

## Annex 1. Perpetrator Pilot Scheme in Surrey

### Background

In 2014/15 13,300 incidents of domestic abuse were recorded by Surrey Police, a third of these being repeats.

In the same period Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) in the County dealt with 814 high risk victim referrals (327 of which involved repeat victims).

Over half of children subject to a child protection plan in Surrey were affected by domestic abuse and anecdotal evidence suggests incidence levels are rising.

The Domestic Abuse (DA) Strategy for Surrey 2013-18 encourages both victim and perpetrators to seek help and aims to focus efforts on providing a holistic response to all those affected by domestic abuse including perpetrators. There are a range of current interventions in use designed to reduce levels of domestic abuse within Surrey, these include:

- Communications campaigns to raise public awareness and change attitudes and culture
- victim support and outreach programmes
- education programmes designed to help young people build healthy relationships
- the use of Domestic Violence Prevention Notices and Orders
- court sanctions for offenders to attend Building Better Relationships programmes
- linx – programme to raise awareness with young people through group work and one to one work

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) identified a gap in the provision of services to modify the behaviour of perpetrators in order to increase the safety of partners and children.

In July 2015 the Community Safety Board (CSB) agreed to the scoping of a Domestic Abuse perpetrator intervention for Surrey as part of our holistic approach to both reduce harm and cost.

### The Pilot

The primary aim of any perpetrator service or intervention must be to modify and make changes in the behaviour of perpetrators. Outcomes would be to reduce the amount of Police call outs, the level of risk and harm to victims and the amount of referrals and re-referrals of children affected by DA. These outcomes would both reduce the level of crime (violent crime, homicides and controlling and coercive behaviour) and the cost of crime.

It is expected that a two year pilot would be across the whole of Surrey and run alongside policy and process for the pro-active management of perpetrators. It would complement other services focussed on victims, children, young people and help the shift towards prevention and early intervention and away from response. Learning from the pilot would help shape future service delivery.

Funding is being sought from a number of areas including Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in line with the Partnership engagement around this issue.