

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership

Subject: Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: The Domestic Abuse Strategy is a partnership document managed by the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive. KCC has worked with partners to create a coherent and focused strategy, which has recently been released for consultation.

The final strategy is likely to be launched by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office in Autumn.

Recommendations:

- To support and endorse the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy, subject to any comments.

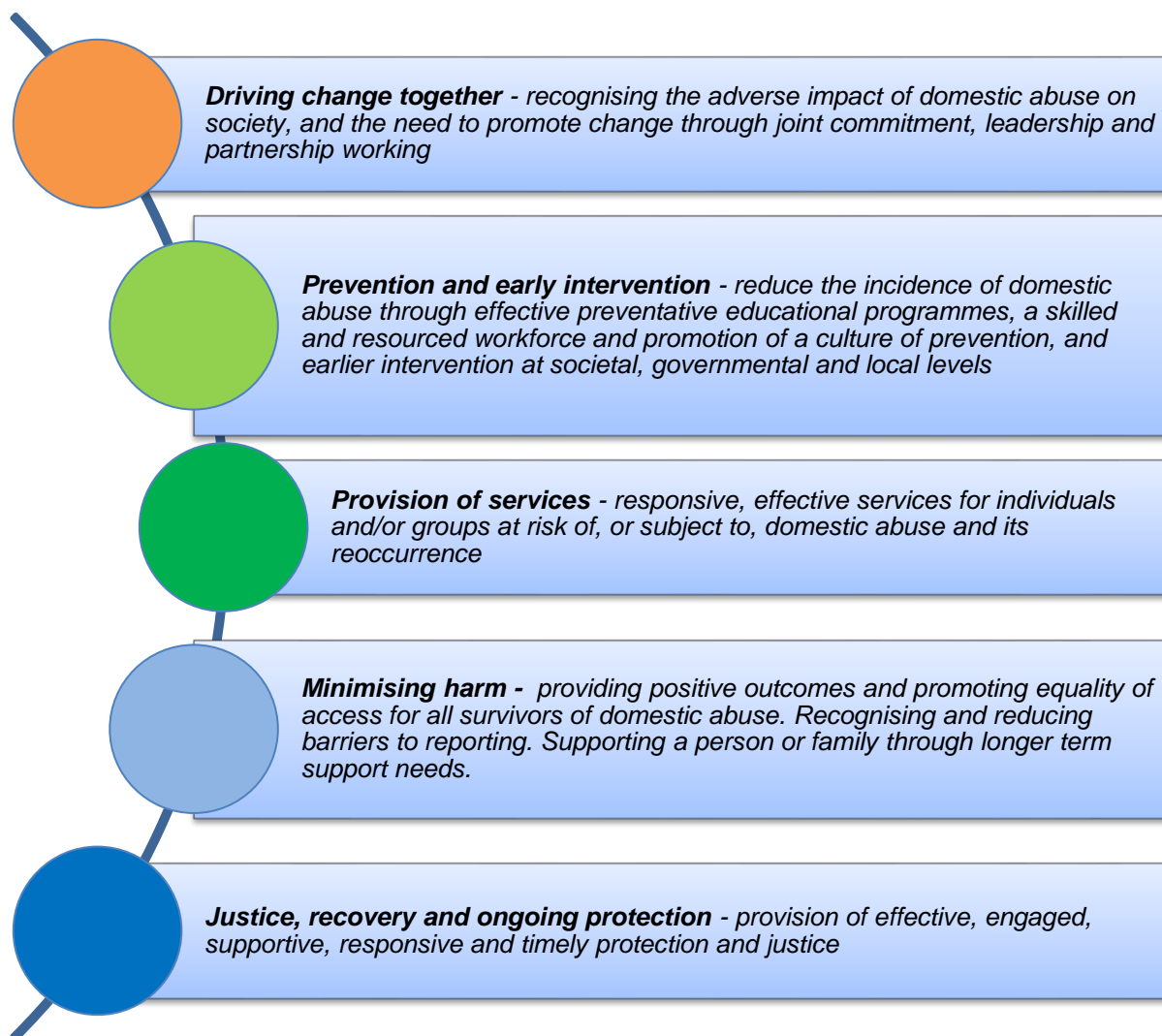
1. Background

- 1.1 In 2016 there was a review of the governance of the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Partnership. This was led by Kent Police and included a workshop with key stakeholders from partner organisations. The review recommended changes designed to develop a more strategic, evidence-based and effective partnership.
- 1.2 The Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group¹ was created as a result, underpinned by two Tactical Groups (one on DA and the other on Sexual Violence). The Executive group is overseeing the development of the Domestic Abuse Strategy, the Strategic Assessment to provide the evidence base, and the development and implementation of the multi-agency action plan to deliver the Strategy.

¹ Membership includes Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's office, Kent Police, Medway Council, Kent County Council, the NHS, Kent Fire and Rescue, the National Probation Service, KSS community rehabilitation and District Councils

2. The Domestic Abuse Strategy

2.1 The Domestic Abuse Strategy includes five core priority themes, described below. Underneath each priority are a number of commitments made collectively by the partnership:



2.2 This draft has been developed in partnership with Medway Council, Kent Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, the NHS and the Community Rehabilitation Company (probation) and District Councils.

2.3 The Strategy will be supported by a joint action plan which will work the commitments into specific actions. This will be coordinated by a Domestic Abuse Strategic Coordinator, currently being recruited by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.

2.4 The annual monitoring report produced by the Executive Group will be reported to both Kent's and Medway's Community Safety Partnerships, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and safeguarding boards across Kent and Medway

to ensure progress against the commitments and priorities described in the strategy.

- 2.5 The Strategy has now gone out to consultation which will run from the 8th July – 30th September 2019. Once the consultation is completed, we will publish a summary of the consultation responses and the changes we have made to the strategy in response to them.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To support and endorse the Domestic Abuse Strategy, subject to any comments, and to note the further activity underway to improve the strategic needs assessment and develop an action plan.

Background Documents:

- The Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy - (Appendix A)

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