

# Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Gloucestershire



# Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board

- As part of the statutory duty, Tier 1 local authorities are required to convene a multi-agency Local Partnership Board (LPB) to support them in performing certain specified functions. These statutory functions include:
  - Assessing the need and demand for accommodation-based support for all victims and their children, including those who require cross-border support.
  - Developing and publishing strategies for the provision of support to cover the locality and diverse groups of victims.
  - Giving effect to strategies by making commissioning / de-commissioning decisions.
  - Meeting the support needs of victims and their children.
  - Monitoring and evaluating local delivery.
  - Reporting back to central government.

In Gloucestershire, the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board has been developed in to 3 tiers:

- Strategic
- Operational
- Consultation (shared with the SV board)

# Sexual Violence Partnership



- The sexual violence partnership board was created in 2019 in order to provide clear strategic focus on the sexual violence agenda in Gloucestershire. Prior to this, the sexual violence agenda was merged within the joint DASV board.
- Despite the separation of the SV agenda into its own board, there are clear links made across to the DA LPB, with a shared structure, joined up membership and joint approaches and work streams across strategies and delivery plans.
- In Gloucestershire, the Sexual Violence Partnership has been developed in to 3 tiers:

-Strategic

-Operational

-Consultation (shared with the DA LPB)

The Sexual Violence Partnership has just developed its first countywide strategy and is in the process of developing its delivery plan

# Domestic Abuse Strategy

## OUR VISION

For Gloucestershire to be a county where domestic abuse is not tolerated and **everybody can live free from abuse and harm**, where healthy relationships are the norm and where victims/ survivors and their children have access to the right support at the right time.

For domestic abuse to be everybody's business, **where a collaborative approach created lasting change** across our systems and communities, where the voice of the victim is at the heart of our response.

# Domestic Abuse Strategy

## OUR PRIORITIES

01

PRIORITY 01  
PREVENTION & EARLY  
INTERVENTION



02

PRIORITY 02  
MULTI-AGENCY  
WORKING & PATHWAY  
DEVELOPMENT



03

PRIORITY 03  
WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT



04

PRIORITY 04  
HIGH QUALITY  
SERVICE  
PROVISION



05

PRIORITY 05  
WORKING TO  
BREAK THE CYCLE  
OF PERPETRATOR  
BEHAVIOUR



# Sexual Violence Strategy

## OUR VISION

For Gloucestershire to be a county that **effectively tackles the stereotypes that contribute to sexual violence in our society**, focusing on education, re-education and empowerment to create genuine change.

For the reduction in sexual violence to be a priority for all, where a collaborative partnership approach ensures a robust response to perpetrators and prioritises improving the health and wellbeing of survivors, their families and wider community, where those with lived experience are at the heart of our response.

# Sexual Violence Strategy

## OUR PRIORITIES

01

PRIORITY 01

Creating long term cultural change and preventing the harm of sexual violence



02

PRIORITY 02

High quality service provision that is survivor led



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PRIORITY 03

Building confidence in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and holding perpetrators to account



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PRIORITY 04

Collaborative approaches to improve access and awareness of pathways to support



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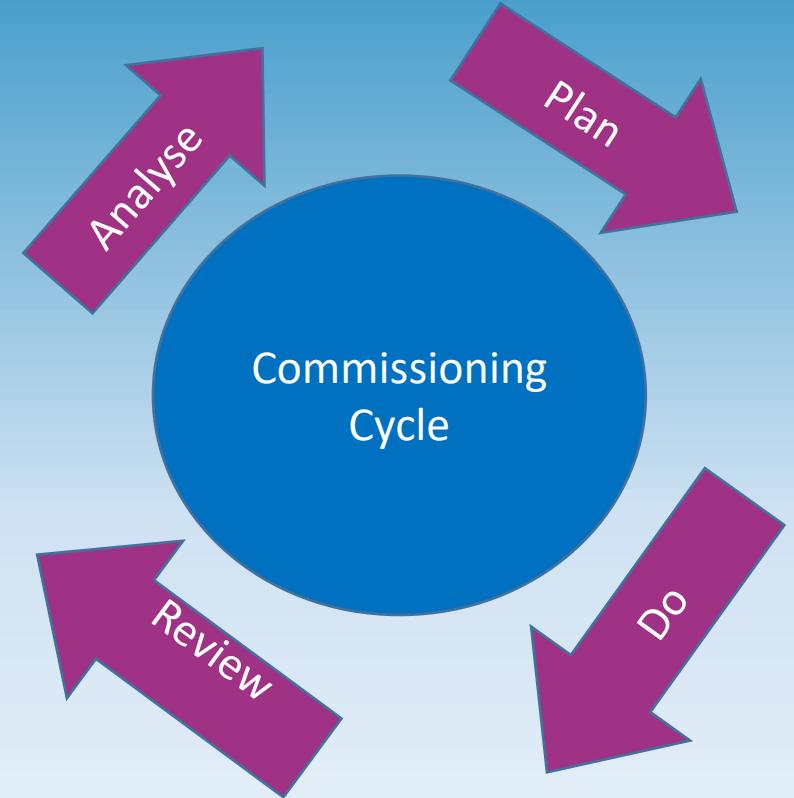
PRIORITY 05

Sustaining a strong and resilient workforce



# Commissioning Process

- Commissioning cycle – 18 month process
- Seek to award long term contracts
- Provider and market sustainability
- Build capacity of local providers
- Opportunities for local and regional co commissioning
- Seek national funding opportunities to enhance local services



# Domestic Abuse Commissioning

## The Gloucestershire approach to commissioning domestic abuse support

In Gloucestershire we take a partnership approach to commissioning support to address domestic abuse.

In 2018 we developed the Gloucestershire Joint Commissioning Framework for Domestic Abuse. This is a five year framework (2018 – 2023) which has improved joint commissioning and aligned current and future investment across the county to address the spectrum of domestic abuse need.

There has been investment through the Framework from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), with the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), District Councils and the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) now the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB)

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In 2014, Police and Crime Commissioners were given responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime, this statutory requirement is accompanied by an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice.

There has been investment in local services from the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) now the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) and NHS England. Services also receive time-limited and grant funding from charitable sources (such as Children in Need and the Big Lottery) and from statutory bodies (such as the Home Office and the MoJ).

# Domestic Abuse Services

## Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service

**GDASS**

- Support to all victims of domestic abuse aged 16+, both female and male with staff specialisms identified covering all protected characteristic groups.
- Support across all risk levels (Specialist IDVA'S and YPVA'S)
- Support service to the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
- Domestic Abuse Champions Network
- Co-located specialist workers and joint working agreements within a variety of settings

# Domestic Abuse Services



## Places of Safety Scheme

Twelve places of safety are commissioned by the District Councils, the scheme is managed by GreenSquareAccord alongside the delivery of GDASS.

## Target Hardening & Sanctuary Scheme

- A range of measures for maintaining victim safety at home by way of additional security measures e.g. alarms, locks, lighting
- The provision of a safe room with telephone in a property where there is very high risk of DA and/or stalking



# Domestic Abuse Services

## Stroud Beresford Women's Refuge

The refuge provides support to women and their children, offering safe accommodation (9 bed spaces) alongside a range of services that help build skills, confidence and self-esteem.



## Safe Teenage Relationships Education & Empowerment Team (STREET) Gloucestershire

A countywide service that provides a range of prevention activity, targeted support, group work programmes and support to safeguard young people (female and male) aged 13-19. The service is provided by West Mercia Women's Aid, it is commissioned by GCC.

# Domestic Abuse Services

## Positive Relationships Gloucestershire (PRG)

PRG is a specialist countywide service that provides a range of interventions to challenge beliefs and address the behaviours of domestic abuse perpetrators. The service is provided by Fearless, it is commissioned jointly by GCC, OPCC and CCG.



## Gloucestershire Stalking Advocacy Service (GSAS)

A countywide service that provides support to high risk victims of stalking across Gloucestershire, working in conjunction with GDASS, Victim Support and Gloucestershire Constabulary.

# Sexual Violence Services



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## Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service

Provided by Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (GRASAC), is a specialist countywide service providing practical help and emotional support to anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted at any time in their lives. The service is available to all, regardless of age, gender and background.

This service is commissioned by the OPCC with the current contract in place from 1st August 2018 to 31st July 2025. The OPCC is the main funder with investment also coming from NHS England and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

# Sexual Violence Services



## Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

Provided by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, the SARC provides medical and forensic services for anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted. People can self-refer or be referred by the police or another organisation. There is no pressure to inform the police unless the victim/survivor chooses to do so. The service is located at Hope House at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital

Children and young people who have experienced abuse are seen at the Paediatric Centre of Excellence, hosted by the SARC in Bristol. Children and families are referred to Gloucestershire services for follow-up support and onward provision.

# Sexual Violence Services

## Counselling and Emotional Support

Commissioned by Gloucestershire NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB),  
counselling and emotional support services are provided by:

- **Gloucestershire Counselling Service (GCS):** victims of SV of any gender, aged 0-21 and their parents/carers. They are also commissioned to provide specialist counselling for male victims of any age.
- **Teens in Crisis (TIC+):** face to face and online specialist counselling for victims of SV aged 9-21.
- **Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (GRASAC):** specialist emotional support to female victims of SV of any age.
- **Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC):** specialist pre and post-trial counselling for those aged 18 and over.



HopeHouse



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# Sexual Violence Services



## Sex Worker Outreach Programme (SWOP)

Provided by the Nelson Trust, SWOP provides evening outreach operating in close proximity to where women are street sex working. The team provide practical and emotional support, in addition to offering “care bags”.

The National Ugly Mugs (NUM) system is utilised to report and alert the women regarding risky individuals and the SWOP also engages with neighbourhood policing teams for general advice and support for the women to report crime including sexual assault and rape.

# Additional Funding Streams

## Gloucestershire County Council

Under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, Gloucestershire County Council as a Tier 1 Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within refuge and other 'domestic abuse safe accommodation'.

To date the Council has received **£3.3 million** to date (2021/22 – 2023/24) and has a confirmed award of **£1.1 million** in 2024/25.

# Additional Funding Streams

## Office of Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

- Ministry of Justice ISVA/IDVA fund: **£71,365 p.a.** until March 2025
- Ministry of Justice DA/SV Fund: **£241,307.53 p.a.** until March 2025
- Ministry of Justice IDVA/ISVA Extension: **£226,461 p.a.** until March 2025
- Ministry of Justice 2020 ISVA Extension: **£64,294 p.a.** until March 2025
- Home Office Safer Streets Fund 3: 2 bids totalling **£1,061,477**
- Home Office Safer Streets Fund 4: 3 bids totalling **£2,032,170.13**

# ANY QUESTIONS ?

