

DHR18 Action Plan – multi agency recommendations

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1: As part of the revised statutory guidance, the Home Office to clarify expectations around the release of underlying documentation during a review, including single agency reviews	National	Recommendation included in the Safer Cornwall partnership response to the government's consultation on revised DHR statutory guidance	Safer Cornwall	Draft consultation response shared with DASV and Safer Cornwall Partnership Boards 17/07/24 Response finalised, signed off by Safer Cornwall and submitted. Implementation of statutory guidance when it becomes available	29/07/24	In Progress Awaiting Home Office response to revised statutory guidance consultation – Autumn 2025
2: The Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP to work with local partners to review the findings from this and other local DHRs involving killings by an (adult) child or a family member to identify cross-cutting themes and issues and develop a thematic response	Local	All DHRs/ findings and recommendations involving homicide within the family dynamic – DHR15, DHR17, DHR18, DHR19 to be reviewed to draw out a thematic response, identify outcomes for Cornwall and develop actions to	Safer Cornwall Partnership – DHR Learning and Implementation subgroup and OSCP Learning	Cornwall Council audit of Safer Cornwall partners policy, practice guidance and training include AFV/ intra-familial abuse	July – October 2025 Audit Terms of Reference drafted 18/07/25 – to be signed off by DASV	In Progress Tri-partnership (Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly safeguarding boards and CSP) 'Whole family Response' to domestic abuse is in development, building on the work

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		achieve outcomes. To be considered alongside DASV needs assessment.	Group		Partnership Board 31/07/25	already done on toxic stress and intergenerational influences [OSCP scrutiny recommendation no.11). DHR learning under review as DHRs progress (15,17,19) and will contribute to the thematic response.
3: The Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP to work with local partners to review the findings and develop a thematic response to violence and abuse by a (adult) child or a family member. This should include: Completing a training needs assessment to identify the skills and training required by professionals to enable this response.	Local	Specification for the integrated DASV community service contract incorporates the requirement to respond to violence and abuse by a (adult) child or family member – including that professionals must recognise, identify and respond to adult family violence, and a robust referral pathway is embedded.	DASV Strategic Commissioning Team	Specification approved and launched Actions undertaken to contribute to the overall implementation include OSCP and Safer Cornwall domestic abuse training review and analysis of training take-up	2025 13/08/24 30/09/24	In Progress New DASV community services will begin in spring 2026 Complete Training analysis led to recommendations agreed by DASV Partnership Board – updates to training are ongoing which is delivered across the system free of

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- Identifying the actions that agencies can take individually and collectively - Ensuring professionals and agencies are able to recognise, identify, assess, and respond. - Establishing robust referral pathways to specialist support		Safer Cornwall partnership plan update is underpinned by a refreshed needs assessment and MORiLE workshops specifically on adult domestic abuse and will enable an informed response to local needs relating to intra-familial abuse. As a result of the needs assessment, MORiLE workshops and audit - practical tools will be developed that can assist professionals, such as, genograms when a risk of intra-familial abuse is identified, enabling a mapping of those potentially at risk so that this can be discounted or included in risk assessment and action planning. Working group to be	DASV Strategic Commissioning Team/ Amethyst Team DASV Team	MORiLE workshops scheduled	Autumn 2025	charge by Safer Futures – commissioned DASV service In Progress

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		set up with Gweres Kernow to look at how wider services support families who are impacted by child to parent abuse. Lunch and Learn webinar to be developed (with some specific links for Cornwall Housing).	DASV Team and Gweres Kernow and CFS Service manager DASV Team	As part of the Housing pathway training is being rolled out which will cover AFV/ intrafamilial abuse	Autumn 2025 - 2026	In Progress
4 : CFT to ensure that the Independent Investigation recommendations are implemented and presented to the trust quality assurance committee to enable the ICB oversight required by NHS England. CFT will then provide updates as required to Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP so that these can be discharged	Local	1. MHH action plan updates are reported through the CFT Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) 2. Report Mental Health Homicide updates to Safer Cornwall Partnership Board as required	CFT Director of Mental Health Services	The learning has been shared with the ICB attendee at the CFT quality assurance meeting; to enable oversight.	02/10/25	Complete Action plan signed off as complete by the QAC, which the ICB attended
5 : The Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP to review the existing MARAC Operating Protocol and introduce – in line with SafeLives guidance – a referral route for potential for escalation based on the frequency of abuse.	Local	Consider volume of referrals provided by DCP to meet SafeLives guidance on frequency (3 reported incidents/ 12 months) - to inform conversation about	MARAC Steering Group Chair	Data provided at MARAC Steering Group -04/07/24 Discussion at MARAC Steering Group 03/10/24 -	31/10/24	In Progress

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		implementation. Implement criteria for referral to MARAC based on SafeLives guidance on frequency to enable earlier intervention and reduction of risk for cases that meet the frequency	MARAC Co-Chairs and Steering Group Chair	ongoing due to complexity Further discussion and question of sign-off MARAC Steering Group – September 2025	September 2025	
6: Using the learning from this case, the Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP to audit the effectiveness of MARAC action planning, with a particular focus on AFV and complex cases	Local	MARAC Steering Group task and finish to audit MARAC actions (recorded on HALO) to check whether action planning is effective and identify any improvements	MARAC Steering Group Chairs, Safer Futures Service Manager, ASC.	Audit of MARAC actions undertaken by MARAC Chair October-December 2024 – specific actions on ADV/ intrafamilial abuse will be undertaken as part of Cornwall Council audit MARAC	July – October 2025	In Progress November-December 2025
7: The ICB and Cornwall Council to develop a business case to the ICB to agree sustained funding to continue the General Practice Domestic Abuse Support Service after July 2025	Local	Paper to be developed about sustaining the service based on the business case	ICB Head of Nursing Cornwall Council DASV Strategy Manager	Contract review meetings identify sustained increase in referral numbers supporting the paper	31/07/24 sustainability paper to ICB Executive Group	Complete Completed Dec 2024 -Business case submitted and approved as ongoing budget lines Intervention remains effective, with 500%

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						increase in referrals in first two years of service, and the improved referral rates continue to be maintained. Sample of referrals identified that in 50% of contacts, the GP practice was the first service the professional the person had spoken to about domestic abuse. Ongoing progress is monitored through contract review meetings, including case studies demonstrating how it has made a difference to people
8: The Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP to work with local partners to review the findings from this DHR and evaluate the response to neurodiversity locally.	Local	Insights from DHR18 to inform the new Autism Strategy 2025-2030 developed by Learning Disability and Autism People Commissioning Care and Wellbeing	Safer Cornwall partners	Cornwall Council is designing a strategy 2025-2030 to support autistic people 16+ yrs. DHR learning raised with strategic lead in ongoing	July 2024	Complete

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		Insights from DHR18 to inform Cornwall's Suicide Prevention strategy and delivery plan - section 7 on neurodiversity. Safer Cornwall's DASV needs assessment to ensure data is captured on neurodiversity/ diagnosed and undiagnosed autism spectrum disorder – and this is included in service design (annual delivery plan refresh) EOS* training needs analysis identified that the workforce wants more confidence to work with neurodiversity. Ensure DASV training, specifically professional curiosity and behaviour change covers neurodiversity	DASV Strategic Commissioning Team/ Amethyst Intelligence Team EOS (DASV commissioners across the SW peninsula DASV Strategic Commissioners Team Adult Care	development of strategy and delivery plan. EOS learning disability and autism partnership facilitator project – 12-month pilot recommendations to be reviewed/ implemented and toolkit to be disseminated.	01/01/2023 – 31/12/2024	Complete December 2024 – toolkit dissemination

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		sufficiently. Raise awareness of neurodiversity within services and enable a better understanding of language/ terminology to ensure professionals are fully aware when working with adults and how neurodiversity impacts on individuals' choices. Safer Futures and MARAC referral forms enable collection of information around neurodiversity	& Support/ SAB Learning and Development lead. Practice Manager Medical Centre MARAC Co-Chairs	Identify if the Oliver McGowan training is mandatory for adult social care and health professionals and commission where appropriate. GP Practice staff are undertaking tier1 learning disability and autism awareness in primary care eLearning and clinicians will do tier 1 and tier 2.		In Progress Complete
9: The Safer Cornwall / Kernow Salwa CSP to work with Cornwall Council – Housing Options to remind the public bodies listed in Homelessness (Review Procedures etc) Regulations 2018 of their legal obligation to refer people that are homeless. Circulate guidance for partners on this topic, including the procedure to use when making a referral to the housing options service in Cornwall	Local	The Duty To Refer is something identified whenever we attend team meeting and make presentations to teams in other services.	Housing Options Service Manager	- Internal & External Comms for professionals regarding DTR to raise awareness - Creation of E-Learning package on Homelessness and actions to take for professionals – including legal duties around DTR - Attendance	Ongoing	In Progress Raising the profile and importance of the statutory duty of agencies of Duty To Refer is a work in progress. This is because it is a programme of constant reminders to ensure the message gets through to the

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				and Education at agencies Team Meetings etc		frontline practitioners in some very large organisations, and in particular to refer the sooner the better and not when a threat of homelessness hits crisis point