

STOCKPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE STRATEGY 2017-2020

Our Vision

That Stockport is a place where Domestic Violence and Abuse is seen as culturally unacceptable across all parts of our community.

That all people in Stockport feel safe to disclose DVA at any of our services and receive an appropriate level of service and support.

That Children and Young People are supported to understand what healthy relationships look like and to protect themselves from exploitation and abuse.

What is Domestic Violence and Abuse?

The national definition of domestic abuse and violence is - any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

Our Approach

We will work proactively in **PARTNERSHIP** across Stockport to:

- **PREVENT** domestic abuse happening in the first place, and where abuse has occurred, to prevent the abuse from escalating in order to reduce the harm and repeat victimisation.
- **PREPARE** the Stockport workforce to have the confidence and skills to undertake routine enquiries and provide appropriate support, through multi agency training.
- **PROTECT** our communities through ensuring effective joined up services to support victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse, taking a restorative approach to support the development of healthy relationships.
- **PURSUE AND PROSECUTE** by taking a joined up approach to sharing of intelligence

Our Aims

- To ensure a co-ordinated multi agency model of high quality public, voluntary and community services is available for all victims and perpetrators across, both the life course and the continuum of need and risk.
- To further increase and develop awareness generally about domestic violence and abuse and the measures in place to help the victims and perpetrator and their families.
- To educate children, young people, families and communities that domestic violence and abuse is wrong and is unacceptable and to enable them to make informed choices.
- To hold perpetrators/abusers accountable and provide effective interventions for their behaviour.
- To ensure an effective response to domestic abuse for our minority communities such as our older citizens, our LGBT community, our BME community, our disabled community, teenagers and male victims, recognising the strong links between Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse.
- To support the development of healthy relationships across the Borough through encouraging behaviour change.

How we will measure our success

- Reductions in repeat victimisation.
- Engagement in training and confidence in our workforce.
- Reduction in children on a plan due to DVA.
- Numbers engaged in perpetrator programmes with no further incidents.