



**Briefing for stakeholders 5**

**1. Recorded data**

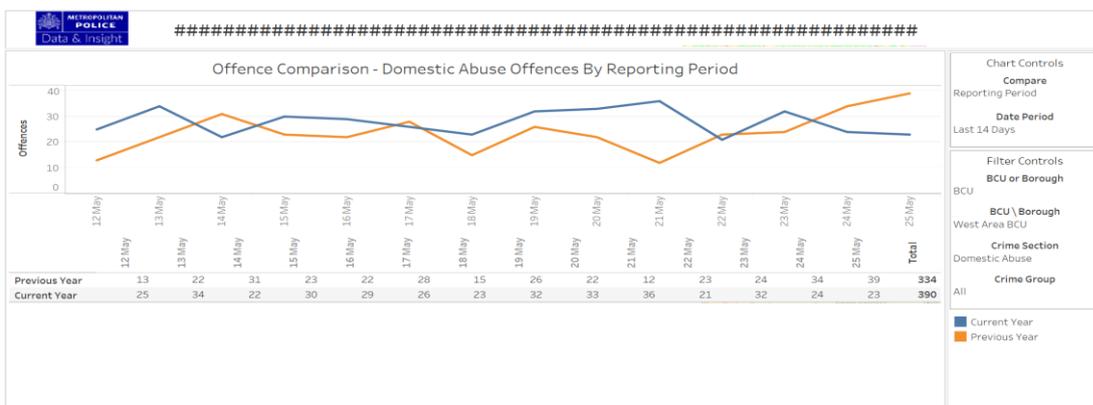
**West Area BCU:**

In the past 2 weeks there has been a 16.76% increase in Domestic Abuse Offence, an increase of 56 offences; 390 offences compared to 334 for same 2 weeks last year.

The WA BCU shows a decrease of Domestic Abuse offences week on week from 209 down to 201. This is an increase of five offences from the same period in the previous year. Offences of violence with injury have increased from 47 to 62 offences in this period compared to the previous week.

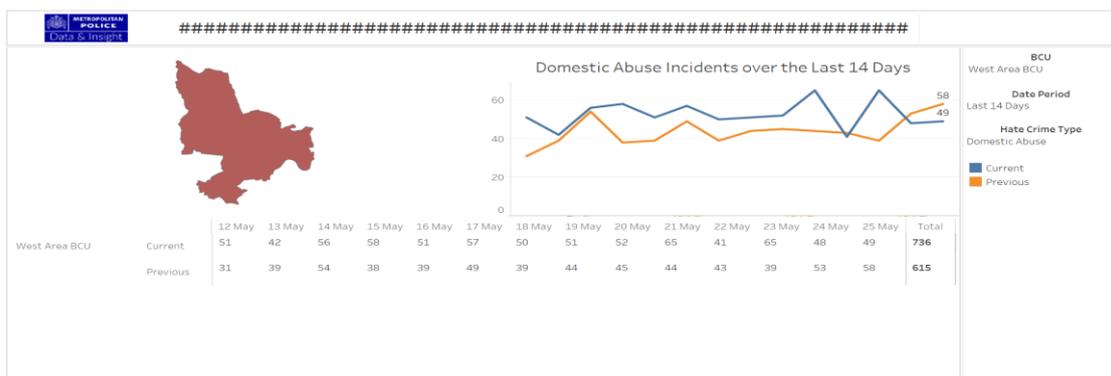
This is also an increase of 21 offences from the same period the previous year. Last year 41 offences were recorded.

**Please note that the numbers will fluctuate week on week due to late / delayed reporting.**



**West Area Domestic Abuse Incidents (crime & non-crime combined)**

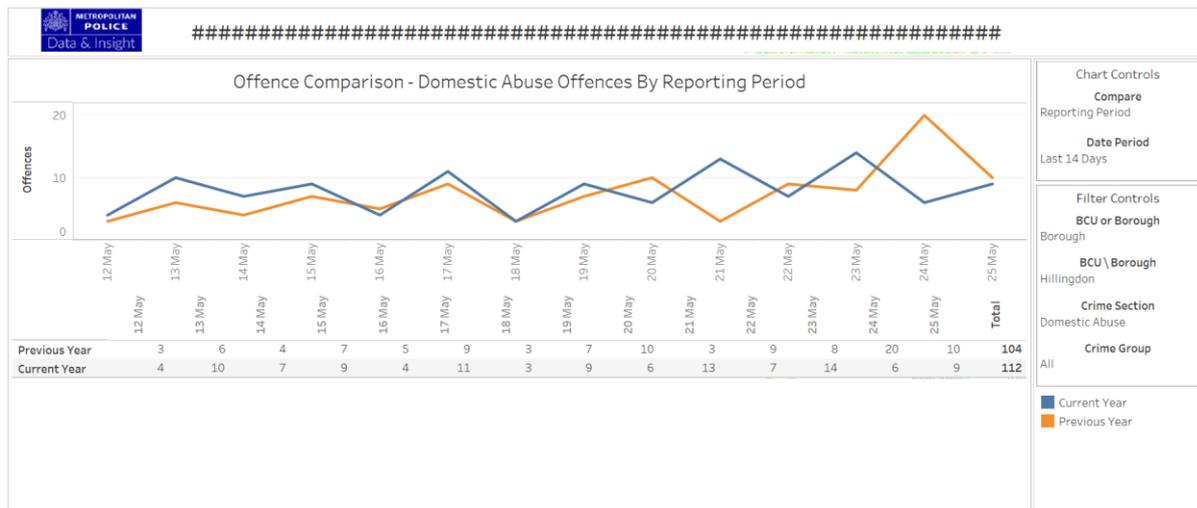
In the past 2 weeks there has been 19.67% increase in DA Incidents in the West Area, an increase of 121; recorded incidents have increased from 615 to 736 compared to the same 2 weeks' period last year.



## Hillingdon Borough:

In the past 2 weeks there has been an increase of 7.69% in DA offences in Hillingdon Borough. This is an increase of 8 offences (112 from 108 offences).

In the past week violence with Injury offences are up one from the previous week; 15 to 16 offences. This is an increase on the previous year VWI by two offences.



In addition, it is worth noting that the police data for Hillingdon Borough does NOT include the non-crime element, which invariably would be higher than the recorded DA Offence data.

**Recommendation:** That the wider partnership markets and broadcasts the availability of DA support services on the borough and across London and encourage the safe reporting of DA. Refer to the Local Resources Guide access via <https://hillingdon.gov.uk/abuse>

### Hillingdon IDVA Service

In the 2 weeks to May 23<sup>rd</sup> the IDVA Service received 41 new referrals relating to high risk DA victims.

In FY 2019/20 there were 777 referrals to this service. This represents an increase of 3.46% compared to FY 2018/19. This is the highest annual number of referrals managed by this service

#### Key points of note from the annual IDVA data:

There were 635 children in those DA abusive households/relationships, 30 referrals of victims affected by honour based abuse and/or forced marriage, 26 referrals involved 26 adult child offenders

**Victims:** 85.2% / 4.8% (female/male), 92 referrals related to people aged 16 - 24 years, 10 victims were aged 65 - 94 years, 130 victims were identified as having a mental health issue, 33 reported having a drugs and/or alcohol problem and 50 victims with a 50 physical disability.

**Perpetrators:** 100 people were reported to have mental health issues, 139 were reported to have problems with drugs and/or alcohol].

(NB: the above information is that provided by the referee and based on their experiences and not from the perpetrators or healthcare diagnosis).

### **DA Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)**

There have been 20 high risk cases referred to the DA MARAC in the 2 weeks to May 23rd. The next 'remote' MARAC meetings are taking place 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The SafeLives data for FY 19/20 (April to March) shows that our local MARAC managed 518 referrals, which is an 11% increase. This compares to a London average increase of 4%.

The diversity of high risk service users referred to the MARAC is higher in most categories than the London average. To increase the diversity of the clients so referred was an objective of the MARAC (Risk & Review) Strategic Group.

Of note, there were 650 children in the 518 referrals made.

Further details of the data are contained in the attached.

(Please see below for the DA MARAC Coordinator's contact details.

### **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

In the 2 weeks to May 23rd the MASH has received 89 MERLIN reports with a Domestic Abuse safeguarding element, of which 65 involved children.

Currently, Operation Encompass continues to operate in the borough. For more information please visit: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

(Note: Any data provided is for guidance only and may change).

### **Helpline calls**

We await the publication of the Quarter 4 borough breakdown of the use of the DA and Sexual Violence helpline.

Funded by London Councils, Women's Aid, Refuge, the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC), the Men's Advice Line (Respect) and the Women and Girls Network (WGN) are working together to deliver dedicated helpline services for all victims of domestic and sexual violence. This service includes men, boys and LGBT callers.

In Quarter 3 of Financial Year 2019/20 there were 173 callers who identified being resident in Hillingdon Borough; this is the 6<sup>th</sup> highest out of 33 borough areas in London (including the City of London area). This call rate volume is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in London when measured per 1000 of the population.

## **2. Resources**

Hillingdon Council Domestic Abuse web pages <https://hillington.gov.uk/abuse> provides helpful information including Local Resources Guide

- National Centre for Domestic Violence May Magazine can be found by visiting [www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk](http://www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk) NCDV is also offering training sessions via Zoom

- Action: Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA)

The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance's (DAHA) is offering free webinars. The webinars focus on a DAHA priority area and provides housing staff to reflect on what a safe and effective response to domestic abuse looks like within a housing context.

📅 **Responding to COVID-19:**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am-12:00pm

📅 **Perpetrator Management**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 11:00am-12:30pm

📅 **Case Management**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30-12:00pm

📅 **Training**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2:00pm-3:30pm

For further information about DAHA, please visit [www.dahalliance.org.uk](http://www.dahalliance.org.uk). If you would like to find out more please contact [s.kogulathas@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:s.kogulathas@standingtogether.org.uk)

- Action: Hillingdon Women's Centre needs 10 minutes of your time to complete a survey, which they will be used to shape their service delivery:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPkMnEME8L9FPM4loG9q9Sk7Rx2ROcWuIIV88LVy-rAxWojg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPkMnEME8L9FPM4loG9q9Sk7Rx2ROcWuIIV88LVy-rAxWojg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

- 'My Support Space' from Victim Support, which is designed to help victims of crime, manage the impact that crime has had on them. Victims can access a range of tools to help them cope and move forward after crime. They can work through a series of interactive guides which address their specific needs. The guides feature videos, techniques, activities and tips that can be completed at their own pace.

Victim Support also runs a free and confidential Supportline allowing victims to access support 24/7. This can be reached on 08 08 16 89 111 or online on the [VS website](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk). The LVWS website can be found at [londonvws.org.uk](http://londonvws.org.uk)

- From May 1st, victims of **domestic abuse** will be able to access **safe spaces** at **Boots** pharmacies' consultation rooms where they can contact specialist domestic abuse services for support and advice. Launched by charity Hestia's **UK SAYS NO MORE** campaign. **SuperDrug and 60 Independent** pharmacies have also joined this campaign.

<https://www.hestia.org/news/press-release-campaign-launches-safe-space-in-boots-stores-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-across-the-uk>

<https://www.hestia.org/news/superdrug-join-safe-spaces-scheme-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-almost-a-quarter-of-all-uk-pharmacies-now-taking-part>

This is welcomed news, which supports the work of the Hillingdon Domestic Abuse Steering Executive (DASE) and its strategic plans. Work is already underway in developing a Night Time Economy (NTE) Strategy supported by Safe Havens and Bystander Initiatives. In

addition, such initiatives also support our work in developing a local Employers' Initiative recognising the importance of our people and internal communities.

We would welcome your contributions, support and involvement in the above work.

**Action Point:** In the coming weeks as part of the 3 year strategic delivery plan, we are going to seek your support regarding a focused initiative for local Employers (in their approaches to supporting staff and tackling DA) and a wider Safe Spaces Scheme.

#### XXXX Reminder of a Support Offer XXXX



The Council's parenting offer is delivered through *Brilliant Parents* <https://www.brilliantparents.org/>

Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions the Council has worked with *Brilliant Parents* to develop a range of online seminars and courses along with a number of 1-1s.

There are sessions for all age ranges and a specialist "stepping stones" programme for those children aged 2-11 years with additional needs starting on 1 June 2020.

The electronic referral form can be accessed via <https://www.brilliantparents.org/client-referral/>

For more information contact: Anmarie Fevrier at Brilliant Parents

**Tel:** 020 3490 7007 or 07947 191462 **E-mail:** [enquiries@brilliantparents.org](mailto:enquiries@brilliantparents.org)



#### XXXX Crimestoppers Campaign XXXX



The Council has been working with Crimestoppers London on a local campaign to raise awareness of DA in / with our communities. The public space and social media messaging will be focussed on victims, family / friends / neighbours and perpetrators.

Although the campaign was in the making prior to the UK's recorded COVID19 experiences, now is an opportune time for the campaign to proceed.

More details regarding the messaging of this campaign will be provided to you week commencing June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **3. Local IDVA and MARAC Services – Reminder**

As a reminder Hillingdon IDVA service and that provided by Victim Support remains operational. There will be remote contact with victims.

Referrals to Hillingdon IDVA Service can be made by the following NEW contact details: E-mail: [hidvas@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:hidvas@hillington.gov.uk) and [stewart@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:stewart@hillington.gov.uk) Tel: 07874620954

The DA MARAC will operate remotely every 2 weeks. Referrals to be made to Tim Moriarty – [Timothy.Moriarty@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Timothy.Moriarty@met.pnn.police.uk)

### **4. Our ASK**

Please:

- i) Do let us know if your Organisation / Agency is receiving an increase in referral of DA cases.
  - ii) Provide us with any information or sources you think maybe useful.
  - iii) Provide us with any concerns, information of note, trends or community intelligence that we can pass to Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), Local Government Association (LGA), Local Resilience Forum and the London Harmful Practices Working Group.
- The impact on domestic abuse and victims / survivors is well documented and publicised. Less so, is that associated with Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and other forms of harmful traditional practice including Child Abuse linked Faith or Belief (CALF). Health, Social care and other front line professionals should be alert to these additional risks associated with COVID19. The National FGM Centre accessed via <http://nationalfgmcentre.org.uk/> is a good source of information and support. Additionally, checkout the Council's resources guide accessed via the Council's DA web pages (details above).
  - Please let us know if you do not wish to receive these briefings.

Please send your updates to [gcampbell1@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:gcampbell1@hillington.gov.uk)

The next briefing will be provided on or about 12 June 2020.

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**