



**Briefing for stakeholders #6**

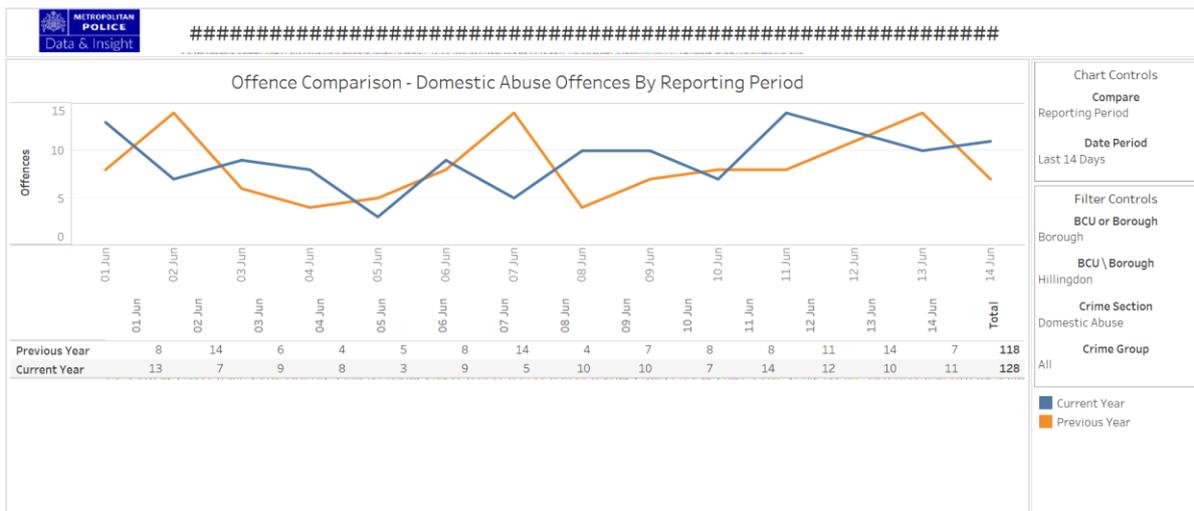
**1. Recorded data**

**West Area BCU (to 14 June 2020):**

The WA BCU shows an increase of Domestic Abuse offences week on week from 189 up to 202. This is an increase of 33 offences from the same week in the previous year.

In the past 2 weeks there has been a 5.1% increase in Domestic Abuse Offence, an increase of 19 offences; 391 offences compared to 372 for same 2 weeks last year.

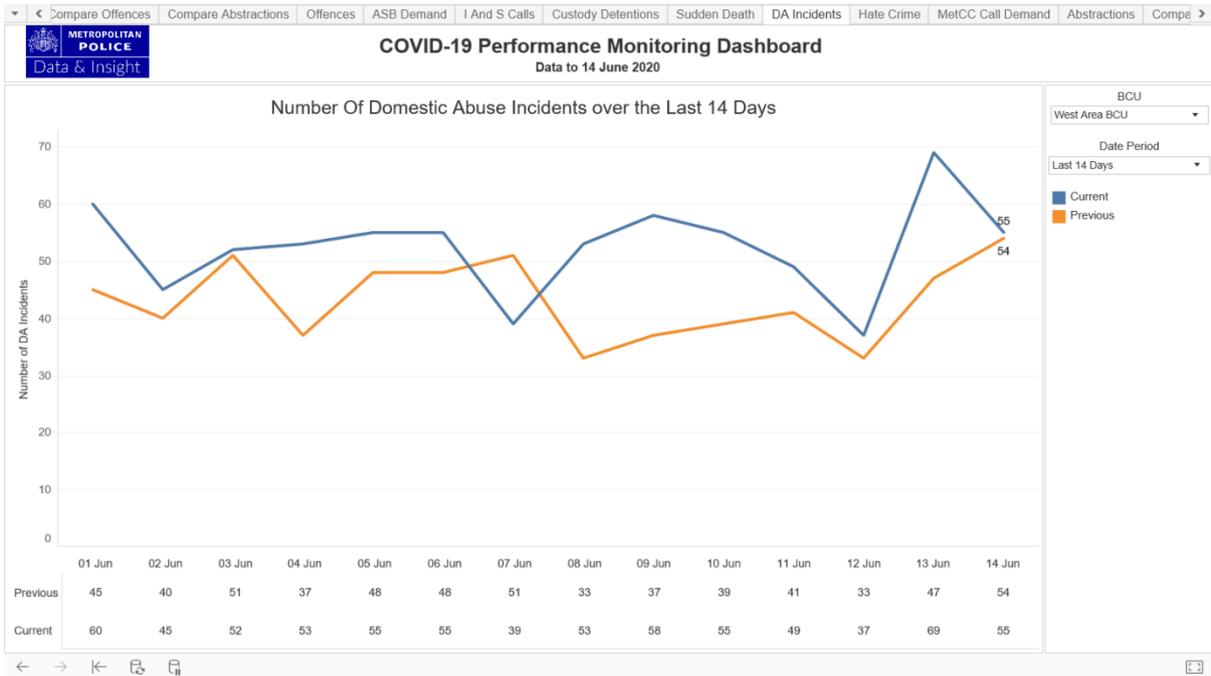
**Please note that the numbers will fluctuate week on week due to late / delayed reporting.**



**West Area Domestic Abuse Incidents (recorded crime & non-crime combined to 14th June 2020)**

Last week has seen an increase in DA incidents reported from the previous week, from 359 up to 376. This is an increase on the previous year where 284 incidents were recorded. Offences of violence with injury have reduced slightly from 54 down to 48 offences compared to the previous week. This is an 11% reduction from the previous year.

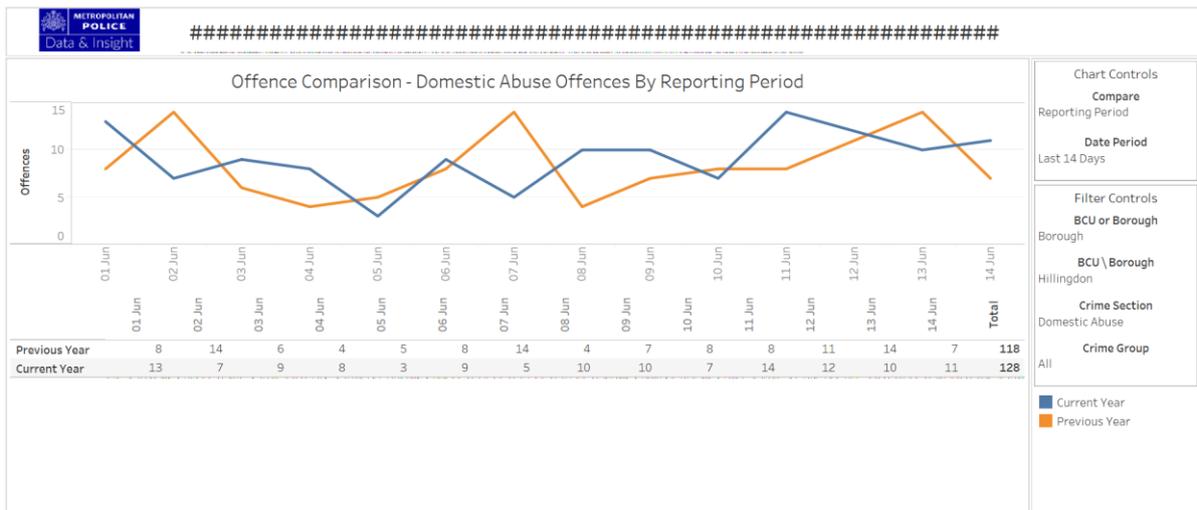
In the past 2 weeks there has been 21.7% increase in DA Incidents in the West Area, an increase of 108; recorded incidents have increased from 604 to 735 compared to the same 2 weeks' period last year.



**Hillingdon Borough (data to 14 June 2020):**

In the last week, there has been an increase in DA offences from the previous week – from 54 up to 74 reported. This is increase from 59 offences from the same period last year. Violence with Injury offences have reduced slightly from 18 offences down to 16. This is a reduction on the previous year VWI by five offences.

In the past 2 weeks there has been an increase of 8.5% in DA offences in Hillingdon Borough. This an increase in 10 offences (128 from 118 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://hillington.gov.uk/abuse>

### **Hillingdon IDVA Service**

There were 27 high risk DA victims referred to the Hillingdon IDVA Service in the 2 weeks to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 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 17 high risk cases referred to the DA MARAC in the 2 weeks to June 7<sup>th</sup> compared to 20 referrals for the previous 2 weeks. The next 'remote' MARAC meetings are taking place on 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 objectives 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> the MASH has received 102 MERLIN reports with a Domestic Abuse safeguarding element, of which 70 involved children an increase (on both areas) on the previous 2 weeks to this.

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).

## 2. Resources

Hillingdon Council's 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 session 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)

- '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.

### **Government review of support for DA victims in the workplace**

Further to the above the Government has announced a review of support in the workplace DA victims (9 June 2020). More details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-review-support-in-the-workplace-for-survivors-of-domestic-abuse>

### **XXXX CrimeStoppers Campaign launched 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.

### **Hillingdon residents who know domestic abuse is going on during lockdown are being urged to report it anonymously**

Get West London (Web), 10/06/2020, Unattributed

The borough has seen an increase in cases since the lockdown began a campaign to encourage people aware of domestic abuse happening to loved ones, colleagues and neighbours to report it anonymously has launched in Hillingdon. Hillingdon Council has commissioned the charity Crimestoppers to appeal for information from those who believe abuse is taking place to someone they know,

See: <https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/hillingdon-residents-who-know-domestic-18396378>

<https://www.ealingtimes.co.uk/news/18507404.crimestoppers-borough-appeal-people-report-abuse/>

<https://www.hillingdontimes.co.uk/news/18507404.crimestoppers-borough-appeal-people-report-abuse/>

For more information visit the CrimeStoppers Hillingdon campaign landing page here:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/changeneedsyou><https://crimestoppers-uk.org/changeneedsyou>

Action Point: We are seeking your support in promoting this CrimeStoppers Campaign across your social media platforms. More details to follow.

### **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 26 June 2020.

**15 June 2020**