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<p>1. Training for GP's should continue to be provided by the Primary Care DASA service (in order to increase understanding of indicators of possible domestic abuse and the need for appropriate enquiry.</p> <p>The Home Office Quality Assurance panel recommended an extension of this recommendation to include training around the links between suicide, self-harm and domestic abuse.</p>	<p>GP's able to identify victims of abuse at an early stage and effectively signpost and refer for appropriate support.</p> <p>GP's able to recognize the links between self-harm, suicide and domestic abuse.</p>	<p>Funding to be agreed to extend the primary care domestic abuse support service.</p> <p>Training to be reviewed to include a focussed discussion on suicide, self-harm and links to domestic abuse.</p>	<p>Completed: Implementation of the primary care domestic abuse support service is continuing to be funded by CIOs ICB and Cornwall Council DASV Commissioner. The service is provided by First Light (the commissioned specialist domestic abuse service in Cornwall) who deliver training and in reach to general practice, along with a direct referral pathway. This has resulted in a 500% increase in referrals from general practice over two years, demonstrating improvements.</p> <p>Self-harm and suicide themes are incorporated into discussions on mental health and domestic abuse in the training rolled out under the Primary Care DASA service which is available to all staff including clerical and receptionists.</p>	<p>ICB</p> <p>First Light</p>
<p>2. GP attendance at the domestic abuse training and the use of appropriate inquiry should be monitored and audited by the ICB within twelve months of the publication of the report</p>	<p>Domestic abuse training delivered to all GP practices across Cornwall. Use of appropriate inquiry is demonstrated.</p>	<p>Primary care GP DASA services to continue to promote and encourage GP practices to take up the offer of training and DASA support.</p> <p>Annual training at Treliske hospital to Yr3 Postgraduates.</p>	<p>Completed: as above. Primary care domestic abuse support service provided by First Light (the commissioned specialist domestic abuse service in Cornwall) is continuing to train GP practices, with positive uptake quarter on quarter which is monitored and reported in contract review meetings between ICB, First Light and Cornwall Council DASV.</p> <p>2024 training for Trainee GPs was delivered and is a vital part of ongoing training. Trainee GPs share their learning in placements and future practices.</p>	<p>ICB</p>
<p>8. The ICB to review the current capacity of Primary Care DASA service and how it features in long term ICS plans</p>	<p>Primary Care DASA service features in long term ICS plans</p>	<p>As above (Rec 1) – funding secured to implement the primary care DASA service.</p>	<p>Completed - as above (Rec 1)</p>	<p>ICB</p>

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		<p>DCP are constantly evolving to ensure all our policies and working practices are trauma informed. This is not the first recommendation we have received in this area and work is already underway to enhance our training packages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Routine enquiry questions are mandatory within maternity services systems. •Regular communication and information provided for staff awareness. •Attendance at multi agency meetings internally and externally to raise awareness <p>Completed: The Serious Violence Prevention Programme commissioned the Wave Trust to understand the organisational current position in regard to delivering a Trauma Informed service, surveys and workshops were completed leading to the publishing of an organisational road map for consideration.</p> <p>Shame sensitive training has been developed in collaboration with Exeter University for police and partners. The aim of the training is to identify and address shame directly and understand how impactful shame can be in terms of driving violence and crime.</p> <p>The VAWG portfolio has delivered 2 - 2hour inputs for partners and police in regard to shame sensitive with 310 participants.</p> <p>Refreshed Stalking/Harassment Operational Procedure to ensure a trauma informed service.</p> <p>Refreshed LEPH Link to help support officers and victims.</p> <p>The introduction of Niche has allowed for a more holistic approach in responding to DA, officers and staff are able to see more linked</p>	

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			<p>history and associates that may be relevant to risk. This alongside a newly launched intel portal which is capable to giving a summary of a person's history, increase our ability to identify any future risks which we incorporate into our risk assessments.</p> <p>A Sharepoint message and article in our safeguarding matters newsletter has also gone out to all officers and staff to raise further awareness around the risk of suicide in DA.</p>	
5. Domestic Abuse training programmes to ensure awareness of the links between suicide and domestic abuse and the links between child sexual abuse and domestic abuse.	Professionals trained in domestic abuse will gain a better understanding of the links between domestic abuse, child sexual abuse and suicide.	Safer futures is currently in the process of devising a slide to add more in-depth link with Child Sexual Abuse, domestic abuse and suicide. This will be included in Level 3 training.	<p>Current DASV Levels 1- 3 is delivered by Safer Futures this training includes a case study on suicide - Trainers unpick the professional response to disclosures of suicide ideation/low mood because of domestic abuse. Attendance and the evaluation of the outcomes of Safer Futures domestic abuse training to be reported to the DASV Partnership Board</p> <p>Current Level 1 and 2 DASV Training delivered by Safer Futures includes links between Child Sexual Exploitation and domestic abuse.</p> <p>Primary Care Domestic Abuse Support programme continually updated to reflect current DASV/DASH training</p>	Safer Futures
6. Write to the Home Office to ensure that there is clear and concise guidance available for services delivering support (face to face) which could be relied upon by professionals in the event of a further lockdown.	Local sign off and implementation of any Home Office guidance produced as a result of this review for services delivering support (face to face) which could be relied upon by professionals in the event of a further lockdown.	Partnership letter to be written to the Home Office validated by this DHR.	<p>2024-25</p> <p>Audit of all agencies to ensure they are clear on the support offer if a further lockdown were to take place.</p>	Safer Cornwall
7. Child protection assessments to include appropriate consideration of the risks associated with parental separation where domestic abuse is	Practitioners gain a better understanding from specialist DASAs of increased risks to children where	One-hour learning sets will be delivered as part of the core curriculum to raise awareness; these sessions will be delivered by the Family DASAs embedded in CFS and	Completed: advice is available from the Family Domestic Abuse Advisors (appointed early 2023) who are positioned throughout the county.	TFF

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evident in the relationship, including seeking specialist advice/guidance. (Learning: the children's case was closed without sufficient consideration of the impact of separation in terms of increased risks to children particularly as coercion and control was evident in the relationship. Such considerations need to be clearly evidenced in child protection assessments and where appropriate advice obtained from specialist domestic abuse advisors.)	there is coercion and control in a relationship. Risks associated with parental separation involving domestic abuse recorded in child protection assessments.	will focus on the wider aspects of coercive control and key risk triggers. Learning to be included in the CFS learning brief – "What Went Well – Learning from the Front Line", including reference to further research.	These individuals have been specifically commissioned to strengthen the consideration of domestic abuse and its impact on children within Together For Families. These individuals also have the responsibility of working with agencies to support families experiencing domestic abuse in the home.	
9. Review the current system of accessing body maps in emergency departments and implement a process that ensures staff have access to the documentation. 10. RCHT to Review and address the current level of knowledge amongst staff regards the appropriate use of body maps	Greater awareness and understanding of the importance of body maps and access for staff on NHS systems.	RCHT - We were unable to add the body map onto Oceano as part of the automatic printout for the ED card, but we have added all the body maps onto our Oceano system document library that the staff use all the time. Comms has gone out to all staff highlighting the importance of using body maps.	Completed 13.12.22 We will continue to monitor usage and educate via our turbo 10's. Completed 13.12.22	RCHT/ CFT
11. Identify opportunities for increasing targeted engagement with both victims and abusers - those whose lives are impacted by domestic abuse.	Improvement in engagement of victims and abusers.	Opportunities to be identified in behaviour change programme such as Change4U to increase engagement.	Completed: Behaviour change programmes webinar delivered during 16 Days of Activism November 2023 to promote opportunities for professionals to refer into the service.	Safer Futures
12. Raise public awareness around all forms of domestic abuse and sexual violence and how families can provide support and get help. This should be achieved through training, attending events within the community, organising drop-in groups. The Home Office Quality Assurance Panel recommended that the work of the Findaway project be considered in engagement with public/ families/ friends and communities.	Families know where to go to get help and support for experiences of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Families, friends and colleagues of victims are aware of and signposted to sources of help and support such as Findaway. Worried About Someone's Relationship? Findaway	Awareness raising campaigns and access to resources on the Safer Futures website. Safer Futures DASV Helpline and teams are notified of the Findaway project as a source of help and support for engagement with families, friends and colleagues.	Completed: First Light campaigns and communications are ongoing throughout the year regarding affected others and accessing support. Lunch and learn webinar by the Domestic Abuse Helpline during 16 days of activism (Nov-Dec 2023) in which we promoted communities and concerned others access to the helpline for support. Also promoted this access over the Xmas period. November 2024 - The Findaway project is being offered across the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	Safer Futures Safer Futures

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<p>13. Devise an effective support package for families, friends, and colleagues of someone whose lives are being impacted by domestic abuse</p> <p>As above, the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel recommended that the work of the Findaway project be considered in engagement with public/ families/ friends and colleagues.</p>	<p>An affected others helpline will be operating and marketed by mid-2024.</p> <p>Calls to the helpline will increase month on month for concerns relating to victims and perpetrators.</p> <p>Families, friends and colleagues of victims are aware of and signposted to sources of help and support such as Findaway. Worried About Someone's Relationship? Findaway</p>	<p>The current commissioned Safer Futures domestic abuse helpline offers advice to 'affected others' family members, friends, co-workers etc and can provide guidance and advice around safety planning (but not in an individual case) . Safer Cornwall will raise awareness of this offer, and also signpost to national offers such as downloadable safety planning toolkits and guidance and the Women's Aid helpline for affected others. This will be reinforced with the development of a website by Safer Futures.</p> <p>Safer Cornwall, with Safer Futures, are piloting an affected others group which will provide support to family members of those impacted by domestic abuse. We will also be looking at whether information for families can be accessed via the Safer Futures website to enable them to gain information and advice on how to support their family members.</p> <p>Safer Futures DASV Helpline and teams are notified of the Findaway project as a source of help and support for engagement with families, friends and colleagues.</p>	<p>Completed: a designated page on First Light website for families and friends who are concerned for a friend/family member/neighbour I'm worried about someone else - First Light</p> <p>A designated page on First Light website for organisations Organisations: Support for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence - First Light</p> <p>As part the Safer Futures helpline we have provided ongoing training and are able to offer support and advice to families/ friends/ communities who are concerned and affected by Domestic Abuse.</p> <p>We have also developed and affected others guide to support.</p> <p>Affected others drop-in groups have been established, staff have been identified to hold these sessions on a monthly basis, communication with be sent out via coms teams from Barnardo's and First Light – first drop-in to be held in April after the Easter 2025.</p> <p>November 2024 - The Findaway project is being offered across the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline and awareness raised within DASA/IDVA Teams.</p> <p>SUSIE programme are doing a 16 days of Activism post and on one of</p>	Safer Futures Safer Cornwall

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