



## Briefing for stakeholders #7

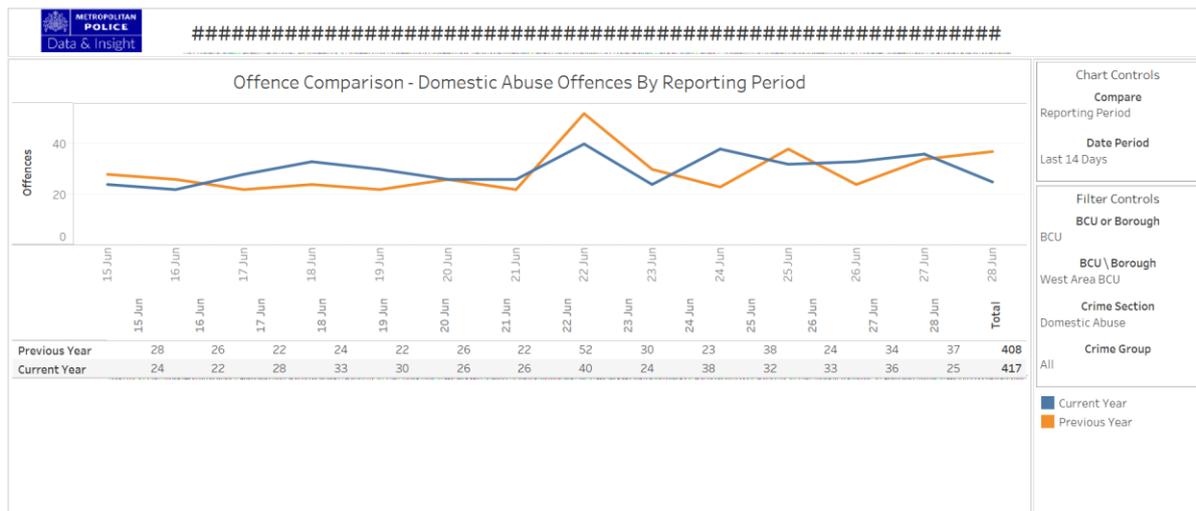
### 1. Recorded data

#### West Area BCU (to 28 June 2020):

The WA BCU shows an increase of Domestic Abuse offences from the previous week, from 189 to 228 offences. This reduction of 10 offences from the same week in the previous year.

In the past 2 weeks there has been a 2.2% increase in Domestic Abuse Offence, an increase of 9 offences; 417 offences compared to 408 for same 2 weeks last year.

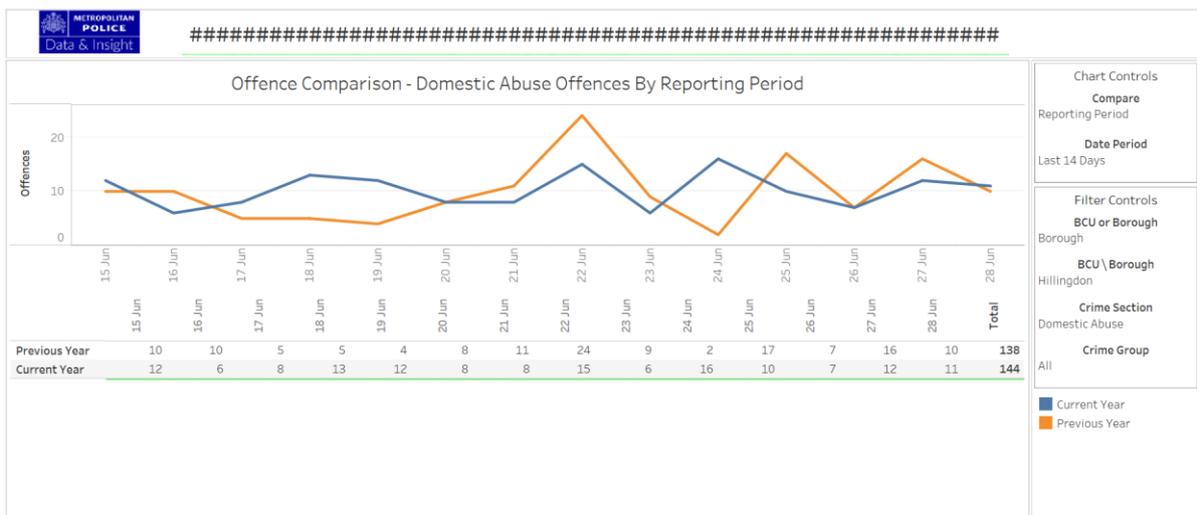
**Please note that the numbers will fluctuate week on week due to late / delayed reporting.**



#### Hillingdon Borough (data to 28 June 2020):

In the last week, there has been an increase in DA offences from the previous week – from 67 up to 77 offences reported. This is decrease from 85 offences recorded in the same period last year. Violence with Injury offences have increased from 14 offences up to 22 reports. This is an increase of two offences from the previous year.

In the past 2 weeks there has been an increase of 4.3% in DA offences in Hillingdon Borough. This is an increase in 6 offences (144 from 138 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://hillingsdon.gov.uk/abuse>

**Hillingdon IDVA Service**

There were 44 referrals of high DA cases to the Hillingdon IDVA Service in the 2 weeks to June 21<sup>st</sup>. In the previous 2 weeks there were 27 referrals to this service.

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.

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

There have 32 high risk cases referred to the DA MARAC in the 2 weeks to June 21st compared to 17 referrals for the previous 2 weeks. The next 'remote' MARAC meeting is taking place on July 16th

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%.

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

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

In the 2 weeks to June 28th the MASH has received 118 MERLIN reports with a Domestic Abuse safeguarding element, of which 91 involved children. Overall there is a 20 -25% increase in Merlin reports received in the MASH.

(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

- **Abandoned, Forgotten and Ignored: Inclusion London's report about lived experiences of Disabled people during the Covid-19 pandemic**

On **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020** Inclusion London launches its interim report based on hundreds of responses to our survey. The report is available <https://www.inclusionlondon.org.uk/campaigns-and-policy/act-now/>

- National Centre for Domestic Violence May Magazine can be found by visiting <https://www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk/>
- Victim Support:
  - (i) 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](#). The LVWS website can be found at [londonvws.org.uk](http://londonvws.org.uk)
  - (ii) MOPAC are funding additional refuge places for male victims and survivors of domestic abuse in London. Victim Support has partnered up with Shelter and NACRO to provide this crisis accommodation with sites in/out of London. For advice and support you can contact the London Victim and Witness Service on 0808 168 9291, alternatively you can email the Senior Operations Manager of the project at [Josephine.Feeney@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:Josephine.Feeney@victimsupport.org.uk)

### **Key areas of work under development:**

Night Time Economy (NTE) Strategy supported by Safe Spaces Scheme 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:

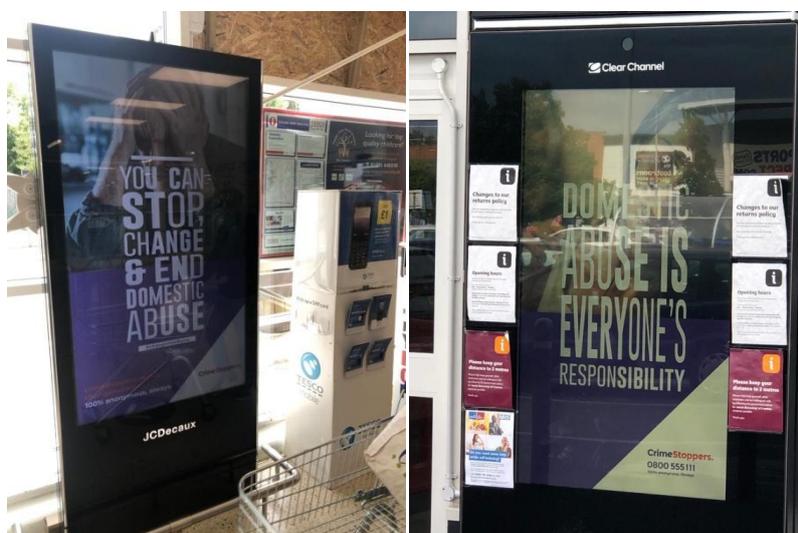
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-review-support-in-the-workplace-for-survivors-of-domestic-abuse>

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 focused on victims, family / friends / neighbours and perpetrators.

Some campaign messaging and imagery focussed on perpetrators and 'bystanders':



Action Point: Please can your communications team promote the Crimestoppers campaign across your social media platforms. See separate report.

### **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 [sstewart@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:sstewart@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 14 July 2020.

**30 June 2020**