



Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership

Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)

21 March 2013

Information Report

Subject: Evaluation of Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse in Beanhill and Netherfield

Reason for report

This report is submitted to consider the recommendations from the repeat incident evaluation report "Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no lies".

Background

During 2012 an independent gap analysis review within an area of Milton Keynes through the Domestic Violence Delivery Group was supported by SaferMK.

Between April 2011 and March 2012 there were 5465 incidents of domestic abuse reported to the police alone which across Milton Keynes equates on average to 15 incidents a day. Milton Keynes has a repeat rate of such incidents of 45% which is consistently the highest across Thames Valley. This alone not only has high fiscal implications but is detrimental to the community as a whole in there quality of life.

In order to understand why repeat incidents of domestic abuse are high in Milton Keynes the Safer MK delivery group responsible for domestic abuse commissioned an independent consultant to evaluate repeat victimisation on the estates of Beanhill and Netherfield. Repeat victimisations are defined as cases where the police are repeatedly called to a household because of domestic abuse. The evaluation was concluded in January 2013 and revealed that although high risk victims are reviewed at MARAC and receive a good level of support those assessed as standard and medium risk are not reviewed in a multi agency setting. Many of the victims, perpetrators and children living in households where repeat victimisation is taking place fail to reach the threshold criteria for intervention by services.

Recommendations

That the recommendations in the evaluation be noted.

Attachments

Evaluation document 'Ask me no questions' (Annex).

Date of report: 07/03/2013

Author: Neil Dodds – Domestic and Sexual Violence Reduction Coordinator