

Changing Domestic Violence Services in Leicester

1/09/12 – 31/3/15



Vision for Leicester

To work together to prevent domestic violence and to provide support and protection to anyone who has been affected by domestic violence, based on equality, partnership working and knowledge of what works.



What does 'domestic violence' mean?

- Relationships
- Behaviours, and what gets overlooked
- Who it effects

New cross-government definition 2013

Any incident or pattern of incidents of **controlling, coercive or 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. This can encompass, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse: psychological; physical; sexual; financial; 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.” *

* This definition, which is not a legal definition, includes so called 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage, and is clear that victims are not confined to one gender or ethnic group.

Case Study



Domestic Violence in Leicester/Aylestone

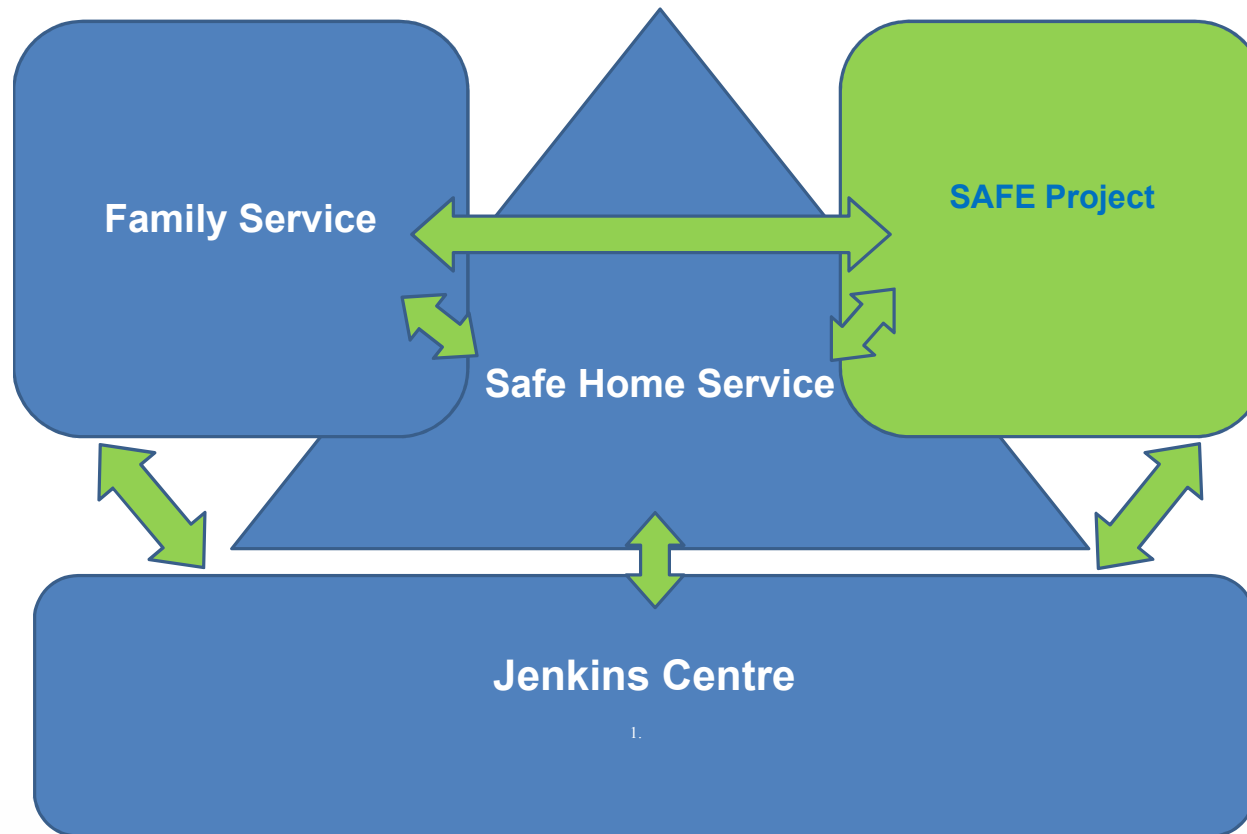
- Volume
- Severity
- Equality
- Breadth – including ward figures in relation to others
- Impact
- Sensitivity
- Silence

The service vision for 2012-2015

- Integrated, specialist services
- Accessible, flexible and able to support third parties
- Aligned with emerging best practice
- Safety of victims, children and adults who may be in need of safeguarding, paramount
- Clear awareness of equality impact
- Influential and consistent citywide
- Visible and active in neighbourhoods and localities
- Making the best use of local resources
- Accountable



Service Map



The providers and the oversight

- East Midlands Housing Association/ Foundation
- Living Without Abuse
- DVIRP with Respect

- City Council, Public Health, Police, Probation

The Family Service - LWA

- 0-19
- One to one and group work
- Children, young people and families
- Range of ways affected by DV
- Sibling session, play therapy, creche provision
- Drop in sessions and programmes
- Peer mentoring
- 2 FTE staff with caseloads 15-20, plus 3PT
- Debbie Hughes and Helen Perkins



The Safe Home Service - EMHA

- All ages, all situations
- Ensuring sustainable safe place to live
- Pro-active support
- 3 Housing workers
- Sanctuary scheme
- Emergency supported accommodation
- Using wider property portfolio
- Option to move perpetrator
- Meena Kumari and Alison Morley

The Safe Project - EMHA

- Helpline 7 days a week
- Central referral point for all specialist services
- Telephone counselling option
- Help, advice and support
- Support group co-ordination and information
- Outreach, IDVA, paid helpline staff and volunteers
- Court cover
- Drop in sessions and co-location
- Full individual assessment and support crisis to mainstream

The Jenkins Centre – DVIRP with Respect

- Accredited programme
- Safer Together Safer Apart
- Change builders
- Individual and group work
- Integrated partner support
- Primarily IPV, but with support of YP work
- Expert witness service
- Suki Kaur and Neil Blacklock

Central point of access

0300 123 0918

The Helpline is open:

8am-10pm each weekday

10-6pm Saturdays

12-4pm Sundays

9am- 5pm bank holidays

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