Crime plan looks at the roles and responsibilities in ensuring that Dorset Police operates as efficiently and effectively as possible – both now and in the future. The main strands here are essentially focused on people; Information and Communication Technology (ICT); innovation/improvement; and partnerships/collaboration.

Dorset Police will continue to:

- Learn from Domestic Homicide Reviews and Serious Case Reviews and work collaboratively, with partners, to improve training and practice guidance

Communications - associated with theme two of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Working with our communities

The Police and Crime Commissioner will hold the Chief Constable to account for the provision of an efficient and effective police service in Dorset and delivery against the priority themes identified in the Police and Crime plan. This will happen through formal and informal meetings, scrutiny panels, Issues Under Commissioner Scrutiny (IUCS) and PCC Challenge.

Dorset Police will continue to:

- Increase the awareness of domestic abuse and the legislation surrounding offences
- Improve in keeping victims of domestic abuse updated and will listen to and act on, the feedback