

Kent & Medway Independent Domestic Violence Advisors

**Needs assessment and commissioning
recommendations**

**Kent Community Safety Partnership
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Rationale for IDVA work

- Positive results: low rates of re-victimisation, improved safety to victims and their children.
- Average cost of £500 per case for an IDVA.
- £10,000 (min) costs to public services of one high risk victim PER YEAR.



Prevalence and costs of DV

- In Kent and Medway there will have been 54,773 (\pm 11,000) women or girls (16-59) who have experienced domestic abuse in the last year.
- The financial cost to local partners in Kent and Medway associated with this level of domestic abuse is ~£321million.

Note: These figures relate to woman and girls only and therefore total figures will be higher with men included.



Data

Data stream (2010/11)	Number
Estimated prevalence (females)	54,773
Police domestic abuse reports	22,000
Charges	1296
MARAC (high risk) cases	764*

* In 2011/12 the number of high risk cases was 956 an increase of 25% in 12 months



Changes in total IDVA provision

- **2011/12**

3 court IDVAs + 20.1 community IDVAs = 23.1

- **2012/13 (est.)**

3 court IDVAs + 13.84 community IDVAs = 16.84

- Districts which will be least well served in 2012/3 will be **Dartford, Gravesham, Dover, Shepway and Ashford.**
- In addition there is a gap in court IDVA support in Dover, Shepway and Ashford.



Consultation issues

- Model of DA support system unclear
- Lack of senior champion
- Poor data/monitoring
- Separation of court & community IDVAs
- All doing their own thing
- Competition for funding
- Services for male victims



Summary of current funding

Funding sources	Expected IDVA funding 2012/13 (£000's)
Charitable funding sources	189
Medway council, Districts, KCC and Community Safety Partnerships	229
Central government departments	118
Housing associations	45
Children's services	0
Police	30
Health	0
Total	£611,000



Recommendations and options

- The main aim of the commissioning recommendations is to simplify and rationalise the commissioning and delivery of IDVA services and ensure they are more sustainable in the future.



Option 2

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages	Recommended?
<p>Recommended short term option (2012/13)</p> <p>Fund extra IDVA capacity in areas with biggest gap in provision. i.e. Dartford, Gravesham, Dover, Shepway and Ashford to cover expected MARAC numbers for North and South Kent MARACs. Total 5 community + 1 court IDVA.</p>	<p>Relatively small extra cost ensures a minimum cover is provided to areas of highest demand and clients at highest risk.</p>	<p>This measure would only provide a short term fix and would do nothing to make the system work better or become more sustainable in the longer term.</p>	<p>Only as a short term measure in 2012/13</p>
<p><u>Costs</u></p> <p>Estimated extra costs to partners approximately £240,000</p>			



Option 4 - Long term option (2013/14 onwards)

- **Pool resources and strategically, jointly commission IDVA services**
- Pool current public sector funding
- bid for funds to Police Crime Commissioner and Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- Jointly, strategically commission an IDVA service across Kent and Medway.
- Align services with MARACs rather than districts and target high risk clients.
- Use longer term contracts/agreements so services can plan and develop.
- Invite consortia bids.



Option 4 cont.d

- Commission for outcomes rather than posts.
- Encourage providers to continue to access charitable funds to supplement the core, IDVA service. So that...
- Providers can develop the outreach and volunteer base across the county and Medway to provide a more appropriate level of support for cases which are not high risk.



Option 4 Costs

Costs

Estimate of costs to partners

- IDVA service with a capacity for 1300 clients would cost £650,000.
- Plus 4 court IDVAs would require £160,000 (£810k grand total).
- A Pooled fund should be created specifically for jointly commissioning strategic IDVA provision.
- Using 'proportionate costs model' the split between Health, CJS and Social services (KCC and Medway Council) would be 7:4:1
- Consideration should be given to what other agencies can contribute to total costs i.e. district councils, KFRS etc



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What Next?