

# Domestic Abuse Strategic Delivery - Plan on a Page 2020-23



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## The North Somerset Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020-23

This strategy sets out the key priorities for the North Somerset Community Safety Partnership in tackling domestic abuse and outlines the areas for action over the next three years.

Victims, survivors, their children and loved ones deserve help at the time of crisis and to be kept safe. They deserve help to cope and recover from the trauma, support from the criminal justice system to bring those responsible to justice, and action to drive this traumatic and lifechanging crime from our society.

In developing this strategy, partners have worked together to consider how we can secure the best outcomes, learning from experience and survivor voice, considering evidence of need and looking at national best practice to frame our plans.

## Our statutory duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

**The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 aims to:**

**Protect and support victims** – to enhance the safety of victims and the support they receive;

**Transform the justice process** – to provide support to victims throughout the justice process and an effective response to perpetrators to end the cycle of abuse;

**Improve Performance** – to drive consistency and better performance in the response to DA and;

**Promote Awareness** – put domestic abuse at the top of everybody's agenda.

The new Act places the following statutory duties on local authorities such as North Somerset Council to appoint a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board which must consult as it performs certain specified functions such as:

- Assess the need for accommodationbased domestic abuse support for all
- victims in their area, including those who require cross-border support.
- Develop and publish a strategy for the provision of such support to cover their
- locality, having regard to the needs assessment.
- Give effect to the strategy (through commissioning/de-commissioning decisions).
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy.
- Report back annually to central government.

## Our strategic priorities for 2020-23

<b>1. Prevent – Universal Support &amp; Changing Attitudes</b>	Primary interventions aimed at the whole community, regardless of their experience of domestic abuse.
<b>2. Protect – Early Identification &amp; Early Help</b>	Secondary interventions aim to identify domestic abuse and provide help as soon as possible so that it does not recur or escalate.
<b>3. Provide – Protection from Harm &amp; Support to Recover</b>	Tertiary interventions provide direct support to victims with the aim of reducing the risk of domestic abuse and it's impact.

## Our key deliverables

	Q1 review	Q2 review	Q3 review	Q4 review
Change young people's understanding and reduce societal acceptance of domestic abuse.	AMBER	Select	Select	Select
Awareness raising and provision of info & training to increase reporting and access to services.	AMBER	Select	Select	Select
Challenge perpetrators' attitudes and hold them accountable for behaviour.	RED			
Identification & support for survivors & children at an earlier stage to prevent repeat/escalation.	AMBER	Select	Select	Select
Multi-agency partnership working to identify risk & provide appropriate support for all the family.	GREEN	Select	Select	Select
Improved DA support through healthcare settings.	RED	Select	Select	Select
Provision of high quality specialist DA support through commissioned provider.	GREEN	Select	Select	Select
Specialist support for survivors & children affected by DA in safe accommodation settings.	AMBER	Select	Select	Select
Access to appropriate quality advice & support for survivors of DA within the court system.	RED	Select	Select	Select

**Our Strategic Vision**

*To work together to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse, ensure the safety and empowerment by those affected by it (both adults and children) and to seek to challenge the behaviour of those perpetrating it.*

## Our challenges and risks for 2022/23

	RAG	How will we tackle this challenge or mitigate this risk?
Part 4 DA Act Funding levels remain unconfirmed year on year	AMBER	Cross-border/joint funding. Outcome/impact measuring.
DA still largely underreported, cases are rising year on year	AMBER	Awareness-raising and joint working with Police.
Not currently identifying and providing for DA survivors from hidden communities such as disabled, LGBTQ+, BAME, Male survivors.	AMBER	Seek out local 'by and for' services' involvement in strategic partnership.