

# Hull Domestic Abuse Strategy

## 2021-2024

The safety of all people in Hull is  
**very important for everyone**



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## What is domestic abuse?



✓ Physical or sexual abuse

✓ Violence or threatening behaviour

✓ Controlling or coercive behaviour



✓ Economic abuse



✓ Psychological, emotional or other abuse



### The Domestic Abuse Act 2021

recognises children and young people as victims of domestic abuse if they see, hear, or experience the effects of the abuse.

## The impact of domestic abuse on children



Children and young people can experience loss of key relationships, experience multiple home moves, changes of school, can have poor school attendance/attainment and can suffer physical and emotional harm.

They can feel a misplaced sense of responsibility, distress and anger which may not be understood by others.

## Some facts about domestic abuse



**1 in 4** women have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16



**1 in 7** men have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16



**2 in 5** children in families where there is domestic abuse have been living with that abuse since they were born

## Some facts about domestic abuse



National data says that:

**1 in 5** people with a learning disability experienced some form of domestic abuse over a 12 month period



**1 in 7** people with a disability experienced domestic abuse compared to **1 in 20** people without a disability



Between 2008 and 2015 over **2800** Forced Marriage Protection Orders and **700** Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders have been made

Home Office statistics show that in 2019-20: **2024** honour based abuse offences were recorded by the police



### Types of honour based abuse:

- attempted or Forced Marriage
- domestic abuse
- child abuse
- kidnap
- false imprisonment

## Some facts about domestic abuse



**1 in 4** gay men and lesbian women and **1 in 3** bisexual people reported at least one form of domestic abuse since they were 16 years old

Research found that in the last year: **51 out of 100** transgender people who had experienced domestic abuse said that their partner had ridiculed their gender identity

## The Strategy and Delivery Plan 2021-2024



In 2022 to 2024 funding will focus on developing more specialist support to ensure services are accessible

Provision for children and young people in safe accommodation support will be increased



Furthermore, encouraging those with disabilities, males and LGBTQ+ to come forward for support through more targeted publicity

## What we know about Domestic Abuse in Hull

### Criminal Justice

#### Humberside Police



**10,883** incidents of domestic abuse reported which resulted in **7,508** recorded crimes of domestic abuse

**77%** were female

**23%** were male

#### Crown Prosecution Service

**1038** convictions for Domestic Abuse Offences

### Safeguarding



Hull City Council Safeguarding Children, Young People and Family Services



Received **3,528** contacts due to concerns around domestic abuse

## Support Agencies

### Purple House



Supported  
**636** clients

### Hull City Council Domestic Abuse Service

Supported **2109** females, **257** males

Average open case load of 416 victims  
who had 749 children

**65** Women have completed the  
**BRAVE Recovery Women's Groups**

### Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

**930**

**High Risk  
Victims**

referred to  
**MARAC**,  
who had  
**895** children

**32**

**Male**

**19**

**LGBTQ+**

**10**

**16/17** year olds  
referred to  
**MARAC**

### Sanctuary Scheme

**544** victims and their  
children supported to  
remain at home



### Hull Women's Aid



**59** women and **134**  
children benefitted from  
the provision of safe  
accommodation

with an average length of stay  
of **77** days

During the same period our  
**Floating Support Service** supported  
**207** women in their own tenancies

Helpline received **3,210** calls  
Children and Young People's Service  
supported **144** children

## Our Vision



**“to be a city where everyone can live safe and healthy lives and achieve their full potential, without the threat and fear of domestic abuse”**

## Our Values

**V**

**Voice** put individuals affected by domestic abuse at the centre of our work

**A**

**Adopt** a whole family approach

**L**

**Listen** and communicate respectfully

**U**

**Understand** local need

**E**

**Engage** in developing shared goals

**S**

**Support** a needs led response

## Our Mission



Make a pledge to individuals affected by domestic abuse by following **Golden Principles**

### The Golden Principles:

**S**

**Supporting** to empower

**A**

**Actively** listen, believe and reassure

**F**

**Focus** on understanding that change can be achieved

**E**

**Express** empathy and respect

**T**

**To** be non-judgemental

**Y**

**You** can identify and define abuse and work to raise awareness

# Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan 2021 - 2024

## Priority 1:



### Preventing domestic abuse through early identification and intervention

“We will focus on improving knowledge and understanding and ensure help is put in place at the earliest opportunity.”

## Priority 2:



### Provision of high quality services

“Victims, children and young people (including those in relationships) will receive support, advice and information”

## Priority 3:



### Pursuing perpetrators and seeking justice

“Support and engage perpetrators to change their behaviour”

We will deliver perpetrator programmes and ensure partners and their children receive support.

## Priority 4:



### Partnership working, workforce development and co-production

“We will co-produce and listen to those who have experienced domestic abuse and what services are needed.

## Lived experience voices



**“I had no money, my partner controlled all the finances, if I needed money I had to ask for it”**



**“I was so scared I felt powerless and didn't know who I could turn to for advice and support”**



**“I felt so embarrassed, not only did I have to share that I was being abused, but also that I was trans, I was so scared that no one would believe me”**



## **Safer Hull**

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