

Market Position Statement

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

May 2023

Demand / Local Picture (2021-2022)

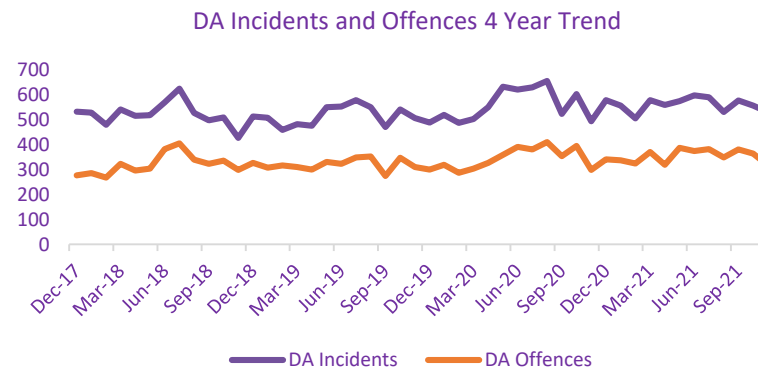
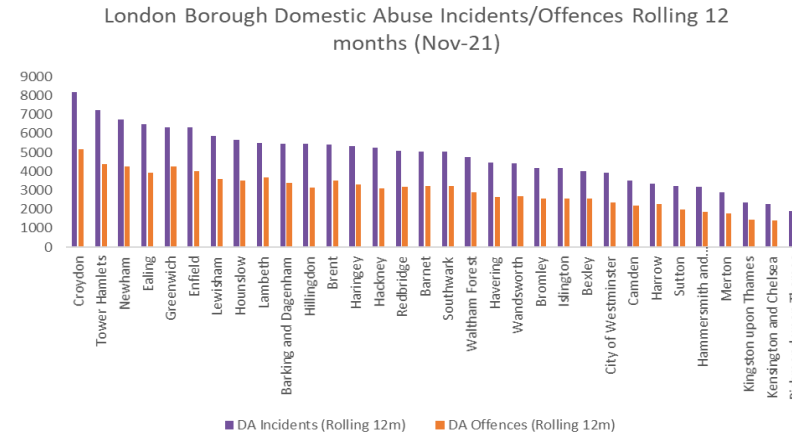
- Newham is third highest London borough for reported domestic abuse incidents and fourth highest for reported sexual violence
- In 2021-22, our community domestic abuse support services received over 1300 referrals and directly supported 826 survivors
- Our Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) hear 497 cases
- Over 25% of all referrals to children's social care recorded domestic abuse as the primary referral reason
- 62% of children subject to a children protection plan have domestic abuse as a risk factor and one in five have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- Seven domestic homicide reviews (DHRs) commenced in 2021-22
- Our new three-year domestic abuse strategy for the borough will deliver a public health whole borough community approach to tackling domestic abuse. The strategy was co-produced with residents, survivors and domestic abuse organisations and included the views of perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Demand / Local Picture Domestic Abuse Crime (2021-2022)

The Metropolitan Police

- In 2021 -2022, 6758 domestic abuse incidents were reported to The Police. **Third highest in London.**
- 4292 of these reports were classified as offences.
- 40% of those who reported were male.
- 12% of all survivors who reported domestic abuse are repeat victims

Source: MOPAC DA Dashboard



Demand / Local Picture (2021-2022)

CYPS Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

- 1205 referrals received (which is 50% of total amount) had domestic abuse recorded in assessment
- 25% of all referrals have domestic abuse recorded as the primary referral reason
- 62% of children subject to a children protection plan have domestic abuse as a risk factor
- 30% of cases open are due to domestic abuse
- 20% of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF) have experienced domestic abuse

Housing Services

190 approaches (increase of 42% from previous year) where DA is a factor

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

- 497 cases heard in 12 months
- 92% female survivors and 8% male survivors
- 14% repeat cases (further domestic abuse reported within 12 months)

| MARAC | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Indicators | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-21 |
| Number of referrals received | 492 | 378 | 497 |
| Number of repeat cases (further DA reported within 12 months of the original referral) | 69 (14%) | 53 (14%) | 66 (14%) |
| Number of children supported | 599 | 384 | 401 |
| Number of pregnant survivors | 28 | 26 | 23 |
| Gender of survivors | 464- female | 351- female | 459- female |
| | 28- male | 27- male | 40- male |

Domestic Homicide Reviews

- Between 2011- 2019 Newham has completed 9 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) in response to the murders of 9 people
- Between 2020- 2022 we have **8 further reviews open** in response to the murder of 8 people

| Gender of victims | 14 women |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| | 2 men |
| Gender of perpetrators | 15 men |
| | 1 woman |
| Relationships between the V/S and AP | 10 intimate partner |
| | 2 death by suicide |
| | 4 murdered by a family member |
| Multiple disadvantage | 3 victims are women who sold sex/were sexually exploited |
| Age | 4 victims are age 67+ |

Commissioned Services - Community Domestic Abuse Support Services



The community domestic abuse and sexual violence service is provided by Hestia and provides:

- Low to medium risk casework support
- IDVA Services (providing support to survivors experiencing high risk)
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) support and prevention;
- Specialist services to support women who sell sex and/or experience sexual exploitation
- Specialist Domestic Abuse Court Co-ordination
- Coordination of MARAC
- A 24 hour domestic abuse telephone helpline (open to survivors and professionals)

The service is co-located across the borough with IDVA support in CYPS MASH Team, Housing services, children's centres and Newham hospital

- Current services commenced on 1 June 2019 for 2 years +1+1 and ends in December 2023.
- The contract cost is £545,000 per annum

Service Aims:

- Providing inclusive domestic abuse advocacy to all genders age 16+
- Addressing high risk and preventing repeat victimisation through MARAC processes
- Supporting survivors through criminal justice processes
- Increasing domestic abuse awareness and access to services through increased co-locations where survivors will present- CYPS, Newham hospital, Housing services and children's centres
- Facilitating domestic abuse training to all services
- Providing specialist FGM education, awareness and casework to professionals and survivors

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2021-22 Service Demand

| Data | Numbers |
|---|---|
| Number of referrals received | 1300 |
| Number of adults supported | 757 |
| Number of children supported | 934 |
| Gender | Female: 725 Male 26 Refused to say/ NK 6 |
| Sexual Orientation of survivors | 687 heterosexual 3 LGBTQ 67 NK/ prefer not to say |
| Number of survivors with a disability | 51 |
| Number of survivors supported with NRPF | 74 |

| Asian / Asian British | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Bangladeshi | 117 |
| Pakistani | 78 |
| Indian | 48 |
| Other Asian | 19 |
| South East Asian | 2 |

| Black African / Caribbean / Black British | |
|---|----|
| African | 97 |
| Caribbean | 27 |
| Other Black | 14 |

| Age Range | No. |
|-----------|-----|
| NK | 1 |
| 15-19 | 17 |
| 20-29 | 227 |
| 30-39 | 327 |
| 40-49 | 126 |
| 50-59 | 34 |
| 60-69 | 20 |
| 70-79 | 2 |
| 80-89 | 2 |
| 90-94 | 1 |

| Other Groups | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| White British | 173 |
| Arab | 20 |
| Mixed heritage | 31 |
| Travelling community | 1 |
| Other | 37 |
| Prefer not to say/not known | 93 |

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Commissioned Services – Specialist Refuge Accommodation

- The service was recommissioned in 2021 with the new contract awarded to London Black Women's Project which commenced on 1 April 2022. LBWP were also the incumbent provider prior to April 2022.
- The new contract is for 5 years with the option to extend for a further two years.
- Total contract cost is £198, 000 per year
- The service provides 25 bed spaces to women at risk of homicide and provides 10 bed spaces for children. The service is a specialist refuge accommodation for women of Black and South Asian heritage and includes support to families with NRPF.
- Residents are able to access additional services including legal advice, mental health advocacy, therapeutic services for adults and children and education and employment opportunities

Service Aims:

- Providing emergency accommodation to women and children at risk of homicide
- Offering specialist support to meet the needs of minoritised communities including addressing language, communication, cultural and faith needs
- Completing safety planning and managing risk for all refuge residents and children
- Enabling women and children experiencing multiple disadvantage to access specific support including legal advice and representation, therapeutic services including counselling and one to one play/dram therapy for children
- Accessing safe move on accommodation for women/families

2021-22 Service Demand

| Data | Numbers |
|---|-------------------------|
| Numbers supported | 53 women and 9 children |
| Number of women with multiple needs | 10 |
| NRPF | 20 |
| Disability | 11 |
| Sexual Orientation | 53 heterosexual |
| Age | |
| 16-18 | 1 |
| 19-21 | 5 |
| 22-30 | 21 |
| 31-40 | 20 |
| 41-50 | 4 |
| 51-60 | 2 |
| 60+ | 0 |
| Numbers accessing move on accommodation | 28 |

| Cultural Identify | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Bangladeshi | 13 |
| Caribbean | 2 |
| African | 11 |
| Indian | 5 |
| Pakistani | 8 |
| Other Asian | 1 |
| White/African mixed | 1 |
| White/Caribbean mixed | 0 |
| Other ethnicity | 6 |
| Other Black | 5 |
| Other African | 0 |
| Any other Caribbean | 0 |

Our Work Addressing Domestic Abuse



In the last 12 months the partnership has embarked on addressing domestic abuse in the following areas:

- **The Newham Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2025** Development of a new partnership strategy presenting our 'whole community' approach to addressing domestic abuse
- The strategy and action plan have been directly informed through extensive consultation with domestic abuse organisations, the voices of domestic abuse survivors, residents and Newham service users
- There are 12 key priorities identified including addressing perpetrators behaviour and developing an extensive domestic abuse campaign across the borough

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/5313/newham-domestic-abuse-strategy-2022-2025-final>

Women's Safety

- Engaging with women to identify their safety concerns and priorities
- Working with businesses to develop messaging about women's safety
- Engagement to identify area hotspots where women say they feel unsafe
- Developing targeted responses to improving safety for women.

CYPS domestic abuse working group

- Increasing focus on developing domestic abuse responses for children
- Developing the 'Safe and Together' model and implementing this
- Development of MARAC responses
- Consideration of risk assessment tools

Our Work Addressing Domestic Abuse



Safe and Together model (addressing the behaviour of domestic abuse perpetrators)

- Working in partnership with Waltham Forest, Hackney and Tower Hamlets to embed the Safe and Together model to train staff to work with perpetrators of abuse
- Includes training for social workers and all frontline staff/managers
- Identified practice lead from 'Respect' to support case work and learning
- Review of the Newham model and outcomes to be completed by Middlesex university

The MEAM approach

- Offering support to women who sell sex and are sexually exploited
- Partnership response to supporting women with multiple needs
- Creation of a women's hub open twice a week at the CGL premises offering safe spaces to women and support services
- Developing responses to addressing buyers of sex
- Development of a 'sex work high risk monthly panel' to address risk and safety for women who are experiencing significant harm.

The Domestic Abuse 'Spotlight'

- Developing a partnership approach to gender based violence through a partnership review of domestic abuse
- Developing a shared understanding of challenges based on data and the experiences of service users
- Designing solutions aimed at addressing challenges

Direction of Travel / Commissioning Intentions



- Joint working with 'Safe Lives' to support the development of the Domestic Abuse strategy and implementing our new public health whole community response to responding to domestic abuse
- Forming the governance and oversight required for CSP DA sub-group to lead on the development of the domestic abuse strategy and action plan. The strategy will also be overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Establishing a domestic abuse advisory panel for survivors, residents and users of services in Newham to advise and support the CSP DA subgroup, building on the excellent co-production that took place as part of the strategy development
- Promotion of the Domestic abuse strategy and aligned domestic abuse publicity campaign – both internally and externally.
- Explore a perpetrator programme model for Newham
- Development of our women's hub for women exploited into selling sex
- Recommissioning the community domestic abuse service
- Conducting a needs assessment and strategy development related to sex work in the borough.

Gaps / Opportunities

- 'safe spaces' for women to access support for domestic abuse
- Wider culturally competent service provision in the community to align with our integrated service model
- Perpetrator programmes
- A women's well-being hub to expand our current women's hub pilot
- Campaigning and awareness raising in the community