

Highland Violence Against Women Partnership Group

22nd September 2015

Minute

Present	
<p>Elaine Mead, Chief Executive NHS Highland (Chair) Fiona Palin, Highland Council Lorraine Revitt, Lochaber Women’s Aid Cathy Russell , Inverness Women’s Aid Gordon Greenlees, MARAC Co-ordinator Vince McLaughlin, Police Scotland Gillian Gunn, Violence Against Women Partnership Debbie Stewart, Highland Drug & Alcohol Partnership Pene Rowe, Child & Adult Protection Committees Peter Rawlinson – Scottish Prison Service</p>	
Apologies	
<p>Heather Williams, Ross-shire Women’s Aid Moira Paton, Rape & Sexual Abuse Service Highland Malcolm McBean, Victim Support Kristeen Gall, Violence Against Women Partnership Kate Blowers, Caithness & Sutherland Women’s Aid Cath King, The Highland Council</p>	
2 Previous Minute and Matters arising	Action
Minutes agreed subject to one change – Item 9, actions were assigned to Cathy, however, this should read Cath.	
3 Education Pathway	Action
<p>Version 3 of the Education Framework for VAW had been circulated in advance of the meeting for noting.</p> <p>Gillian updated the group, in Cath’s absence, on the teacher training for the roll out of the Education Pathway. Cath will be in touch with those who delivered the training to teaching staff in order to evaluate the sessions and to set new dates. Elaine asked that in advance of setting dates that an evaluation report be presented at the next VAWP for discussion. This report should include options for training delivery in addition to twilight sessions as it was recognised that there was the potential for those self selecting to attend training being already aware of the issues and the concern was reaching staff who had little awareness or understanding of VAW.</p>	Cath Kristeen
4 VAW Training	Action
<p>Gillian had circulated a paper on training in advance of the meeting. This paper asked the VAWP to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that a short life working group be established, focusing on training • Agree that the short life working group will comprises of individuals from the VAWP and from the training departments in NHSH and THC and will involve 	

<p>consultation and discussion with the CPC and ASP training leads, where relevant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that the working group will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the current training outcomes and make recommendations to the VAWP on what these should be in the future • review current training materials, with a view to condensing them and ensuring that all learning outcomes will be achieved • consider ways to evaluate the difference that training is making to staff (and possibly to survivors) • support a new phase of training for trainers recruitment <p>This was agreed. Gillian will progress the establishment of a short term group. Discussion took place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numbers trained as trainers no longer delivering training • Whether or not the prerequisite for attending the basic Understanding course inhibits the MARAC training needing done • How it may help to rename some of the training courses • How awareness of VAW may be done in other ways other than training, e.g. team meetings, management meetings, use of IT/apps, service centres, Trade Unions, etc, as discussed at the Safety Group previously • Sharing information about national training events – this may be done on the forhighlandschildren site • Training currently been done within the Police and Prison Service • Cathy highlighted the value for her staff of having locally based training • Scoping exercise currently being progressed by the Alcohol & Drugs Partnership to see what on line training is available <p>Vince asked that Gillian involve Margaret McShane or one of the staff from the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit in the Training Group. It was agreed that the Training Group would report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Gillian</p> <p>Gillian Gillian/ Kirsteen</p>
<p>5 Forced Marriage</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Gillian is progressing the development of a local protocol for Forced Marriage. Discussions are ongoing with adult services in order to agree an approach for the use of Forced Marriage Protection Orders where an adult with capacity is at risk of Forced Marriage. Gillian hopes to be able to develop a protocol between this and the next Partnership meeting. It was agreed that this draft protocol would be consulted on via email in the interim and it is anticipated that it can be signed off at the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion took place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication that Forced Marriage was a crime • Media work in relation to Forced Marriage – Vince will discuss with Ruth at Police Scotland • Facebook chats, tweets – how to communicate issues with staff and the public more widely 	<p>Gillian All</p> <p>Vince</p>
<p>6 Follow up to Initial Case Review</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>The Partnership agreed that it was unlikely there would be further learning to be had by progressing to a Significant Case Review, so made the decision that the ICR was sufficient.</p>	

<p>It was agreed that the actions in the ICR be developed in to an action plan for the Safety Group to consider, in order to ensure that all recommendations had been enacted. It was agreed that the action plan could evolve if additional issues came to light. Additional issues may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for a change in housing policy in relation to domestic abuse • Ensuring that housing options relating to children are known and utilised by MARAC, when necessary <p>Vince will ask Maggie to develop the recommendations in to a plan and Gillian will circulate to the Safety Group for discussion at the next meeting. The Safety Group will feed back to the Partnership the actions that have been taken/are still to take to address the recommendations.</p> <p>It was agreed that if there were any future ICRs, the Partnership would anticipate to complete this within 45 days as outlined in the Safer Highland Guidance, but that could be extended to no more than 6 months. It was also agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting could be called by the Partnership to discuss ICRs in the future.</p> <p>It was agreed that NHS and the Police, along with support from VAWP Admin could support third sector agencies in the administration requirements of contributing to an ICR.</p>	<p>Vince Gillian Kristeen</p> <p>Elaine/ Vince</p>
<p>7 Feedback from/to Safety Group</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Feedback from Safety Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training, as discussed under Item 4 • Forced Marriage Protocol, as discussed under Item 5 <p>Feedback to the Safety Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations from the ICR, as discussed under Item 6 	
<p>8 Feedback from/to Short Term Groups</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Sexual Violence Improvement Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moira has asked that Kris set dates for the next SVIP, following Moira's annual leave <p>Cedar Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy and Heather had discussed options for funding for a scoping exercise. The National Cedar Office is supporting this too. Cathy and Heather will meet to progress this. 	<p>Cathy/ Heather</p>
<p>9 AOB</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>FGM Protocol This has been agreed and distributed to staff.</p> <p>Safer Highland No Bystander Initiative Vince told the group about a media event that was to be held around the No Bystander Initiative, which is about tackling Hate Crime. Elaine wanted to ensure that NHS were involved in this. Debbie will contact Public Health.</p>	<p>Debbie</p>

10 Date of Next Meeting	Action
To be arranged.	Kristeen