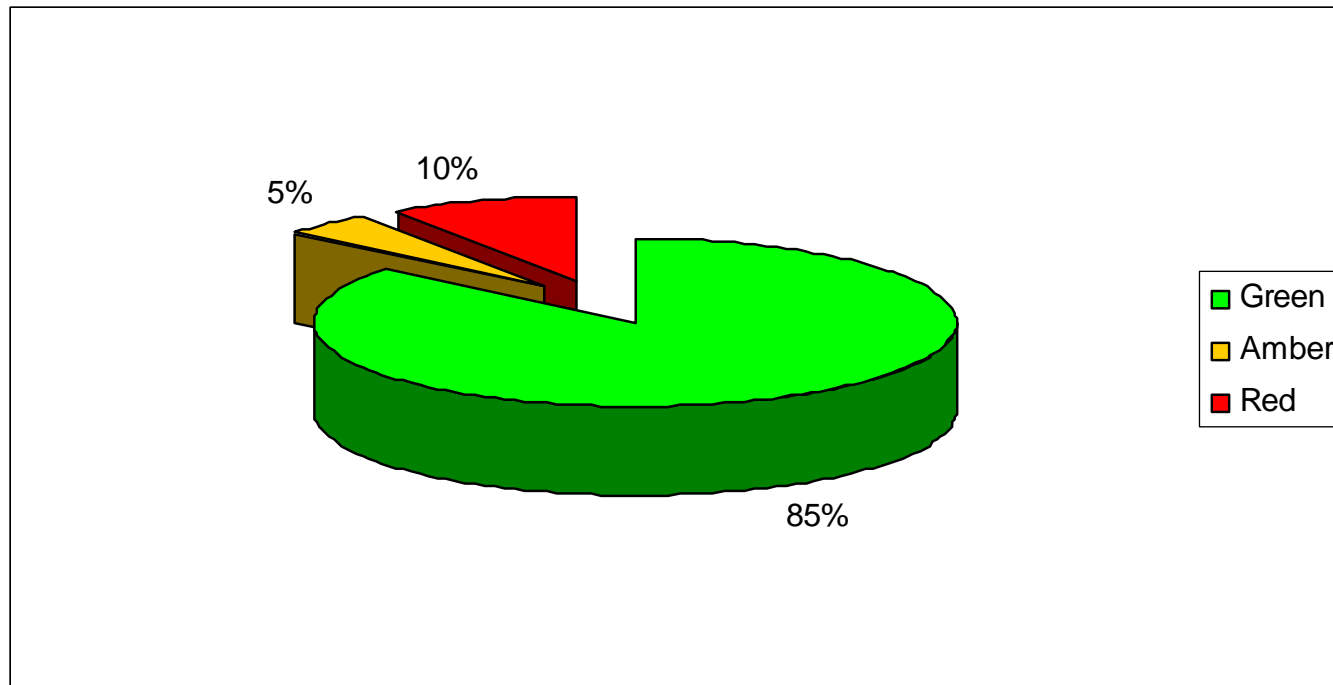




SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

DOMESTIC ABUSE ACTION PLAN

Domestic Abuse Actions	
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1. Information

Action	Lead Agency	Target date	Outcomes	Status as at 6 th April 2009	Funding Status	
1.1 Ensure information is available to all agencies for access & availability of panic alarms	Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership	Ongoing	Increase safety for families at risk of harm Increase safety for adults and young people at risk of harm. Improved victims' sense of security Reduce use of temporary housing	There are only 3 alarms left to use in West Kent. This means there are 47 alarms being used by families at risk of harm. Caroline Riddle now in charge of West Kent Police Domestic Abuse Unit. Exit strategies are in place.	No funding confirmed at present for further panic alarms.	Green
1.2 Web links to domestic abuse information on Sevenoaks District Council website. Input from all agencies	SDC Domestic Abuse Working Group	Ongoing	Accurate and appropriate information available to all those with Internet access	SDC Website to be updated with links to young people's domestic abuse information websites.		Green
1.3 Design and production of general information leaflets and posters to be distributed	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	On-going	Increased availability of accurate and appropriate information leads to improved service access	If posters or flyers are needed to advertise projects KW can design and source printing.		Green
1.4 Contact List of all lead officers and front line staff to distribute	Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership	April 2009	More Partnership working and services liaison	KW will take this forward		Green

2. Support in the Community

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 6 th April 2009	Funding	
2.1 Development of a holistic support service across the District (linked to 3.1)	Domestic Abuse Working Group	March 2008	Increased safety of families affected Supported victims lead to increased conviction & reduced attrition rates	Domestic Abuse Working Group is up and running and sharing information about needs and services.		Completed December 2007 Green
2.2 Seek funding for a Play Therapist for children/young people affected by Domestic Abuse	Children's Partnership Domestic Abuse Working Group	Ongoing	Help with wellbeing & emotional support of young people & their families.	Play Therapist funding has been provided by CAMHS. KW will contact Linda Denne to get confirmation this funding has gone ahead	CAMHS	Green
2.3 Investigate availability of a rolling Freedom Programme	Building Bridges	Ongoing	Provision of rolling support for families experiencing Domestic Abuse	Family Action are running a Freedom Programme in Edenbridge West Kent Housing Association are running a Freedom Programme in Swanley starting on 30 th April 2009.	WKHA CSP Family Action SDC	Green
2.4 Investigate ways of delivering the Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy of Training Standard Manual to all staff working with those affected by domestic abuse	Kent & Medway Domestic Violence Strategy Group Co-ordinator	Manual available from May 2007 Training Delivered September	Trainers identified Training delivered Improved knowledge & awareness across all sectors leads to improved service delivery	Action completed Training available for Freedom Facilitators on 28 th April/5 th May/12 th May 2009	Sub group looking at funding streams	Completed September 2007 Green

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2.5 Increase awareness of availability of legal advice to victims	Community Legal Service/ CABx working with County Co-ordinator	March 2009	Increased availability to legal advice leads to improved safety and improved means of holding perpetrators to account	CAB, Maidstone have recruited a Mid/West Kent Domestic Abuse litigator and case worker, Peter Williams Lesley Bowles, Community Development Manager, SDC is looking at the West Kent Forum booklet	CAB West Kent Forum Multi-agency/SDC	Green
2.6 Safe Haven and Panic Room initiatives to be continued and publicised	SDC Housing	Ongoing	Improved safety for families affected Reduced need for refuge and temporary housing	Scheme currently in place. Clarification of funding is being sought by KW.	SDC	Amber

3. Support for Children

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 6 th April 2009	Funding	
3.1 Investigate development of appropriately supervised contact centres	Local Children's Trust/Domestic Abuse Working Group	March 2008	Provision of safe facility gives courts wider scope for contact orders and improves safety	12 people have been trained in attending Contact Centres. The Sevenoaks Contact Centre will be opening on the 2 nd Sunday in February. If anyone would like to refer someone to this project please call 07951 862 313. TC will email KW a leaflet in order that it can be distributed to the group.		Green
3.2 Increased availability of children's mental health services	Local Children's Trust	March 2008	Improved mental health and well being of children Increased positive social interaction & relationships.	Referrals can be made to SSKY Project. CAMHS are producing a strategy across Kent. The PCT have funded a Tier 2 level CAMHS full-time post now filled which will be a resource to link with the SSKY project already working in schools Ssky is based in Tonbridge but workers operate all over the Sevenoaks District	Funding has been found for the current financial year for the Ssky Project.	Green

4. Safe & Supportive Housing

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 6 th April 2009	Funding	
4.1 Develop Children's Services in refuge	West Kent Refuge	Subject to external funding bid	Support for children increases health and well being	KW has contacted the Refuge Manager and has passed on the contact details of the West Kent Housing Association Furniture Project.		Green
4.2 Investigate availability of refuge accommodation for teenage children families	Supporting People	ongoing	Support for teenage children increases health and well being.	Supporting People are looking at funding another Refuge in West Kent, which will be able to provide Family Units with their own bathrooms and facilities, in order that older male children can stay with their family. KW reported a feasibility survey is taking place.	Supporting People	Green
4.3 Investigate standardised housing procedures, including fast track transfer/exchange mechanism, across the three boroughs	SDC/ With housing providers/T&M and Tunbridge Wells	March 2007	Streamlined access to appropriate temporary housing leads to improved safety of victims	West Kent Sub-Regional Housing Strategy is currently on hold as there is a national change in policy awaited.	SDC/TMBC/TWBC	Red
4.4 Investigate 2nd stage refuge accommodation and resettlement service and alternative solutions to assist families leaving refuge & temporary housing	SDC through bi-monthly meetings with T&M and Tunbridge Wells	March 2007	Increased independence and reduced isolation leads to more sustainable re-housing	GM will confirm where the two designated units are for move-on accommodation.	SDC Moat Housing WKHA	Green

5. Perpetrators

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 6 th April 2009	Funding	
5.1 Establishment of accredited programme for perpetrators of domestic abuse, available to court-ordered, including partners' support	The Probation Service	On going	Improved sanctions; educates perpetrators; acts as deterrent; support victims	The CDAP programme is based at Wealden Centre, Tonbridge and has been running since July 2007.	Probation	Green
Investigate joint preventative programmes/Partnership of the Community Programme	St Giles Trust	On going	Work with men who want to address their problems with domestic abuse issues.	The programme incorporates men on IDAP orders from Probation and men from the Community who are referred by GP's, Social Services or self referrals.	SDC/TWBC/TWBC	

6. Education & Prevention

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 6th April 2009	Funding	
6.1 Specialist input from a Domestic Abuse Safe Schools Officer into the school Personal, Social & Health Education curriculum	Kent & Medway Domestic Violence Strategy County Co-ordinator	September 2007	Improved peer support for child witnesses Sets tone for respectful relationships in future life Development of Safe Schools Officer	KW will contact AG to see what the status is of this target.	No funding available for this position.	Red
6.2 Awareness raising campaign using various media, including radio and newspapers, hospitals, schools and post offices.	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	On-going	Improved awareness of general public improves support for victims and conveys message of unacceptability to perpetrators	Media articles released on a regular basis. Press releases on CDAP and Freedom Programmes were distributed in December and January leading to radio interviews.		Green
6.3 Source domestic abuse frontline workers training.	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	4 sessions per year	Raise awareness of projects and services.	Group need to highlight what training is required	Funding Bid has been granted by Sevenoaks Community Safety Partnership for £2,500 for Domestic Abuse Frontline Staff.	Green
6.4 Police Data be tasked to map reported Domestic Abuse	Sevenoaks District domestic Abuse Working Group	On-going	Highlight geographical areas with a rise in Domestic Abuse reports to take	MQ will contact the West Kent Police Analysis to produce an analysis item for		Green

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 6th April 2009	Funding	
			forward preventative measures	the next meeting. KW receives a repeat victimisation report from West Kent Police. KW will check whether this information can be shared with the group.		

Glossary

CAMHS	Children, Adolescent Mental Health Service
WKHA	West Kent Housing Association
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
SDC	Sevenoaks District Council
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
SSKY	Support Service for Kids and Young People
TMBC	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
TWBC	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
CDAP	Community Domestic Abuse Programme
IDAP	Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme