Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy

Draft Year 4 Action Plan
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<td>Driving Change through Co-operation and Leadership</td>
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<td>1. Continue to maximise opportunities to disseminate information and promote delivery of initiatives under the Strategy’s Communication Plan.</td>
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<td>2. Work collaboratively with key partners, providing for innovation, research and development, including through the PILGRIM project (supporting complainants through the criminal justice process) and research into the prevalence and effects of training for police officers around the subject of rape myths.</td>
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<td>3. Convene two Stakeholder Assurance Group Workshops.</td>
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<td>1, 2</td>
<td>4. (a) Consider widening the remit of all Local Partnerships to include sexual violence and abuse (including abuse outside family and intimate partner relationships).</td>
<td>LDSVPs, Nexus NI, DoH &amp; DoJ</td>
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<td>(b) Local Partnerships to continue to provide awareness of domestic and sexual violence and abuse, identify education and training needs of partners in their local area and identify three key actions to be taken forward collaboratively at a regional level.</td>
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<td>5. Strengthen working relationships across and between PCSPs &amp; Local Partnerships and co-ordinate resources where possible to ensure region wide learning.</td>
<td>PCSPs &amp; LDSVPs</td>
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<td>1, 19, 20</td>
<td>6. Develop an action plan to progress the agreed recommendations of the Gillen report into the law and procedures in serious sexual offences in NI and initiate work on their implementation.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>7. Undertake a review of the <em>Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy</em> to assess the progress made against the priorities and to inform future work.</td>
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<td>Prevention and Early Intervention</td>
<td>9, 11</td>
<td>8. SBNI to undertake a scoping exercise of support services available to children affected by domestic violence and a training needs analysis of staff working directly with those children.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>9. Review and update the DE iMatter programme materials to ensure it is reflective of contemporary issues affecting children and young people. This will include the subject area of “Healthy Relationships”.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>10. Following the conclusion of the pilot ‘Keeping Safe’ preventative education project, review and reassess current work programme in light of information arising from the evaluation of this pilot programme.</td>
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<td>11. Release a domestic abuse awareness campaign, in consultation with partners, and continue the collaborative ‘No Grey Zone’ sexual consent awareness campaign.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>12. Further progress work relating to how notification to schools of domestic abuse incidents could be achieved (including consideration of Operation Encompass in NI) and agree way forward in conjunction with stakeholders.</td>
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<td>Delivering Change through Responsive Services</td>
<td>10, 14</td>
<td><strong>13.</strong> Work collaboratively with interested parties (including NICS) to promote the <em>Employer Guidance on how to develop a Workplace Policy on Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse</em> (published under the Strategy in Nov 2018).</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td><strong>14.</strong> Continue to run a Crown Court Observers’ study, to gather information on victims’ and witnesses experience of the court system in sexual offence cases.</td>
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<td><strong>15.</strong> Continue to review training provided to prosecutors and Counsel and take into account issues raised in criminal justice inspections into the criminal justice experience of victims of domestic and sexual violence and abuse.</td>
<td>PPS</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td><strong>16.</strong> Pilot and evaluate the Identification and Referral to Improve Safety Programme (‘IRIS’) within selected GP Federation(s).</td>
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<td>10, 15</td>
<td><strong>17.</strong> Ensure continued provision of a 24 Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline service.</td>
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<td>10, 12</td>
<td><strong>18.</strong> Complete year three of the Domestic Violence and Abuse multi-media campaign to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence and abuse, and the availability of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure Scheme.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td><strong>19.</strong> Belfast Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership to pilot an awareness raising session on ‘Adult Child to Parent’ violence, and subject to the evaluation, share with other partnerships to roll out.</td>
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<td>10, 14</td>
<td><strong>20.</strong> Consider whether any new domestic violence and abuse initiatives could impact on homelessness levels and what steps may be taken to address this.</td>
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<td>Support</td>
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<td>21. Raise awareness, around domestic and sexual violence and associated services, amongst groups who may not identify, or be recognised within, the ‘conventional public story’ of domestic and sexual violence and abuse.</td>
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<td>15, 17</td>
<td>22. Finalise a model for a new streamlined Advocacy Support Service, for victims of domestic and sexual violence and abuse, for consideration of the model and its future funding by the Strategic Delivery Board.</td>
<td>DoJ, DoH &amp; PSNI</td>
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<td>23. Complete the evaluation of the provision of support to victims of sexual violence and abuse, through Independent Sexual Violence Advisors.</td>
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<td>24. To further develop the Sanctuary Scheme in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE). To ensure awareness of the scheme for all NIHE tenants and with the NIHE develop a robust referral process. The Department and NIHE are actively considering alternative models for the delivery and promotion of the Sanctuary Scheme to ensure that it is fully utilised to provide victims with the choice to remain safely in their homes or seek re-housing.</td>
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<td>25. Introduce a new Domestic Abuse Offence and statutory aggravator.</td>
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<td>Protection and Justice</td>
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<td>26. In terms of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure Scheme evaluate it (ensuring feedback is sought from all agencies involved) and bring forward any necessary modifications, with PSNI continuing to work with partner agencies to ensure effective delivery.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>27.</td>
<td>Deliver a series of measures (including Chair recruitment, panel establishment and laying of commencement order) to secure introduction of a Domestic Homicide Review process.</td>
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| 20               | 28.              | (a) Consider lessons learnt from the Pilot Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme in Londonderry magistrates' court and evaluate the domestic abuse behavioural programme in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area.  
(b) Prepare an up-to-date report to review the evidence base on the effectiveness of behavioural change programmes, drawing on the outcomes of (a), and present to the Strategic Delivery Board.  
(c) To fund and oversee the continuation and monitoring of domestic abuse behavioural change programmes which will be delivered by PBNI across the five Health and Social Care Trust areas. | DoJ & PBNI | Sep 2019  
DoJ & DoH | Oct 2019  
DoJ | Mar 2020 |
<p>| 18               | 29.              | Introduce Domestic Violence Protection Notices and Domestic Violence Protection Orders in Northern Ireland. | DoJ | Subject to return of NI Assembly |
| 19, 20           | 30.              | Consider the responses received and refine policy options, on the need for the introduction of a specific offence of stalking following consultation closure on 21 February 2019. | DoJ | From Mar 2019 |</p>
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<td>New multi-agency MARAC Operational Board (‘MOB’), which will report to</td>
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<td>the Strategic Delivery Board on an annual basis, to</td>
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<td>(a) be established; and</td>
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<td>Progress work relating to the findings from academic research, including in relation to domestic and sexual violence training provision across criminal justice agencies.</td>
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<td>Local Policing Team officers to be trained in domestic violence and abuse, in order to provide an insight into this area, as well as the measures that can be taken to assist victims.</td>
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<td>An Independent Advisory Group will meet quarterly to inform the police response to domestic and sexual violence and abuse, including through collaborative working.</td>
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<td>35.</td>
<td>Domestic violence and sexual violence modules, to be rotated in the NI Safe Community Survey in alternate years, with the associated data published and then considered by way of policy/service refinements.</td>
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<td>Participate on the National Regional Research Group, actively considering areas for development and research within the sexual crime arena.</td>
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<td>Develop a first responder DVD for the purposes of raising awareness and improving practice of frontline police officers.</td>
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