Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy

Year One Implementation Plan

May 2016





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Outcomes	Actions	Lead Org(s)	Support Org(s)	Target date
Efficient and effective governance, accountability and structures to promote change	 Develop governance and accountability arrangements to support the implementation of the joint strategy and subsequent action plans. 	DoH DoJ	n/a	30 Jun '16
 Improved integrated working Appropriate commission and provision of service Established clear baselines Evaluation of provision 	 Identify key information held by stakeholders relevant to service provision. 	DoH DoJ	PSNI PPS NICTS YJA PBNI HSCTs HSCB V&CS	31 Dec '16
	 Assess how stakeholder information identified can assist in informing and improving service provision. 	DoH DoJ	PSNI PPS NICTS YJA PBNI HSCTs HSCB V&CS	31 Mar '17
 Increased recognition and response Increase safe disclosure 	 To consider proposed content for an information and communication plan relating to domestic and sexual violence and abuse 	DoH DoJ	n/a	31 Mar '17
Appropriate and focused protectionEvaluation of provision	5. To review Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences.	DoH DoJ	n/a	31 Dec '16
 Appropriate and focused protection Increased recognition and response 	 Consult on the need for changes in practice and legislative provisions for initiatives, including, a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and a Domestic Abuse Offence and develop proposals for the way forward. 	DoJ	PSNI PPS NICTS PBNI	31 Dec '16

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 Improved integrated working 	 Develop an appropriate model to identify lessons learned and improve response to cases of domestic homicide in Northern Ireland. 	DoJ	V&CS Legal Profession	
	 Develop appropriate guidance to allow for the implementation (on a pilot basis) of Domestic Violence Protection Notices and Orders in Northern Ireland as provided for under Schedule 7 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015. 	DoJ	PSNI PPS NICTS PBNI V&CS	30 Nov '16
			PSNI NICTS Legal Profession	31 Oct 16
 Appropriate commission and provision of service Evaluation of provision 	 Evaluate the current provision of the Government's 24 Hour domestic and sexual violence helpline. 	DoH DoJ DfC (NIHE)		30 Jun '16
	10. To procure continued and future provision of a Government 24 Hour domestic and sexual violence helpline.	DoH DoJ DfC (NIHE)	DoF	31 Mar '17
 Appropriate commission and provision of service Improved integrated working 	11. To explore and implement the preferred option for enhancing the Derry/Londonderry specialist listing arrangements.	DoJ	NICTS PSNI PPS PBNI V&CS Legal Profession	31 Oct '16

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 An agreed scheme outlining how all victims of domestic and sexual violence and abuse will have equality of access to emergency housing support. 	 12. During 2016/17 the NIHE will initiate discussions with DSD to consider extending the Sanctuary Scheme to other forms of tenures. 13. During 2015/16 the NIHE and Women's Aid Federation developed and implemented a joint working protocol to ensure that effective, quality services are available for those experiencing homelessness and domestic and/or sexual violence and abuse in our society. A review of the protocol will take place in year 16/17. 	DfC (NIHE) DfC (NIHE)	n/a n/a	31 Mar '17 31 Mar '17



Abbreviations:

DfC: Department for Communities DoF: Department of Finance DoH: Department of Health DoJ: Department of Justice HSCB: Health and Social Care Board HSCTs: Health and Social Care Trusts n/a: not applicable NICTS: Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service NIHE: Northern Ireland Housing Executive PBNI: Probation Board for Northern Ireland PSNI: Police Service of Northern Ireland PPS: Public Prosecution Service V&CS: Voluntary and Community Sector

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