

# County Durham and Darlington Domestic Abuse Plan 2023/25

**Our Shared Vision:** A Stronger System which drives down domestic abuse and domestic homicide cases, while ensuring that victims and survivors get the support they need

## DASVEG Priorities

**These priorities will be developed on the principles of using best evidence, practice and victim voice at its core**

### Prioritising Prevention

- Define what we mean by prevention and early intervention for young people and vulnerable adults.
- Review and where possible influence the delivery of Relationship, Sex and Health (RSHE) education in educational settings
- Ensure that children and young people are recognised as victims in their own right and are supported by suitable interventions across the system
- Focus on early identification and developing trusted professional ethos
- Delivering a range of relevant social marketing campaigns

### Supporting victims

- Ensuring the priorities set out in County Durham and Darlington’s Safe Accommodation are achieved
- Continuing to support and develop local MARAC arrangements including embedding the use of the DARA and enhancing the DASH
- Embed the learning from local and national Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Identifying and effectively supporting hidden/vulnerable groups
- Understanding and supporting health system interventions
- Victim voice representation at all levels of the system

### Tackling those who cause harm

- Develop a system that supports a graded response to challenging those who cause harm, from early intervention and awareness raising to behaviour change programmes
- Support, develop and embed Police led interventions including MATAC and Caution Plus
- Increase awareness and promote the use of the DVDS (Claire’s Law)
- Ensure a focus there is a systemwide focus on the risks associated with, and the impact of stalking and harassment

### Our Enablers



Working in a victim centered approach meaning all agencies acting in ways that support what the victim needs and where possible promote choice.



Sharing skills and knowledge of effective governance and effective oversight, holding organisations to account for their delivery and engagement with the strategy and service users.

Ensuring quality and performance through effective governance and scrutiny processes.



Strong collaboration and communication to understand the landscape, increase effectiveness, reduce duplication and maximise co-commissioning opportunities.

Being prepared to challenge and disrupt existing structures to address gaps, taking opportunity to change the system



Communicating and engaging effectively with service users and across agencies and wider stakeholders.

Ensuring the priorities are imbedded in exiting structures with strong feedback loops.



Improve and introduce services through evidence of what works. Value the Victim Survivor Voice and promote co-production.

Using data and intelligence to guide future strategies, policy development and commissioning.

### Our Impact

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