

Cheshire West and Chester Domestic Abuse Partnership

Training Programme April 2018 - March 2019

Domestic violence and abuse (DVA)

Domestic violence and abuse is a serious safeguarding issue evidenced by reporting levels to the police and referrals into services such as the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor service (IDVA).

This issue affects us all as service providers, colleagues, friends, members of families and communities. All agencies need to recognise this problem and respond as early as possible to protect, prevent and support.

National research shows:

- one in three women and one in six men experience abuse in their relationship
- on average there will have been 35 assaults before the victim contacts the police
- every minute in the UK police receive a call concerning DVA
- DVA claims the lives of two women every week
- 30% of DVA starts during pregnancy
- 70% of high risk victims have children.

Domestic violence and abuse is:

any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality – the abuse can encompass but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional

Controlling behaviour is:

a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape, and regulating their everyday behaviour

Coercive behaviour is:

an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim

Domestic violence and abuse is a key safeguarding issue for adults and children. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 requires that we:

- protect the child
- empower the non-abusing parent
- hold the abuser to account

The DVA training programme is provided jointly by Cheshire West Domestic Abuse Partnership and the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

Please note

Successful nominees are informed of their place approximately four weeks prior to the course. For further information about programme content or to discuss sector specific training please email cwacdap@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. Further information can also be found on the domestic abuse pages of the Cheshire West and Chester Council website.

Courses

Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse Awareness Level 2 (full day)

Aim

To enable staff to respond appropriately to DVA and increase the safety of survivors and the accountability of perpetrators through a co-ordinated community response.

Objectives

Increase knowledge, skills, understanding and improve practice in:

- scale, dynamic and impact of DVA
- links between DVA and Safeguarding (children, young people, vulnerable adults)
- practice responses which empower those who experience DVA and promote accountability by perpetrators
- improving information sharing processes, risk assessment and safety planning
- enhancing joint working with local provision and processes

Refresher Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse (half-day)

(Training for those who have attended the Responding to DVA full day training approximately three years ago).

Aim

To update DVA practice, provision and procedures information for professionals.

Objectives

Increase knowledge, skills, understanding and improve practice in:

- strategies/practices to Intervene earlier in the cycle of DVA
- information sharing processes, risk assessment and safety planning
- implementing your role in safeguarding high risk victims of DVA and their families
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) processes
- enhanced joint working with local provision.

Safeguarding Children from Domestic Violence and Abuse Level 3 (full day)

Aim

Increase confidence and competence in safeguarding children and young people affected by DVA through a family approach to safety and recovery.

Objectives

Increase knowledge, skills, understanding and improve practice in:

- recognising the scale and impact of DVA across all age ranges and in all its forms
- confirming safeguarding duties to listen to and protect children and young people
- identifying measures and approaches which address risk and safety, promote resilience and encourage recovery
- embedding support for parents/family as part of the safety and recovery response
- increased knowledge of and promote joint working with provision and processes from which families experiencing DVA will benefit.

Please note

Responding to DVA (or equivalent), LSCB Basic Awareness and Intermediate child protection training must be completed before attending the Safeguarding Children from DVA course.

Dates and applications

Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse Awareness (9.15am - 4.30pm)

Tuesday	17 April 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester
Tuesday	5 June 2018	St John's Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich
Wednesday	18 July 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester
Wednesday	26 September 2018	St John's Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich
Tuesday	13 November 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester
Tuesday	22 January 2019	St John's Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich
Wednesday	13 February 2019	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester

Refresher Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse Awareness (9.15am – 12.30pm)

(Training for those who have attended the Responding to DVA full day training approximately three years ago).

Friday	15 June 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester
Wednesday	12 September 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester

Safeguarding Children from Domestic Violence and Abuse (9.15am - 4.30pm)

Tuesday	15 May 2018	G1, Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford
Tuesday	3 July 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester
Wednesday	10 October 2018	St John's Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich
Tuesday	4 December 2018	The Parade Enterprise Centre, Blacon, Chester
Wednesday	6 March 2019	St John's Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich

Sexual Assault Services in Cheshire West and Chester (half day)

Monday	11 June 2018 10am -1.15pm	G1, Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford
Monday	3 September 2018 10am- 1.15pm	The Venue, Lache, Hawthorn Road, Chester
Monday	12 November 2018 10am – 1.15pm	St John’s Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich
Monday	21 February 2019 10am- 1.15pm	The Venue, Lache, Hawthorn Road, Chester

To book a place

To book a place on the above courses please email trainingbookings@qwestservices.co.uk.

Please ensure you state the name of the course and date you would like to attend, your contact details including job title and which agency you are from.

There is no charge for attendance on these courses; however a charge of £50 will be levied for non-attendance without a valid reason and for late cancellation (less than 10 working days’ notice) unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Participants on all full day courses are asked to bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.