



# VAWG UPDATE

Joint Meeting of the Community Safety Partnership & Health and Wellbeing Board

13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

VAWG Partners

Violence Against Women  
and Girls Strategy  
2016-2026



END VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN  
AND GIRLS

*Together we can stop it*



# Developing A Co-ordinated Community Response

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1. **Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Community Engagement Pilot designed to develop an evidence-based approach to engaging with our communities on VAWG.**

- Pilot delivered from April 2021 to March 2022. Evaluation with recommendations for future delivery to be disseminated in July 2022.
- 32 Safe Spaces and 150 VAWG Community Champions trained. 21 half-day training sessions delivered since March 2021.

2. **VAWG Business Group set up to strengthen the response to VAWG across key agencies and tackle structural issues within the VAWG partnership.**

- VAWG Partnership Action Plan co-developed with North Area BCU. North Area BCU have set up a specialist domestic abuse unit called 'ADAPT' with 7 dedicated staff members as a direct result of gaps highlighted within the action plan. This is a unique intervention developed specifically for Haringey and Enfield, clearly demonstrating a positive impact of the action plan.

3. **3-year VAWG communications strategy developed to deliver a scaled approach to communications and engagement for priority target groups.**

- Multi-year, scaled campaigns aim to create a culture where VAWG is not tolerated through delivering clear and consistent messaging about unacceptable attitudes/behaviour.
- Communications plan details the planned activity, type/s of VAWG, intended outcomes, co-production activity, partners and plans for dissemination across three years for each target group: survivors, professionals and community-wide.

4. **Training and capacity building support for strengthening the VAWG partnership across key agencies and services.**

- HumanKind to deliver training to all Haringey drug and alcohol teams on early identification of domestic abuse.
- Commissioned DVIP to deliver a 6-session intensive training course on developing skills in holding perpetrators to account.
- Partnered with North London Rape Crisis to deliver four training sessions about sexual violence (over 50 trained) and Tender to deliver multiple sessions on the impact of domestic abuse on young people (over 100 trained)

# Prevention and Early Intervention

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- 1. Co-production of three videos developed by and for Haringey young people** focusing on challenging the high prevalence of victim blaming around sexual violence and other forms of VAWG ([link to videos here](#))
  - Young people helped design the approach, style, script and delivery for each film. 13 co-production sessions took place with 65 young people through various workshops with Solace Summer School of Power, Living Under One Sun young people group, Solace's Young Change Makers group and two groups of students from CONEL.
- 2. Solace Women's Aid commissioned to deliver training to key staff from all secondary schools by March 2023 on embedding a whole school approach to preventing sexual violence.**
  - Training offer will include two training sessions for different priority staff:
    - Training session 1 will focus on improving knowledge of how to identify and respond to sexual violence.
    - Training session 2 will focus on how to embed cultural change in education and youth settings to prevent 'Rape Culture'
- 3. Co-developed the 'Public health approach to supporting schools in preventing peer-on-peer abuse'** in partnership with the Healthy Schools Programme, Sexual Health and Anchor Project Teams, to summarise support available to schools through commissioned and partner services.
  - VAWG Coordinator delivered sessions on sexual violence myths, victim blaming and 'Rape Culture' at every secondary PSHE Leads forum.
  - Partnered with the Anchor Project to ensure VAWG messaging is embedded in KS1 and KS2 lesson plans and teachers' guides.
- 4. Continued to commission the Protect Our Women (POW) Project**, an educational training programme about preventing violence against women and girls, to deliver sessions in schools to support young people, staff and parents around healthy relationships.
  - POW trained 65 staff members across 7 secondary schools and colleges. Whole-school assemblies to over 250 pupils and delivered regular workshops and training about VAWG to a further 200 young people.

- Additional investment is being put into Haringey's VAWG services. Our service improvements are aligned with feedback we have had from our communities and front-line services, to capture the perspectives of women directly impacted by domestic abuse.
- There is ongoing funding for a domestic abuse support service for women from minoritised communities. This is provided through IMECE, who have already established an effective service and links in the borough.
- An independent domestic violence advocate to support LGBTQ people experiencing or at risk of abuse will start in July and this will be provided by a specialist organisation called GALOP.
- We are beginning the process of re-commissioning our core domestic advocacy service. There is additional investment into this service, to expand capacity and meet a wider range of needs. This service will support all women in Haringey, providing links to smaller specialist services and sub-regional support as needed.
- The new service will have a focus on supporting older women, women who are disabled and women who are experiencing multiple disadvantage. We are aiming to have the re-commissioned service in place by June 2023.
- Our new service model is based on previous feedback we have had from community organisations from community members, community groups and front line service providers. We will be doing some further engagement with our communities and front line providers on specific aspects of the new model to guide the service specification.
- We will commission a specialist domestic violence advocate who will work with young people and children under the age of 16.
- Wrap-around support for women in refuges is provided by Solace and this contract will be extended until Feb 2025
- We will be investing in a model to target behaviour change in domestic abuse perpetrators. We are finalising scoping of different options that have been effective in other areas and will soon have a preferred option to take forward and commission, working with key partners such as the police and probation service.
- Further information is available on our VAWG web pages [Violence Against Women and Girls \(VAWG\) including Domestic Abuse \(DA\) | Haringey Council](#)