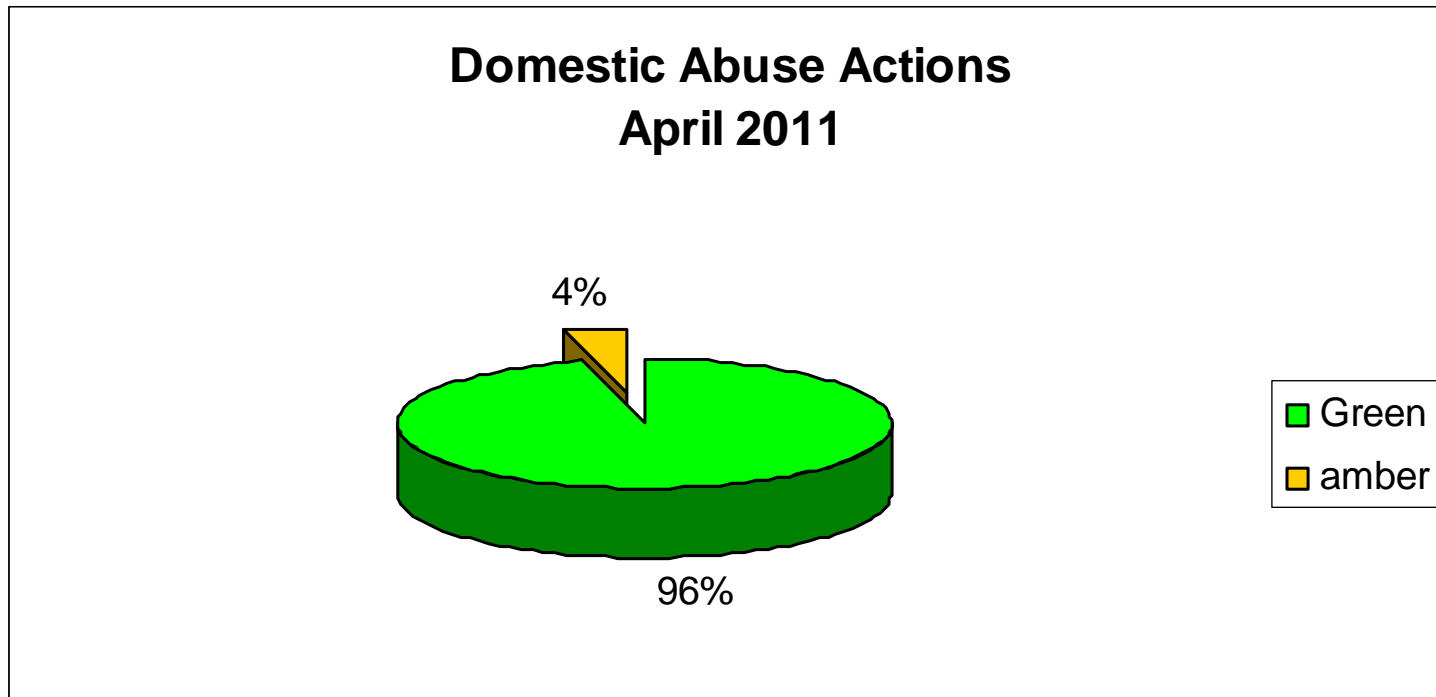




# **SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

## **DOMESTIC ABUSE ACTION PLAN**

<b>Domestic Abuse Actions</b>	
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## 1. Information

Action	Lead Agency	Target date	Outcomes	Status as at 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	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 50 alarms available in West Kent. for use by families at risk of harm. Exit strategies are in place for when alarms are removed.  KW to research if any data is available on how many alarms are used per year.		<b>Green</b>
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 contains links to agency's domestic abuse information available on their own websites.		<b>Green</b>
1.3 Awareness Community Safety Days (targeting schools, GPs, specialist services)	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	On-going	Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse services available in the District	3 Community Safety Awareness Days have been scheduled – Sevenoaks 24 <sup>th</sup> July, Swanley 4 <sup>th</sup> September and Edenbridge – February 2012		<b>Green</b>
1.4 Design and production of general information	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	On-going	Increased availability of accurate and	Community Safety Co-ordinator can help with the design		<b>Green</b>

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leaflets and posters to be distributed			appropriate information leads to improved service access	and source printing for agencies if required.  All agency sign-posting poster requested by group. MQ to take this forward.		

## 2. Support in the Community

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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 Therapists for Family Matters do provide sessions to buy. Danielle Gates to provide details.	CAMHS	<b>Green</b>
2.3 Investigate availability of a rolling Freedom Programme	Building Bridges	Ongoing	Provision of rolling support for families experiencing Domestic Abuse	<p>Family Action Freedom Programme in Swanley will begin in January 2011</p> <p>Freedom Programme – Funding has been secured for one programme to run in Sevenoaks.</p> <p>Edenbridge Programme currently running well.</p> <p>After Easter a Freedom Programme in Dartford and Gravesend will begin.</p>	WKHA CSP Family Action SDC	<b>Green</b>
2.4 Investigate an action peer support group available for people finishes Freedom Programme	Freedom Programme Facilities	On-going	To provide somewhere for support for people who have completed a freedom programme	This will be looked at after the completion of a Freedom Programme, therefore will be put in place if necessary. Links will be made into Floating Support		<b>Green</b>

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				teams.		
2.5 Address Creche use at Freedom Programmes	Freedom Programme Facilitators	On-going	Creche facilities available at all Freedom Programmes	Creche facilities are available at the Edenbridge Freedom Programme.		<b>Green</b>
2.6 Investigate using volunteers to help with domestic abuse sufferers	Sevenoaks Community Safety Partnership	On-going	Roll out of the Tunbridge Wells advocacy service	£9,000 has been awarded to the project from the Community Safety Partnership. Other funding avenues are being sought for short fall.		<b>Green</b>
2.6 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  Booklet is available quantities can be printed on request by agencies.	CAB  West Kent Forum Multi-agency/SDC	<b>Green</b>
2.7 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 is in place.  GM has provided text for the professionals leaflet.	SDC	<b>Green</b>

### 3. Support for Children

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Funding	
3.1 Investigate development of contact centres facility	Churches Together, Sevenoaks	March 2008	Provision of safe facility for family contact	<p>Sevenoaks Child Contact Centre has been accredited by the National Association of Contact Centres for being a Supported Contact Centre. This has been awarded within the first year of being open.</p> <p>The Contact Centre is open to any families.</p> <p>The Centre is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month at 2 – 4 pm.</p>		<b>Green</b>
3.3 Significant availability of children's mental health services	Local Children's Trust	March 2008	<p>Improved mental health and well being of children</p> <p>Increased positive social interaction &amp; relationships.</p>	<p>Referrals can be made to SSKY Project. MT to provide update on referrals and how to refer to the project.</p> <p>The PCT have funded a Tier 2 level CAMHS full-time post which will be a resource to link with the SSKY project already working in schools</p>	Funding has been found for the current financial year for the Ssky Project.	<b>Green</b>

				Ssky is based in Tonbridge but workers operate all over the Sevenoaks District		
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#### 4. Safe & Supportive Housing

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	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	Refuge is sourcing different funding avenues.	Refuge staff are researching funding for a children's worker	<b>Green</b>
4.2 Investigate further locations for refuges to include all children.	Sevenoaks District Council (Housing strategy)	Ongoing	Support for families.	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.  This is a priority Social Housing are looking at potential sites. GM will update the group at the next meeting.		<b>Green</b>
4.4 Investigate standardised housing procedures, including fast track transfer/exchange mechanism, across the three boroughs	SDC/ With housing providers/T&M and Tunbridge Wells	April 2010	Streamlined access to appropriate temporary housing leads to improved safety of victim	Kent Homechoice group are commissioning a software provider to develop a mutual exchange programme to sit alongside Kent Homechoice website enabling tenants to find someone to swap	SDC/TMBC/TWBC	<b>Green</b>

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				with.		
4.5 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	<p>There are three units available for emergency accommodation.</p> <p>GM said that Social Housing need to assess the level of need in order to see how many units are needed. This will be taken forward by the housing strategy.</p>	SDC Moat Housing WKHA	<b>Green</b>

## 5. Perpetrators

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	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  Community Safety Partnership funding	<b>Green</b>
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.  No of Persons Currently on the Tonbridge Programme = 6 3 from Probation and 3 from the Community  CDAP attendees have set up their own support group for attendees after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> session.  A lot of referrals	SDC/TWBC/TWBC	

				<p>are made from the CDAP programme to substance misuse programmes.</p> <p>Funding have been secured for another year.</p> <p>A children's safety worker has been appointed until the end of 2013.</p>		
5.2 Establish what support groups are available to same sex/male victims of domestic violence	Domestic Abuse Working Group	On going		<p>The CDAP programme is able to be converted to Same Sex partnerships. However this type of programme has not been highlighted as needed.</p> <p>The group agreed that analytic evidence is needed to see what is the current need for this type of service.</p>		<b>Green</b>

## 6. Education & Prevention

Action	Lead Agency	Target Date	Outcomes	Status as at 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	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	March 2011	Improved peer support for child witnesses Sets tone for respectful relationships in future life Development of Safe Schools Officer	There is a Women's Aid Schools worker that provides this type of service but not in Sevenoaks District.  KW to invite Parent Support Advisors to attend the group.  There is a discussion underway currently with Women's Aid	No funding available for this position.	<b>Amber</b>
6.2 Awareness raising campaign using various media, including radio and newspapers, hospitals, schools and post offices.  Use up and coming journalist to write/interview an article on domestic abuse.  How do we get people to realise they are experiencing domestic abuse?	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	On-going	Improved awareness of general public improves support for victims and conveys message of unacceptability to perpetrators  Produce poster about local services	Media articles released on a regular basis.  Freedom Programme and CDAP information was included in the Spring edition of the SDC In Shape Magazine.		<b>Green</b>

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6.4 Source domestic abuse frontline workers training.	Sevenoaks District Domestic Abuse Working Group	4 sessions per year	Raise awareness of projects and services.	Training Sessions were delivered in February and March 2010/April 2010  Group to link with agency joint training sessions.	Funding Bid has been granted by Sevenoaks Community Safety Partnership for £2,500 for Domestic Abuse Frontline Staff.	<b>Green</b>
6.5 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 forward preventative measures	Domestic Abuse statistics are now being included in the monthly Tactical Assessment produced by West Kent Police Analysts.  KW receives a repeat victimisation report from West Kent Police.		<b>Green</b>
6.6 Make more links between Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse	Domestic Abuse Working Group/Substance Misuse Group	Ongoing	Domestic Abuse Working Group to take forward any preventative projects.	Added as an agenda item to be discussed at the Substance Misuse Task group January meeting		<b>Green</b>

## 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

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