

Questions for representatives of the Merged Community Safety Partnership on the scrutiny of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) Service by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 November 2011

Questions to Police representatives

1. Bearing in mind that domestic violence accounts for a high percentage of all violent crime what value does the IDVA service bring to residents of Chorley and the domestic abuse safeguarding agenda?
2. The IDVA service is currently funded by area based grant which will shortly come to an end. What risks are there to the public if the IDVA service is no longer available and how would you plug the gap caused by the loss of the service?
3. If there was a commitment from other Community Safety Partnership members to contribute to funding the IDVA service what would be the police position?

Questions to Chorley Council Member/officer

1. There were 490 incidents of domestic violence reported to the police in Chorley for the period April to July 2011 – an average of 4 each day. What value do you put on the IDVA service for the residents of Chorley?
2. If the IDVA service ceased to be available how would your organisation plug the gap?
3. Would Chorley consider contributing to the funding of the IDVA service in order to ensure it continues to be available to victims of domestic violence?

Questions to South Ribble Council Member/officer

1. There were 381 incidents of domestic violence reported to the police in South Ribble for the period April to July 2011 – an average of 3.2 each day. What value do you put on the IDVA service for the residents of South Ribble?
2. If the IDVA service ceased to be available how would your organisation plug the gap?
3. Would South Ribble consider contributing to the funding of the IDVA service in order to ensure it continues to be available to victims of domestic violence?

Questions to the representative from Lancashire County Council

1. What value does LCC put on the IDVA service in terms of contributions to children services and social care responsibilities?
2. If the IDVA service ceased to be available how would your organisation plug the gap?
3. Would LCC consider contributing to the funding of the IDVA service in order to ensure it continues to be available to victims of domestic violence?

Questions to the representative from the health sector

1. The average domestic violence case is estimated to involve 8 GP visits; 6 prescriptions; between 2 and 4 attendances at A & E What value do you place on the IDVA service?
2. If there was a commitment from other Community Safety Partnership members to contribute to funding the IDVA service what would be the health sector's position?

Questions to CCH and other social landlords

1. The high recorded areas for incidents of domestic violence across the two boroughs are in the wards of Chorley South East, South West and North West. In South Ribble its Golden Hill and Bamber Bridge East and West. These all have large areas of social housing. What support do you currently provide for victims of domestic violence?
2. If there was a commitment from other partners to contribute to funding the IDVA service what would be your position?