

**To: South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership**

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### **Domestic Abuse Performance Update**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. To update South Cambridgeshire's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership on developmental, operational and strategic issues regarding the work of Cambridgeshire's Domestic Abuse Partnership and to report on relevant Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service performance targets.

#### **2. Background**

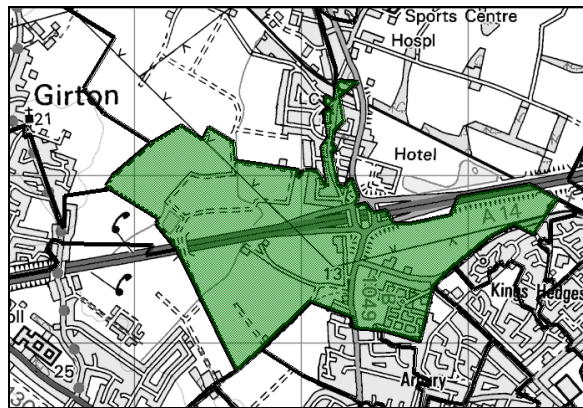
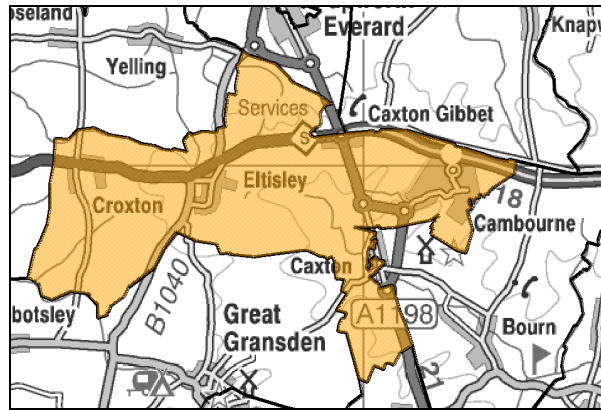
- 2.1. At the April meeting of the SCAMBS CDRP, it was confirmed that the performance of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVAS) was of primary interest to the CDRP and a reflection of that group's countywide funding agreement with the IDVA service. Subsequently, the new PI for domestic abuse within South Cambs will be % referrals engaged with the IDVAS from Quarter 1, 2011/12. The % repeat referrals to the IDVAS will also be monitored / reported for this financial year.
- 2.2. Following a discussion with the support officer from SCAMBS CDRP in July 2011, it was agreed that the reporting from Cambridgeshire's Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager to that CDRP would more closely reflect priorities for the District of South Cambridgeshire from Quarter 1, 2011/12 and that the previous reporting format would be discontinued.

#### **3. IDVA Performance Q1 2011/12**

- 3.1. IDVA performance on % referrals engaged in SCAMBS for 2010/11 was 64% (county average of 64% for the same period). The current baseline for 2011/12 is, therefore, 64% with a target to improve by Q4. Current IDVA engagement % for Q1 is tbc.
- 3.2. IDVAS performance on % repeat referrals in SCAMBS for 2010/11 was 28% (county average of 28% for the same period). Current IDVA % repeat referrals for Q1 for 2011/12 is tbc.

#### **4. Emerging Issues**

- 4.1. According to LSAO data provided by the Constabulary in June 2011, the SCAMBS wards of Bourn and Histon/Impington are now ranked within the top ten areas in Cambridgeshire for reported domestic violence incidents. This data is based on census geography and is used to identify smaller pockets of vulnerability. MOSAIC mapping indicates where DV incidents are occurring:



4.2. Following exploratory work to develop a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) framework for SCAMBS CDRP, the Home Office has now confirmed that the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager post is sufficiently 'independent' to undertake the role of Overview Author in future DHRs. Home Office clarification of the 'independence' of the Overview Report Chair states that any manager from the CDRP with 'relevant experience of domestic abuse' can undertake this role on behalf of the CDRP Chair.

## 5. Risks

- 5.1. That the prevalence of police reported incidents in the Bourn and Histon/Impington wards may lead to increases in the agency costs of addressing domestic abuse in these communities and may also lead to increased risk of domestic abuse-related serious injury and/or homicide in South Cambridgeshire.
- 5.2. That the possible prevalence of domestic-abuse related homicides in the district and countywide may outstrip the capacity of the Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager to produce Overview Reports in the designated time period.

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1. That the CDRP explores opportunities to address the prevalence of domestic abuse in the Bourn and Histon/Impington wards through the sanctioning of offenders living in SCDC accommodation; a police-led operation targeting known perpetrators in those wards and an awareness campaign across the District to flag up new DV services available to residents (victims and offenders).
- 6.2. That the CDRP agrees that the Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager be responsible for potential future DHR Overview Reports, with the caveat that each Overview Report (district / countywide) takes no longer than 10 working days of that officer's time.