

**City of York and North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy (2009-2013)**

**Executive Summary (Draft Version 1)**

**Introduction**

Partners in North Yorkshire and the City of York are committed to improving the safety of and outcomes for, adult and children Victims/Survivors of domestic abuse, through co-ordinated services sufficiently flexible to meet individual needs and which encourage empowerment and self-determination. The City of York and North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2009 to 2013 is now available. The strategy follows on from the York & North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2005 to 2008. The new strategy defines Domestic Abuse providing information about the prevalence of Domestic Abuse in a national and local context. It also highlights the good practice and achievements of the 2005 to 2008 strategy where strengthened partnership working is having an impact on keeping families safe, reducing homelessness and reducing repeat incidents of domestic abuse. The strategy focuses on 6 broad strategic priorities and an implementation plan for the strategy is also available which sets out the actions and timescales for the strategy

**Strategy Priority: For Adult Victims/Survivors of domestic Abuse**

**We aim to provide;**

- A. Improved multi-agency working in handling individual cases.
- B. Coordinated services and appropriate support which prioritise the safety of victims/survivors and their children (including the Making Safe scheme)
- C. Services that recognise and respond to the diverse needs of York and North Yorkshire.
- D. Opportunities for people who use services to participate in developing services to address their needs in the future
- E. Appropriate support for adults living with Domestic Abuse

**Strategic Priority: For children and Young People**

**We aim to provide;**

- A. Improved multi agency working in handling individual cases.
- B. Support for children who continue to live with domestic abuse.
- C. Awareness raising of domestic abuse and its impact on children.
- D. Developed support for children post abuse
- E. Consistent and equitable provision of services county-wide
- F. Work undertaken with children who harm e.g. Young perpetrators programme and/or other intervention for young perpetrators

**Strategic Priority: For Perpetrators of domestic abuse**

**We aim to provide;**

- A. Improved multi agency working in handling individual cases.
- B. Effective use of legislation and pro-arrest policies when dealing with perpetrators
- C. Provision of interventions for perpetrators of domestic abuse which will aid them to change their behaviour
- D. Provision of interventions for female perpetrators of domestic abuse.

**Strategic Priority: For practitioners who provide services**

**We aim to provide;**

- A. To raise awareness of domestic abuse and its impact amongst practitioners
- B. Governance which provides transparent lines of decision-making and consistency of approach

**Strategic Priority: For organisations and agencies that resource domestic abuse services**

**We aim to provide;**

- A. Improved data collection to ensure that future services can be more effectively targeted including Performance Management systems to track the effectiveness of the strategy by the Domestic Abuse Joint Co-ordinating Group
- B. Coordinated and equitable delivery by resource providers across York & North Yorkshire.
- C. Self contained temporary accommodation for all homeless families by 31 March 2012, in partnership with Housing Authorities.

**Strategic Priority: For the wider community**

**We aim to provide;**

- A. To raise awareness of domestic abuse and it's impact.
- B. A wider understanding of the advantages of provision of services to perpetrators as well as victim/survivors

**The full strategy is now available from the following sources:**

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) website: [www.nysp.org.uk](http://www.nysp.org.uk)

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