



**Lanarkshire
Community Justice
Authority**

Funding Developments Evaluation Form

About your project

1. Project name

What is the name of your project?

South Lanarkshire – Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Pilot (SL-DAPP)

2. Project summary

Tell us about your project, what you planned to do and what you spent the money on.

The project is specifically designed to challenge perpetrators of domestic violence and to examine what supports can be offered.

The following is a brief overview of the pilot undertaken:

- Joint Social Work/Police visits to domestic abuse perpetrators whilst in Police custody. Interviews are undertaken by one Social Worker and one Police Officer, another Police Officer is also available to ensure appropriate risk measures are in place.
- Sunday visits to perpetrators whilst in custody within all South Lanarkshire Police cells. Not all perpetrators are interviewed, this is dependant on the number of incidents over the weekend and the location of police station.
- Offer a range of custodial alternatives, through the following:
 - Bail Supervision – dependant on severity of the incident
 - Alcohol Misuse Work – leaflet information
 - Substance Misuse Work – leaflet information
 - Couple Counselling – leaflet information
 - Family Mediation – leaflet information
 - Mental Health Referrals – as appropriate
 - Diversion through a combination of above
- Money will be spent predominately on worker salaries, with additional costs meeting admin, media and associated resources.
- Joint message was to highlight the impact of Domestic Abuse on partners and children.

3. Your outcomes

Briefly describe what difference your project made by listing its outcomes (the difference your project made to the people who used it)

This provides an initial progress update since the interview sheet has been in operation.

Table 1: Reasons for person being interviewed

| Criteria | Number |
|--|-----------|
| Severity of offence | 89 |
| Aggression: threats to kill | 1 |
| Argument, verbal abuse | 1 |
| Assault | 21 |
| Breach of bail | 4 |
| Breach of peace | 40 |
| Domestic incident | 1 |
| Persistent v. derogatory verbal abuse | 17 |
| Road traffic | 1 |
| Threatening texts | 2 |
| Threats and placing in fear and alarm | 1 |
| Vandalism | 3 |
| Children involved | 20 |
| SPECCSS | 16 |
| Learning / mental health issues | 5 |
| Young male | 9 |
| (blank) | 14 |
| Grand Total | 156 |

The main reason why the men are selected for interview is due to severity of offence. On analysis of the offences the highest was breach of the peace, followed by assault and then persistent versus derogatory verbal abuse.

There is a wide range of issues being identified at the interview (table 2). The main issues being identified are alcohol, relationship issues and family disputes. There are still a high number (8) who deny any responsibility.

In response to the issues raised, they are also sign posted to a wide range of services. The main services the person were sign posted to were SLC substance misuse team, family mediation and Is This You (table 3).

Table 2: Issues identified at interview

| Issues raised | Total |
|--|-------|
| Access to children | 17 |
| Alcohol | 44 |
| Anger management | 20 |
| Bereavement | 5 |
| Denies fault | 7 |
| Drug | 6 |
| Family disputes | 26 |
| Financial issues | 11 |
| Mental Health | 9 |
| Other - nothing wrong | 1 |
| Other - sexual problems | 1 |
| Other: dispute over mail | 1 |
| Other: partner has post natal depression | 2 |
| Other: work related stress | 1 |
| Other-gambling | 1 |
| Relationship issues | 48 |
| Grand Total | 200 |

Table 3: Services person sign posted to

| Information / sign posting | Total |
|---|-------|
| Advice on bail | 2 |
| Breathing Space | 5 |
| Domestic abuse helpline, same sex relationships | 2 |
| Family Mediation | 23 |
| Is This You | 29 |
| LADS | 3 |
| LIBER8 | 2 |
| Money Matters | 8 |
| No info required | 2 |
| Other - Bail supervision assessment | 2 |
| Other: Adult Education Information | 1 |
| Other: bail conditions | 4 |
| Other: bail supervision | 1 |
| Other: Bereavement | 1 |
| Other: children access | 1 |
| Other: Court process | 5 |
| Other: general advice regarding relationships | 1 |
| Other: general advice regarding risk | 2 |
| Other: GP | 10 |
| Other: Legal advice divorce | 1 |
| Other: Men's Health Leaflet | 6 |
| Other: reduction in alcohol use | 2 |
| Other:Kenith counselling | 1 |
| Parenting Apart | 2 |
| SLC Substance Misuse | 38 |
| (blank) | 5 |
| Grand Total | 159 |

This clearly shows that the vast majority of those individuals interviewed have been signposted to services that will help with issues which resulted in their detention.

There is regular evaluation of the pilot with partners. There are already a number of areas of development that have been identified that could assist the pilot evaluate the work better. It is hoped this can be implemented in April, 2010.

4. Target Group

(E.g. young offenders, women offenders, specific social needs, people at a particular stage in the criminal justice process)

Male perpetrators of domestic abuse – criteria set

5. Contribution to LCJA priorities

(How did this project contribute to reducing reoffending and the priorities set by the CJA in the area plan 2008-11)

| PROJECT OUTCOME | LINK TO LCJA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2008-11 | LINKS TO NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OFFENDERS |
|--|---|--|
| Promotion of community safety | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13; 3.1; 3.2; 3.5; 4.1; 4.2 | C1; C2; C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S1; S2; S4; S5; S6; S7 |
| Reduction in domestic abuse events overall | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13; 3.1; 3.2; 3.5; 6.1; 6.2 | C1; C2; C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S1; S2; S4; S5; S6; S7 |
| Reduction in repeat domestic abuse events against individual women | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13; 3.1; 3.2; 3.5; 6.1; 6.2 | C1; C2; C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S1; S2; S4; S5; S6; S7 |
| Improved engagement with services likely to help avoid offending | 2.5.9; 2.5.10 | C2; C6; O9; S2; S5; S6; S7 |
| Better relationships with family and friends | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13 | C2; C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S2; S4; S5; S6; S7 |
| Improvement in overall pro-social attitude (community responsibility) and social responsibility (as a non-offending citizen) | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10 | C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S2; S5; S6; S7 |
| Greater acceptance of personal responsibility for offence(s) and impact on victims | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10 | C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S2; S5; S6; S7 |
| Strengthened coping capacity and self-reliance (by developing alternative coping strategies) | 2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10 | C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; O9; S2; S5; S6; S7 |

6. Project Costs

Please give detailed costs for the project

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| Staff Costs: | Police | £15,000 |
| | Social Work | £12,000 |
| Other: | Ancillary (Admin/leaflets) | £13,000 |
| | Total | £40,000 |

Due to the project starting in June, the staff costs under spend was used to develop leaflets specifically for this pilot.

About your organisation

7. Organisation name

South Lanarkshire Council

8. Contact for the project

Arun Singh

9. organisation type

Social Work Resource

10. Signatory

Name:

Position:

Date:

Signature:

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Signature:

Position: