

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021



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The Act aims to:

- Protect and Support Victims
- Transform the Justice Process
- Improve Performance
- Promote Awareness

The Act brings about:

- New legislative measures
- Specific requirements for a Tier 1 Local Authority
- Statutory duties

A timeline for implementation of the Act has been developed



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Whole System Approach

Shifting to system working

There is no one solution to tackle complex public health issues.

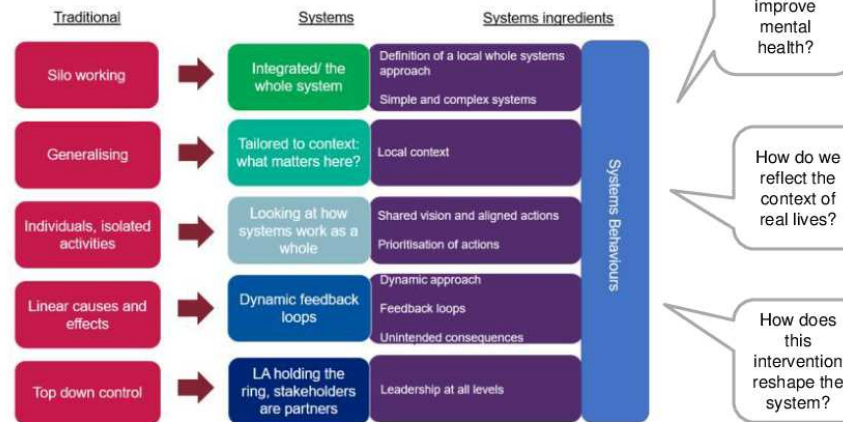
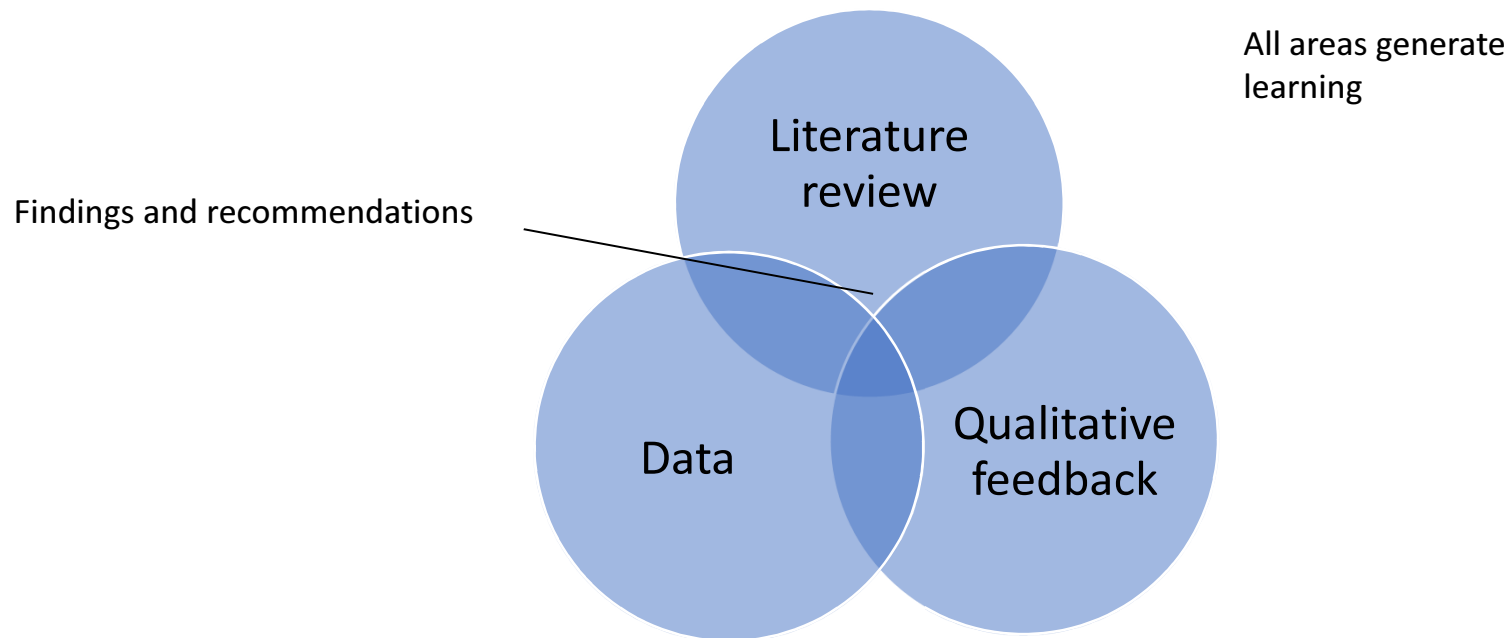


Figure 1: Shifting from traditional working to systems working. (PHE, Whole system approach to obesity)

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Health Needs Assessment



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Potential numbers applied to County Durham Adults

	Percentage impacted	Possible no. in Co Durham
Prevalence incident or crimes in a year	6%	23423
Any DA from the age of 16	21%	81983
Female victim	75%	17568
Male victim	25%	5856

Taken from National estimates and applied to the County Durham Population

Potential numbers applied to County Durham children and young people

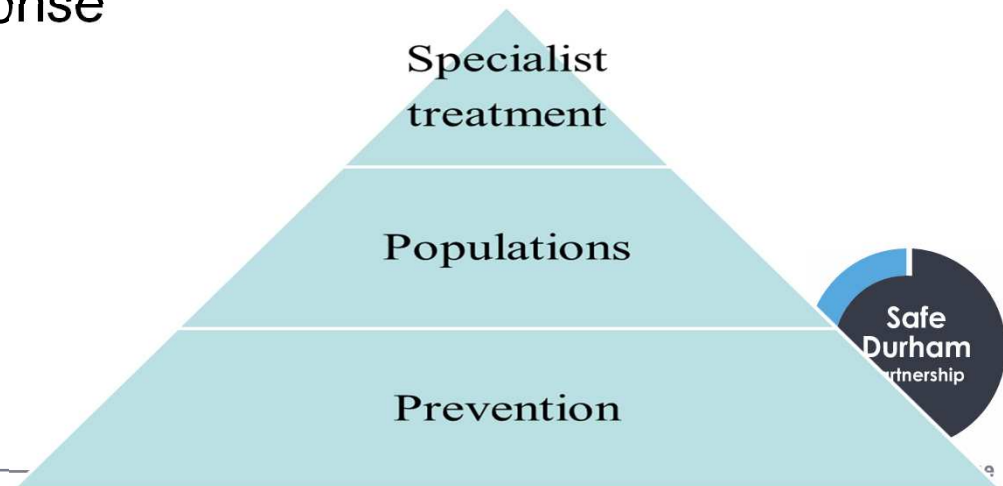
Experienced psychological abuse as a child	19%	74174
Witnessed domestic abuse or violence in the home	8%	31231
Has experienced physical assault	7%	27327
Has experienced sexual assault	7%	27327

Potential numbers in County Durham – vulnerable groups

Vulnerable groups	% of population (general)	Possible numbers in County Durham
General population	14%	10376
Older adults	25%	2594
Living with abuse over 20 years	6%	23424
Disability (x2 as likely)	12%	14554
LGBTQ (2% of population)	11%	859
Transgender (% unknown)	28%	-

Considerations

- Are we data-led or system-led?
- How do we scale-up our approaches?
- Review and understand the system
- Demand led/Graded response
- Equity of access
- Prevention
- Older adults
- Mental Health needs



Budget Prioritisation Outcomes

Programme Area	Direction of travel	Comments
Children and Young People - Prevention	Increase	Small investment with good outcomes currently. High feasibility to improve. Opportunity to impact adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
Children and Young People - Specialist	Increase	Outcomes good but investment small. Impact on ACEs. Modelling to predict increase.
Adults – Prevention	Maintain	Current programme DCC non recurrent funding, system wide investment required.
Adults – Specialist	Maintain	Requires mainstream investment otherwise lacks resilience. Excellent service outcomes.
Accommodation	Maintain	Current budget is favourable based on overall spend. Consider other models but maintain funding for vital crisis service.
Workforce	Increase	High feasibility scores. All agencies recognise importance but needs strategic support and investment.
Perpetrators	Maintain	Critical system interdependencies but requires investment from all partners.



Countywide Specialist Service Referrals		
2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
6982	7250	8237
Refuge Referrals		
2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
454	624	1115

Next Steps

- Recommendations of BP and HNA implemented
- Strategy development and publication
- Joint commissioning plan

