

VAW Partnership Meeting
16th December 2020 – 9am to 11am
Remote Access (Microsoft Teams)

- Present:**
- Jacquelyn Jennett, THC, Chair
 - James Maybee, THC, Vice Chair
 - Richard Baird, Police Scotland
 - Kate Blowers, CASWA
 - Alan Prosser, VS
 - Lyndsay Sutherland, UHI
 - Richard Ross, Police Scotland
- Catherine Russell, VAW
 - Sharon Holloway, NHS, SH
 - Elaine Fetherston, IWA
 - Lorraine Revit, LWA
 - Gwen Harrison, RASASH
 - Maggie Hume, VAW

Guest – Keith Walker
 White Ribbon Scotland
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- Apologies:**
- Jane Park, THC
 - Jill Graham, Fire Scotland
 - Niall MacLennan, Fire Scotland
 - Naomi Hyslop, Highlife Highland
 - Jacquie Hutchinson
 - Cathy Steer, NHS
- Wendy Van Riet, NHS
 - Sheena McSporrán, Scottish Prison Service
 - Debbie Delonnette, THC
 - Suzy Calder, NHS
 - Eilidh Moir, VAW

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1	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies as above.</p>	
2	<p>Presentation by Keith Walker, White Ribbon Scotland</p> <p>The White Ribbon campaign is a global movement of men and boys who work together to end male violence against women. They aim never to condone or remain silent against VAWG in all its forms. Keith is one of several key speakers who works within the Highland Region promoting the campaign and helping to raise awareness of VAWG issues. He outlined how they wanted to engage with interested parties either across all Highlands or individually to see how they could work together. Both Criminal Justice Social Work and UHI were interested in looking how White Ribbon speakers could be engaged as part of their organisations work. HDAP also felt that they could help to promote the White Ribbon Campaign. All partners to contact Keith to look at further opportunities as they arise either individually or as a VAW partnership and Catherine will circulate any branding materials, newsletters etc from Keith out to the partnership that he is able to send through. Keith’s email is at the top of the minutes.</p>	

3	<p>NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS REVIEW</p> <p>These were reviewed and agreed.</p>	
4	<p>Government Consultations – “Equally Safe – a consultation on challenging men’s demand for prostitution, working to reduce the harms associated with prostitution and helping women to exit”</p> <p>All partners to send CR their comments on each of the consultation questions by the close of business on 18th December 2020. JJ & CR will compile a response from the discussions so far and any other feedback. LR to forward the partnerships previous response to a similar consultation and a blank response will be put on the NHS Teams Channel for NHS staff to go in and self-populate.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>LR</p> <p>CR</p>
5	<p>Call for Views – “Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill</p> <p>All partners to send CR their comments on each of the consultation questions by the end of 31 December 2020. JJ & CR to compile a draft response. KB will forward the Scottish Women’s Aid response to this consultation. A blank response document will be put on the NHS Teams Channel for NHS staff to go in and self-populate.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>KB</p> <p>CR</p>
6	<p>C-19 Action Plan for local VAWP’s</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for their participation in the recent update to this document. The partners were asked to feed back any missing information. It was agreed that it would be helpful to carry out a similar updating exercise every 6 months during C-19 and that an extra meeting could be used to review the updates.</p>	<p>All</p>
7	<p>Sub-Group Updates – Reports had previously been circulated</p> <p><u>Training Sub Group</u> – Referred to report and highlighted the requirements from VAWP. One of the main issues was the continuing difficulty delivery the VAWP training using NHS system which are still unreliable. Some training has been delivered recently and the training next year has so far been booked to take place in a NHS meeting room where access and system reliability may be improved. It was also commented that the NHS are trying to rectify issues. Everyone in the NHS is experiencing these difficulties and the Training Sub Group wanted to ensure this was noted at VAWP and invite any ideas and suggestions. MH to check out options with RASASH for Zoom Delivery, the Third Sector Interface resources available and speak to Donna Munro about utilising Council facilities.</p> <p><u>Service Provision Sub Group</u> – Referred to the report and highlighted a productive meeting yesterday were they had worked on aspects for the new plan. Looking at how to ensure it will remain service user focused.</p> <p><u>Prevention and Education Group</u> – Noted that LS from UHI had kindly agreed to act as Vice Chair. RB to try to find a police rep for this group and CR to contact Tina Stones for an education rep for groups.</p> <p><u>MARAC Steering Group</u> – RR went through the pre-circulated report. This group still needs a Health Rep (Including MH), Children and Families SW and Adult Social Work and Education. The Ross-shire MARAC needs a Health rep. CS to advise about Health reps and JJ to come back with names for SW reps. Highlighted the need for trained chairs to volunteer to cover</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>RB</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>JJ</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>for RR's absences. KB and EM are progressing the Evaluation process for MARAC. Bespoke training is being developed to help enhance the skills of MARAC reps in action identification etc. Also currently working on a Counter Allegations policy.</p> <p><u>Addressing Perpetrator Sub Group</u> – Report was noted.</p> <p><u>Data Collection Working Group</u> – A table had previously been circulated which gave a list of potential data which could be easily collected and the source, for a C-19 impact exercise. Also to note - questions around what we want to achieve by collecting the data and comparing 2020/21 to previous years. Everyone was asked to provide updates to CR on this.</p>	KB & EM
8	<p>VAWP Joint Xmas Message</p> <p>RB volunteered to collate this again as per last year. Everyone to please send through things they would like to be included ASAP.</p>	RB
	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was noted that the CPC sub group had suggested a joint conference hosted with the VAWP for young people next year on CSE and the dynamics of exploitative behaviours among peer groups. This to be explored further.</p> <p>Details for the Dev Plan day on 18th Jan: CR to send through to the facilitators a range of background information that had been requested. All SG Chairs to prepare an overview of their group achievements, resources, plans etc. CR to prepare a brief overview of the current financial position.</p> <p>Dates for the HPP COG meetings next year had been received and dates will be arranged for the VAWP to correspond with these. Consideration for an additional 2 EGM's throughout the year to be discussed at the Dev Day.</p>	CR SG Chairs CR
	<p>DATES OF NEXT METINGS:</p> <p>Monday 15th February 2021 Wednesday 19th May 2021 Tuesday 10th August 2021 Monday 1 November 2021</p> <p>All 1pm to 3pm and all currently by MS Teams.</p>	