

Community Safety Partnership Paper

Title:	Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy
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1. Summary

The final Violence against women and girls strategy will be going to November Cabinet on 15th November. The consultation report, which outlines the 10 weeks process of consultation, is appended to this cover sheet. The draft strategy has been amended in light of the consultation results and the final strategy will be sent out prior to the meeting.

This item is to present the findings of the consultation process with more details about developing a coordinated community response to violence against women and girls as well as input on the key areas of focus to deliver the priorities over the next 3 years.

1.1 Strategy consultation

The 10 year Violence against Women and Girls Strategy (2016-2026) went out for consultation from August – October 2016. The violence against women and girls consultation involved:

- A series of focus groups held with local groups of survivors, women and young people
- Consultation with professionals and partners through our local VAWG professional networks
- Consultation with professionals through other professional networks and events

- An on-line consultation
- Individual interviews with key stakeholders

We received 55 responses to the online and paper consultation; 53 took part in the focus groups and we consulted with over 200 in our professional and local networks. Demographic detail is provided in the consultation report.

The consultation process showed that there is broad support for our proposed approach to addressing violence against women and girls in Haringey. The 10 week process allowed us to access a wide range of views on all of the areas and holding dedicated focus groups with survivors, professionals, local residents and young people meant that more detailed and nuanced insight could be obtained as well as allowing us to identify barriers to access and gaps within current services.

The key element identified by all respondents was the crucial need for agencies across voluntary, community and statutory sectors to work closely with local residents and with survivors of abuse to design an approach that works across Haringey that develops a coordinated community response. The key additional areas that we will be emphasising as a result of the consultation are:

- The importance of education, particularly work in schools and other youth settings with young people.
- The importance of having a nuanced approach to the term 'community'. This is especially pertinent in cases of forced marriage and crimes committed in the name of 'honour' which are often committed in collusion with a particular 'community'.
- The importance of developing a range of communication campaigns covering a range of media, including increased presence on social media and in local print media.
- The need to develop work across sectors, including having a renewed focus on linkages between statutory and voluntary agencies
- Victim/Survivors need tailored, individualised support where they have a choice of services to access.
- The importance of focusing on support to older women; victim/survivors experiencing multiple disadvantage (homelessness, complex drugs and alcohol use, prostitution and mental health) as well as those with no recourse to public funds.

1.2 Strategy launch

The strategy will be launched on the 25th November. The event will be chaired by Councillor Ayisi and faith and community leaders across the borough have been invited; there will be an emphasis on men's role in addressing violence against women and girls.

1.3 Delivering the strategy

The next steps to delivering the strategy is the co-production of 3 year delivery plans to match current funding and strategic arrangements. These will be developed with partners from across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors and will include working with survivors and young people to ensure that they adequately meet their needs.

Funding for tackling violence against women and girls has always been piecemeal and across a number of Directorates. Currently a large percentage of funding comes from a number of different grants which operate to different timescales and are not secure. The funding is mostly for direct provision of services to victim/survivor with some officer costs – the Strategic Lead post and a temporary Coordinator for two years. We are currently developing a business case for funding to deliver the VAWG strategy.

2. Timing

Meeting	Date
Joint VAWG Strategic & Advisory Group	26.10.16
Cabinet Advisory Board	01.11.16
Community Safety Partnership	02.11.16
Cabinet	15.11.16
Launch	25.11.16 (International Day of Elimination of Violence towards Women)

3. Input requested from the Community Safety Partnership

The report seeks agreement by the Community Safety Partnership to proceed to Cabinet with the final VAWG strategy. It also asks for input on developing the key areas of focus for the first 3 year delivery plan.

Appendix 1: VAWG strategy consultation report