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Domestic Violence Task and Finish Group – Safer Communities Partnership Board, March 2011			
Recommendation to SCPB (accepted)	Status	Information	Contact Officers
<u>Recommendation One:</u> Consider commissioning psychological support services for child victims/witnesses of domestic violence to tackle the intergenerational cycle of violence in families” Agreed subject to resources	GREEN	<u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed subject to resources <u>Update March 2012:</u> There are a number of projects in place including: Intensive Family Focus work which includes clinical psychology support; the Safer Families Project work; a youth engagement officer through Victim Support working on healthy relationships including work with the current DV agencies in the borough.	Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children’s Service
Recommendation to SCPB (Not accepted)	Status	Information	Contact Officers
<u>Recommendation Two:</u> Amend the title of Barnet’s Multi-Agency Domestic Violence Strategy 2010/11 – 2012/13 to Barnet’s Call to End Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2010/11 – 2012/13 to assist in	AMBER	<u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Not agreed at the time as the initial priority was to make progress on domestic violence rather than this wider, albeit important, agenda. <u>Update March 2012:</u> There is a commitment to review the existing strategy with partners during the summer of 2012 and then draft a new one for 2013/14 and beyond. This issue can be reconsidered as part of this process, subject to endorsement from Safer Communities Partnership Board and Domestic Violence Strategic	Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children’s Service

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<u>Recommendation Three:</u> Develop an action plan to detail how Barnet's Multi-Agency Domestic Violence Strategy 2010/11 – 2012/13 will be delivered, detailing shared objectives, timescales, key responsibilities of partners, monitoring arrangements and information sharing protocols	GREEN	<u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed, as an action plan is already being developed utilising existing resources. <u>Update March 2012:</u> The DV Strategy is being monitored by the DV Coordinator (see attached document)	Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children's Service
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<p><u>Recommendation Four:</u> Develop a common assessment/referral framework and information sharing protocols for statutory and voluntary sector organisations providing domestic violence support services</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p><u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed – a multi-agency common assessment framework covering children and families already in place which will be adopted as appropriate</p> <p><u>Update March 2012:</u></p> <p>The Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) has been revised and signed by partner agencies. The ISA will be reviewed annually through the newly created MARAC steering group going forward.</p>	<p>Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children’s Service</p>
<p>Recommendation to SCPB (accepted)</p>	<p>Status</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Contact Officers</p>
<p><u>Recommendation Five:</u> Develop a commissioning strategy to ensure ongoing funding for key voluntary sector domestic violence support services in the borough, with sufficient weighting given to service user satisfaction in the strategy</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p><u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed by Domestic Violence Strategic Board and already in place</p> <p><u>Update March 2012:</u></p> <p>Solace have been awarded a 2 year contract (2012/13 – 14) Domestic Violence contract for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy and Support Service 2. Refuge provision 3. Perpetrator service <p>The DV coordinator is currently finalising the service specification and</p>	<p>Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children’s Service</p>

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		performance targets with Solace, with a go live date for 1 April'12. In addition, exit interviews have been conducted with existing DV providers.	
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<u>Recommendation Six:</u> Consider undertaking visits to schools in collaboration with voluntary sector organisations to highlight the issue of domestic violence and increase awareness of available services	AMBER	<u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed <u>Update March 2012:</u> Victim Support Barnet has a Youth Engagement Worker that is funded through a grant provided by LBB. Her role is to provide workshops and deliver presentations in schools, as well as to new services such as youth centres and Pupil Referral Units.	Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children's Service
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<u>Recommendation Seven:</u> Consider establishing Survivor Groups to enable self-help and provide a support	AMBER	<u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed (subject to resources) <u>Update March 2012:</u> Current work includes the Safer Families Project which receives referrals	Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and

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mechanism for victims and to inform future service delivery	R	from Social Care and takes place at three Children's Centres through Stay and Play, outreach and counselling for victims. Further provision will be developed through the newly commissioned refuge provision or advocacy support services.	Safeguarding Division, Children's Service
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Recommendation Eight: Encourage NHS Barnet to provide an undertaking that senior and committed health representatives will regularly attend Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference, Domestic Violence Strategic Board (DVSB) and Domestic Violence Operational Group meetings	GREEN	<u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed (subject to resources) <u>Update March 2012:</u> There has been an attendance at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference, Domestic Violence Strategic Board (DVSB) and Domestic Violence Operational Group meetings by health representatives; including mental health. However, referrals need to be increased by them to the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). The Domestic Violence Operational Group meetings (DVOPS) keeps a regular log monitoring attendance by its partners. Membership is going to extend to include representation at the MARAC Steering group.	Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children's Service

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<p>Recommendation Nine: Encourage NHS Barnet to establish a framework for providing effective guidance, training, information and referral mechanisms for front-line staff (including GPs, accident & emergency and midwives) to enable early intervention for victims of domestic violence, and that a monitoring system be developed to enable the DVSB to monitor delivery of this recommendation</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p><u>Safer Communities Partnership Board response to recommendation:</u> Agreed (subject to resources)</p> <p><u>Update March 2012:</u></p> <p>Initial contact has been made for the DV Coordinator to attend and speak at the GP CPD Sessions, on 20th March 2012 on domestic violence, to address referral processes and how to support patients, including victims and perpetrators.</p> <p>There is also a training session for newly qualified GPs that the DV Coordinator has been invited to deliver for the year 2012; which is part of their Safeguarding Children and Adults training programme. Since the MARAC Training course has been running since June 2011 on a monthly basis there has been a total of 20 health professionals that have attended these. In addition, the number and range of referrals are always monitored at the MARAC and in 2010, there was only 1 referral made by health services and there has been a slight increase to 3 in 2011.</p> <p>There will be ongoing work development with this sector to address their support for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence.</p> <p>All opportunities and scoping of this work will be brought back to the DVOPS Group and DVSB by Summer 2012.</p>	<p>Manju Lukhman – Domestic Violence Co-ordinator – Partnership, Prevention and Safeguarding Division, Children’s Service</p>

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