

Appendix 1 – Domestic Abuse Consultation

Questionnaire

About you

Are you answering the consultation as?

- a. An individual with personal interest
- b. An individual as a member of an organisation
- c. An Upper Tier Local Authority
- d. A Lower Tier Local Authority
- e. Other

Proposed Response

d. A Lower Tier Local Authority

From the list below, where are you or your organisation based?

- a. London
- b. South East
- c. North West
- d. East of England
- e. West Midlands
- f. South West
- g. Yorkshire and the Humber
- h. East Midlands
- i. North East
- j. National

Proposed Response

c. North West

Accommodation-based services

Q1. Do you agree with our definition of ‘accommodation-based services’ for victims and their children?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q2. Are there any other services, other than those listed, that you would define as an accommodation-based service?

- a. Yes, this accommodation-based service is...
- b. No
- c. Don't Know / No Opinion

Proposed Response

No

Support

Q3. Do you agree with our definition of 'support'?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q4. Do you define an accommodation-based service not listed here as support?

- a. Yes, This Support Service is...
- b. No
- c. Don't Know / No Opinion

Proposed Response

No

Statutory Duty

Q5. Do you agree with our approach of introducing a statutory duty underpinned by statutory guidance?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q6 Do you agree with placing the statutory duty on Tier 1 Authorities (County Councils, Metropolitan Councils, Unitary Authorities and the Greater London Authority) as 'Lead Authorities'?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

e. Strongly Disagree

The consultation states that *Tier 1 authorities also have related responsibilities and governance arrangements to draw on in leading this work, including their work on social care and convening of Health and Wellbeing Boards and Community Safety Partnerships and Children's Services*. However, it should be recognised that, out of these arrangements, Community Safety Partnerships are very much localised and in Pendle this is at a District, not County level.

It is therefore believed that the District Council as a Tier 2 authority, as delivering body, would be able to take a much more localised, coherent approach to assessing need for support for victims and their children in our area. The Council is best placed to understand local needs, in particular the inter-connection between housing and health issues within the borough. Working with local stakeholders to deliver a bottom up approach, will help drive transparency, quality and value for money from providers in the area.

Q7. Do you agree that a duty to co-operate should be placed on Tier2 Authorities and London Boroughs?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comment

Proposed Response

e. Strongly Disagree

It is believed that Tier 1 authorities should have the duty to co-operate with Tier 2 authorities which take the lead.

Accountability

Q8. Do you agree with the proposed representation on Local Partnership Boards?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree

- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments...

Proposed Response

- a. Strongly Agree

Q9. Do you believe your local authority has an existing governance structure in place which could meet the proposed role of the Board?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't Know / No Opinion

Comment

Proposed Response

a. Yes – potentially. Tier 2 councils take the lead, with duty to co-operate from Tier 1, then local CSP's could take on the role of the Local Partnership Board as there's probably a duplication of membership.

Q10. If you believe your local authority has an existing governance structure in place that could meet the proposed role of the Board...

- a. what is the structure of the Board?
- b. Who are the Board members?

Proposed Response

Pendle Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is the statutory Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). Whilst it links with the Pennine CSP (Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley and Rossendale joint CDRP), the responsible authorities are accountable for delivering the actions in the statutory Community Safety Strategy.

The CSP members are:

Pendle Borough Council (<i>responsible authority</i>)
Lancashire Police (<i>responsible authority</i>)
Lancashire County Council (<i>responsible authority</i>)
Probation Service (<i>responsible authority</i>)
Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (<i>responsible authority</i>)
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (<i>responsible authority</i>)
Public Health
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Together Housing
Inspire (Substance Misuse Service for adults)
Addaction (Substance Misuse Service for young people)
Community and Voluntary sector representative
Colne Community Safety Working Group

Q11. Do you agree with a duty to convene a Local Partnership Board?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

c. On the basis that other partnership structures already exist. A new Board would demand time and resources from already stretched agencies sitting on other forums

Q12. Do you agree with the role and remit of Local Partnership Boards?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q13. Do you agree with Local Partnership Boards assessing need for services?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q14. Do you agree with Local Partnership Boards developing local strategies?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree – provided that Tier 2 authorities are taking the lead. There is risk that large Tier 1 authorities will not fully understanding the needs of Tier 2 district areas and as such, some Tier 2 districts may receive inadequate recognition of the issues they face, in strategies developed.

Q15. Do you agree with Local Partnership Boards commissioning domestic abuse services in partnership with Tier 2 Authorities?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q16. Local authority/ providers: What would be the practical implications of meeting the proposed requirements of the statutory duty?

Comments...

Proposed Response

The main area for work would be in undertaking needs analysis exercises and then formulating plans / strategies to meet the outcomes from the needs analysis exercises. This would require considerable input from services attending the Local Partnership Board, along with the local Council. However, once this work has been undertaken and services, as required, put in place, it would be expected that the ongoing role would be in monitoring and evaluating local delivery.

Q17. Local Authority: What would be the financial implications of meeting the proposed requirements of the statutory duty?

Comments...

Proposed Response

There would be considerable work required by the local authority to administer the Local Partnership Board, undertake needs analysis work, commission / develop strategies and monitoring / evaluating local delivery. It would be anticipated that Pendle would require funding for 0.5FTE in order to deliver this type of work.

Needs Assessment

Q18: Do you think that Government should develop a standardised needs assessment form for local areas to use in assessing need for domestic abuse support services?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't Know / No Opinion

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Yes – making decisions in relation to need can often, to a point, be subjective and thus some standardisation would help avoid postcode lottery type approaches whereby some areas may have an oversupply of services whereas in other areas, there are clear gaps in services.

Q19. How often should the needs assessment be conducted?

- a. annually
- b. every 2 years
- c. every 3 years
- d. every 5 years
- e. other...

Proposed Response

c. every 3 years – this is assuming that an in-depth needs assessment has initially been conducted and that there have been no significant intervening issues which have arisen, which would suggest that a needs assessment needs to be undertaken prior to the 3 year cycle. A 3 year cycle avoids unnecessary administrative burdens in completing this type of task and allows sufficient time for any new issue to arise which could affect future needs assessments.

Reporting on Outcomes

Q20. Do you agree with Local Partnership Boards making commissioning decisions in partnership with Tier 2 Authorities?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q21. Do you agree that standardised reporting would promote accountability and transparency?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comment

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q22. Do you agree with the reporting themes suggested?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q23. Do you agree with the role and remit of the National Steering Group?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Q24. Do you agree with the proposed representation on National Steering Group?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

a. Strongly Agree

Guidance

Q25. Do you agree with the overall approach of the statutory guidance?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree

- c. Neither Agree or Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

Comments

Proposed Response

- a. Strongly Agree

Q26. What else would you like to have set out within the Guidance?

Comments...

Proposed Response

It is felt that the proposed factors set out within the Guidance is comprehensive in its approach.

Q27. What support would you find most useful to meet the requirements of the statutory duty and guidance?

Comments...

It is felt that the proposed statutory guidance would be the most useful in meeting the requirements of the statutory duty.

Q28. Do you think that the proposed policy will help local areas ensure the needs of all victims and their children can be met?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't Know / No Opinion

Comments

Proposed Response

- c. Don't Know / No Opinion

This depends on whether a Tier 1 approach is taken forward and if so, whether the Tier 1 authority is not so far removed from local Tier 2 areas, that need analysis work is insufficient and thus local needs may not be met.

Q29. What more could the Government do to ensure the needs of victims and their children with protected characteristics are supported?

Comments..

Proposed Response

It is hoped that these comprehensive proposals prove sufficient in meeting the needs of victims and their children with protected characteristics are supported.

