



## Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategies 2019

Our vision is to reduce the harms associated with domestic abuse and sexual violence and to prevent these crimes from occurring within our communities. We commit to taking new, innovative and **evidenced** approaches, focusing on harm reduction in our communities, preventing victimisation and repeat victimisation. Whilst acknowledging the role of traditional approaches such as Criminal Justice, we will prioritise an approach which seeks to improve the long term safety leading to positive outcomes for our communities. The partnership recognises there **may** be a risk associated with this approach, however accepts this is necessary to deliver resilient, thriving communities.

We will deliver a strong core offer against our statutory partnership responsibilities whilst understanding, where funding is available, how we seek to strengthen this offer.

Nationally Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)' is defined by the Home Office as:

Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life (United Nations, 2013 and Home Office, 2016).

The National VAWG agenda includes the following types of violence and abuse<sup>1</sup>:

- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Violence
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Forced Marriage (FM)
- Stalking and Harassment
- Honour-Based Violence (HBV)

Although women and girls are disproportionately harmed by all VAWG crime types, locally we recognise that men and boys can also be victimised. All children, whether direct or indirect victims of VAWG, are harmed by its impact. Some people exclusively use the term "survivor" over "victim," and vice versa. We have decided to use the terms interchangeably within the strategy.

To achieve this we have made the decision to divide our strategy into a Domestic Abuse and a separate Sexual Violence strategy building on the previous VAWG strategy 2017-2021.

This strategies, and the associated delivery plans, will be refreshed on an annual basis. They will set out our core offer against our statutory partnership responsibilities whilst understanding, where funding is available, how we seek to strengthen this offer.



This document forms the **Domestic Abuse** plan for the overarching Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

We commit to-

- Working to prevent people becoming offenders of domestic abuse and reducing victimisation by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it.
- Reducing the risk to victims and intervening to prevent it from continuing, recurring or escalating.
- Perpetrators are appropriately pursued and challenged.
- Through a joint commissioning approach we will ensure all victims have access to appropriate and proportionate outcome-focused support.

<b>Strategic Aim</b>	<b>Core Offer</b>
Working to prevent people becoming offenders of domestic abuse and reducing victimisation by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering a preventative programme of resources within education settings across the county.</li> <li>• Delivering consistent preventative messages into the community, aiming to create communities where domestic abuse is unacceptable/ not tolerated.</li> <li>• Ensuring our wider workforce recognises and challenges inappropriate behaviour to support a positive culture.</li> </ul>
Reducing the risk to victims and intervening to prevent it from continuing, recurring or escalating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring our wider workforce have the appropriate skills and knowledge to recognise Domestic Abuse, know what to do about and will act upon it.</li> <li>• Developing our response based on a consistent understanding of risk of harm, and the impact of trauma across the partnership.</li> </ul>
Perpetrators are appropriately pursued and challenged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working in partnership with agencies to challenge and prevent future offending.</li> <li>• Taking appropriate action to bring to justice those who perpetrate domestic abuse.</li> </ul>
Through a joint commissioning approach we will ensure all victims have access to appropriate and proportionate outcome-focused support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring victims and their families are identified early and offered support services based on their risk and need, supporting them to lead resilient, healthy lives.</li> </ul>



This document forms the **Sexual Violence** plan for the overarching Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

We commit to –

- Working to prevent people becoming offenders of sexual violence and reducing victimisation by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it.
- Promoting the safety and protection of victims and survivors.
- Appropriately pursuing and challenging perpetrators.
- Ensuring all victims and survivors have access to appropriate and proportionate outcome-focused jointly commissioned support.

<b>Strategic Aim</b>	<b>Core Offer</b>
Working to prevent people becoming offenders of sexual violence and reducing victimisation by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the development of a preventative programme of resources within education and community settings across the county.</li> </ul>
Promoting the safety and protection of victims and survivors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring our wider workforce have the appropriate skills and knowledge to respond to reports of sexual violence in a professional and consistent manner.</li> </ul>
Appropriately pursuing and challenging perpetrators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking appropriate action to bring to justice those who perpetrate sexual violence.</li> <li>• Working in partnership with agencies to challenge and prevent future offending.</li> </ul>
Ensuring all victims and survivors have access to appropriate and proportionate outcome-focused jointly commissioned support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring all survivors of sexual violence will be offered seamless support based on their needs.</li> </ul>

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<sup>i</sup> Trafficking / Prostitution & Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) are managed through alternative partnership strategies.