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1. Devon Domestic Violence Strategy Objectives

These originate from Devon's Domestic Violence Strategy 2002 – 2005 and are:

- To reduce repeat incidents of domestic violence in Devon by 15% from 1708 to 1452 by April 2005
- To increase the level of reportage by 10% from 5743 to 6317, by improving early intervention services, by April 2005.

2. Political Policy Framework

In recent years there has been a growing awareness of domestic violence as a major social problem which has a potentially devastating impact on those affected by it, and which in turn has serious human and financial implications for society as a whole. This has been recognised by Central Government which produced multi-agency guidance under the "Living Without Fear" initiative in 1999. Since then the importance of the issue has been highlighted through the Government's Green Paper 'Safety and Justice'.

3. Devon Domestic Violence Strategy 2002 - 2005

The strategy was written to meet these objectives and was launched on 25th November 2002 at a county-wide Domestic Violence Conference at which the Chief Executives for Police, Probation, Crown Prosecution Service, Devon County Council and Exeter Primary Care Trust expressed their commitment to uphold the need to tackle domestic violence.

The Strategy focusses on four areas of service development:

- Work with Survivors
- Work with Children and Young People
- Work with Perpetrators
- Training and Awareness Raising.

To oversee the implementation the Devon DV Partnership was set up. This partnership was divided into working groups for each of the four areas to monitor the service developments and the use of the pooled budget, which is summarised below.

4. Budget 2003 - 2004

4.1 Revenue Sources

Source of Funding	£
Devon County Council (PSA, Chief Exec & SSD)	396,475
Community Safety Partnerships	28,000
Devon & Cornwall Care Trust	45,000
Devon & Cornwall Police	45,000
Devon & Cornwall Probation	5,000
TOTAL	519,475

4.2 Expenditure

Service Provided*	£
Outreach for Women	158,863
Outreach for Men	30,504
Training	68,669
Work with Children	167,639
Co-ordination	60,800
Criminal Justice Pilot, BME, Media- awareness & data development	33,000
TOTAL	519,475

*Detail of local expenditure is in the appendices.

5. Brief outline of each service

The strategy was written to meet these objectives and was launched on 25th November 2002 at a county-wide

5.1 Outreach for Women:

Run by Women's Aid and Devon & Cornwall Housing this is a largely voluntary sector service to provide wide-ranging support to victims and survivors of domestic violence in each of the eight districts in Devon (confidential helpline; face to face befriending; access to counselling; support groups; advocacy). Funding for 4 districts has been provided wholly through the Domestic Violence Partnership; the remaining 4 districts receive some funding from the DV Partnership whilst also in receipt of external funds eg Comic Relief.

5.2 Outreach for Men:

Devon MALE is a county-wide helpline and outreach service funded currently by the Domestic Violence Partnership. This is a unique service in the UK that in its first 12 months of operation has:

- Written & distributed 6,000 Devon M.A.L.E. leaflets to Police, CAB, Probation, NHS Direct, 250 GP surgeries, Health Visitors & many individual organisations across Devon
- Received over 200 calls from males identifying as victims
- Provided on-going outreach to 8 male victims
- Established working relationship with agencies, workers and leaders with the gay, bi and trans communities.

The Home Office recognise this innovative project and asked Devon MALE to facilitate the only national consultation meeting for male victims in the country (to inform Safety and Justice). The media interest in this project is high through local press (Express & Echo, Gemini Radio & Plymouth Sound); 2 interviews by BBC Radio Devon; Radio 5 Live 30 minute feature on male victims; Radio Cornwall; half page feature in Gay Times; BBC featured the helpline number; The Bill (Nov 2003). It is, however, extremely difficult to say how many of the callers are truly 'victims of domestic violence'. Callers need range from court support over an injunction to providing assurance that a particular course of action is 'ok'. Only hearing 'one side' of the story can raise the difficult issue of collusion.

Service	October 2002 - March 2003	5 March 2003 - 30 October 2003
Number of men supported	Establishment of project; advertising, recruiting, research, consultation with agencies, production of marketing materials	38 men for 980 hours total provision.
Confidential telephone helpline		38 men
Face to face meetings		8 men for 25 hours (approx)
Advocacy		4 men for 7 hours
Area of origin of new contacts		8 Exeter; 4 North Devon; 3 Teignbridge; 2 Torbay; 1 West; 5 Plymouth; 8 national
Perpetrator		12 wives; 9 ex-wives; 6 female partners; 1 male partner; 1 son; 1 ex-landlord; 1 partner's ex-male partner; 1 male friend
Where did survivor hear about the service?		8 Police; 4 friends; 3 mental health; 3 website; 2 Victim Support; 1 CAB; 1 Health Visitor; 9 other (media)
Number of travel to/from hours per service		40 hours (face to face); 4 hours per advocacy case
Information		1000+ mailshots

5.3 SafeProject (Outreach for girls/young women) Figures for the 18 month period starting January 2002 to the end June 2003

52% of the women had children. 97% of these children were under 5 years old. 9% of the women were pregnant. Age spread: 14 – 18 years (37%); 19 – 22 years (35%) and 23 – 25 years (27%).

	Jan - June 2002 Total	July - Dec 2002 2002	Jan - June 2003	18 month Total
Requests & Enquiries	166	181	169	516
Referrals	27	31	34	92
Outreach Support				
Sessions	31	45	63	139
Number of girls & young women	15*	8*	31	54*
Phone Support				
Calls	75	109	154	338
Number of girls & young women	19*	13*	26*	58*
Training & Events				
Sessions	30	47	34	111
14 – 25 year olds	47	173	307	527
Other	89	90	115	294
Multi-agency & Development Meetings	50	54	47	151
Number of People Using Project				
14 – 15 year olds	97	232	337	666
Other	121	138	154	413
Total	218	370	491	1079

*Denotes the total number of girls & young women who received support. A young woman may have benefited from more than one phone and/or outreach support in any one month.

SafeProject: Breakdown of Referrals for 18 month Period

Referrals have come from Exeter (50%), East Devon (28%) and Mid Devon (22%).

Type of referral		Specific referral	
Refuges and Outreach	19%	Exeter Refuge	10%
		East Devon Safe House	2%
		Outreach	5%
		Other Outreach	2%
Social Services	17%	Exeter	3.5%
		East Devon	10%
		Mid Devon	3.5%
Health	17%	Health Visitors	12%
		CAMHS	3.5%
		GP	2%
Voluntary agencies	16%	Family Centres	5%
		EDP	3.5%
		Homeless Groups	3.5%
		YAC	2%
		Homestart	2%
Education	8.5%	Schools	5%
		Colleges	3.5%
Victim Support	6%	Exeter	2%
		East Devon	2%
		Mid Devon	2%
DV Officers (Police)	5%	Exeter	5%
		East Devon	0%
		Mid Devon	0%
Self Referral	3%		
Friends and Family	3%		
Solicitors	2%		
Probation	2%		
Connexions	2%		

5.4 Telephone helpline:

All refuges and outreach outlets operate telephone helplines. From the victims' perspective it might be easier to access services in Devon through one telephone number. The pilot running in East, Exeter and Mid Devon where one number will serve all three districts will enable us to understand the benefits of providing a 'one stop' number.

The helpline started on 8th July 2003. It is staffed for eight hours a week. One worker and one volunteer are present. Total hours staffed in this period: 136 hours.

Information about the calls : July 2003 – October 2003	
Number accessing the service	42 calls totalling 5 hours and 35 minutes 19 calls from women; 10 from agencies (1 Health directory; 2 refuge; 1 Probation; 1 WA; 1 Intouch YCS; 1 Alexandra House; 1 SSD; 1 GP; 1 unknown) and 13 other
Area of origin of women accessing the service	3 Exeter; 5 Mid Devon; 5 East Devon; 6 not known
Source of Referral	9 self; 5 outreach; 2 DVO; 1 Citizens Advice; 1 SSD; 1 Probation;
Outcome of Call (may be more than one outcome for each call)	10 listening/support; 8 giving information; 3 discussing available options; 5 arranging face to face; referral to: 1 Exeter outreach; 2 Mid Devon outreach; 5 East Devon outreach; 2 refuge; 1 DV Legal advice line; 1 solicitor; 2 left message for outreach worker. 2 calls required immediate action and these were referrals to the refuge.
Number of women with children	8 with; 6 without; 5 unknown
Details of abuser	8 husband; 1 ex husband; 1 male partner; 2 ex male partner; 7 unknown
Missed calls and messages	65 missed calls; 6 messages
Agency calls	4 general info; 2 info re existing outreach referrals; 4 request for leaflets etc
Male calls	1 on behalf of a woman; 1 referral to Male Advice Line; 3 unrelated to outreach

5.5 Services for minority communities:

Although the overall % of people from black and ethnic minority groups is less than 1% there are significant issues of domestic violence from within these and other minority communities (same sex, travellers, people with disabilities). Work is commencing in Exeter to better understand the needs of scores of different groups and to introduce appropriate support services.

5.6 Training:

Devon Domestic Violence Partnership is running a one-day, multi-agency awareness-raising training programme to 1,000 delegates a year. By April 2004 809 delegates will have received this course. Courses run in each district (approximately 80 courses a year) by a team of multi-agency trainers (12). This level 1 course is being supplemented by a two day, multi-agency level 2, Open College Network accredited course 'Domestic Violence – The Impact on Children and Young People'. This will be piloted

to 48 people 2003 – 2004 before being rolled out from April 2004 (one course a month, 14 delegates per course). Two further level two courses are being developed this year – focussing on law, housing, BME and gender issues.

5.7 Children's pilot work:

Between 40 – 70% of children living with an abused mother will be directly abused by the same violent man and domestic violence is experienced by over half the children on the 'at risk' register. Early prevention work is essential if we are to attempt to stop this abuse; research indicates that by early teens children who have lived within violent households believe that 'hitting' is acceptable.

The Children's work this year has focussed on the following pieces of pilot work:

- Consultation with over 100 children and young people in schools and the community (Not in Front of the Children report available separately or from the website).
- Development of Awareness-Raising materials by children for children
- Development of a website for children by children
- Peer education project
- Work with children and families following police intervention at domestic violence incidents
- Training for volunteer sector youth and community workers
- Advanced training for community practitioners working specifically with children
- Drama and video workbook for schools
- Piloting use of national PSHE curriculum material in primary and secondary schools, including twilight training for school staff.

5.8 Children in refuges:

Women in flight necessarily uproot children. Research identifies that children want support specific to their needs. Funds are used for play sessions and counselling for children, and to help with parenting skills.

5.9 Criminal Justice work:

If we are to reduce repeat victimisation we need to: improve the services that ensure women report earlier in the cycle of violence; engage earlier with the support agencies; be more successful via the criminal justice agencies in addressing the crime and bringing cases to court. A pilot in Exeter has been started focussed on the following activities:

- Training all 170 police officers in the Exeter area in enhanced evidence gathering in DV cases (Centrex)
- Training of all associated agencies in Exeter (Centrex)
- Consultation with survivors to understand the reasons why they withdraw from the court process (full report 'Why victims of domestic violence withdraw charges made against the perpetrator', available from the website)
- Research by Exeter University establishing the baseline of reported incidents over a two month period to trace attrition
- Revision of work of criminal justice & support agencies to streamline the process to increase successful prosecutions and to improve support to survivors.

5.10 Awareness Raising:

As well as individual training it is beneficial in each locality to bring professionals and volunteers together to address the inter-agency domestic violence issues concerning them. These annual events are co-ordinated by the local Domestic Violence Forums/Community Safety Partnership. In 2003 –4 such district events were run in East, Mid and North Devon.

5.11 Website:

A Partnership website has been developed providing all the information of the work being undertaken, on-line booking for training courses and potential further developments for interactivity.

5.12 Publications:

The Partnership has written or commissioned the following documents which are available on the website: Domestic Violence in Devon: A Mapping Exercise (Nov 2001); Devon Domestic Violence Strategy 2002 – 2005 (Oct 2002); Devon Domestic Violence Business Plan 2003 – 2004; Tackling Domestic Violence: Evaluation of Pilot Training (2003); Tackling Domestic Violence: Inter Agency Training Programme (2003); Why victims of domestic violence withdraw charges made against the perpetrator: A qualitative study (May 2003); Not in front of the Children: Domestic Violence Consultation Executive Summary and Full Report (July 2003).

6. Timescale, Monitoring and Evaluation of DCC-funded pilot work

Much of the pilot work being undertaken in supporting children witnessing or experiencing domestic violence, outreach for minority communities, outreach for male victims and evidence enhancement measures concludes in March 2004. Stringent monitoring will enable evaluation of the effectiveness of these projects and opportunities / costs of expanding these services (including mainstreaming) across all districts.

7. Detailed District profiles on scale, cost and services

7.1 Domestic Violence in East Devon

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
125,525	99,701	49,850

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for East Devon
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ¹	Approximately 5,538 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ²	Approximately 12,462 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ³	Approximately 8,308 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in East Devon

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household⁴. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in East Devon	Total cost of providing services in East Devon
£60	55,011	£3,300,660

Scale of Domestic Violence in East Devon (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

East Devon	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 -2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	616	547	626	1118	1131	1.1	9.01
Where children present		275	300	341	341		
Incidents involving repeat victims			70	336	313		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	37 255	33 242	34 265	169 709			

¹ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

² Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

³ British Crime Survey

⁴ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in East Devon

Women's East Devon Outreach monitoring statistics

The Partnership funded this new outreach service in East Devon which started in January 2003.

Service	February 2003 – October 2003
Number of women supported	43 women and 44 children, 19 family groups (11 from Exeter, 30 from East Devon, 1 Torbay)
Ethnicity	39 White European; 2 Asian; 2 Turkish Kurdish
Special Needs Services	Interpreter for Asian woman; 1 Hindu required advocacy support to understand injunction/solicitor visits; 3 with learning/speech difficulties
Relationship to Perpetrator	1 ex wife of Perpetrator; 15 wife of perpetrator; 21 female partner of perpetrator; 1 mother of perpetrator; 4 not known
Confidential telephone helpline	148 telephone calls (minimum) for total of 8 hours (minimum)
Face to face meetings	32 face to face meetings for a total (minimum) of 32 hours
Source of Referral	11 self; 7 Victim Support; 4 refuge; 4 Police; 3 Health Visitor; 3 friends; 2 SSD; 2 Exeter Drugs project; 1 Hospital; 1 CAB; 1 Helpline; 1 CPN; 1 Islamic Centre; 1 Family Centre; 1 Enabling Centre; 1 Employer
Outcome of Intervention	5 home (alone); 4 Home (alone) injunction; 2 home reconciled; 3 refuge; 1 friends; 3 private housing (new tenancy); 9 no change (2 with Police & Solicitor intervention, 5 with info support); 13 not known
Counselling	1 woman has received 7 sessions (hourly) and the counselling is on-going

East Devon Refuge

Service	September 2002 – April 2003	April 2003 – September 2003
New Residents during the period	13 Adult Residents and 9 Children	22 Residents and 20 Children
Sources of all Referrals	7 from different Refuges East Devon Local Authority Mid Devon Local Authority Social Services Police Health Visitor	5 from different Refuges Social Services HAG Self Exmouth Hospital 2 from Outreach Projects East Devon Local Authority
Reason for refusal of place in refuge	31 enquires No vacancies Room too small for 6 Children Self-contained flat not suitable	59 enquiries. No vacancies Room not big enough to house 5 children
Work with Mum and Child	25 sessions	65 sessions
Work with parents	108 sessions	146 sessions

Male Outreach Support (see 5.2)**Training and Awareness Raising****Level 1 Training Course Delegates in East Devon area**

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	East Devon delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	7	4	103	721
Sept 03 – April 04	630	70	11	103	7,210
Total	809	77	9.5		7,931

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Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	28,600	28,600
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	7,931	9,785
Total	40,281	42,135

Summary

Domestic Violence in East Devon, based on accepted research (see above) costs the statutory agencies £3,300,660 a year. According to 2002 – 2003 police statistics, of the 1131 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (848) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (283). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in East Devon experiencing domestic violence a year is 5,538. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. In Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £40,281 in East Devon in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £42,135 (dependent on partnership funding from East Devon Community Safety Partnership). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.2 Domestic Violence in Exeter

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
111,078	85,656	42,828

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for Exeter
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ⁵	Approximately 4,758 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ⁶	Approximately 10,707 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ⁷	Approximately 7,138 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in Exeter

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household⁸. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in EExeter	Total cost of providing services in Exeter
£60	46,573	£2,794,380

Scale of Domestic Violence in Exeter (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

Exeter	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 -2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	1082	1098	1018	1319	2060	56.1.1	18.55
Where children present		506	430	608	743	22.2	
Incidents involving repeat victims			125	415	684		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	35 446	40 466	45 385	174 762			

⁵ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

⁶ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

⁷ British Crime Survey

⁸ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in Exeter

Women's Exeter Outreach monitoring statistics

The Partnership funded this new outreach service in Exeter which started in November 2002.

Service	November 2002 to May 2003	May 2003 – end October 2003
Number of women supported	25 women; 36 children	37 women and 79 children
Confidential telephone helpline	Not up and running	142 contacts (not freephone helpline)
Face to face meetings	26	42 contacts
Advocacy	1	40 contacts
Volunteer Support		14 face to face contacts
Email support		4 contacts
Other agencies involved with the women		17 Health Visitors; 8 CPN; 8 Social Services; 24 DVO; 19 Solicitors; 11 Victim Support; 2 Homestart; 2 Exeter Drugs Project; 8 Family Centre
Area of origin of new contacts		37 from Exeter
Ethnicity	23 white European; 1 Arab; 1 Asian	37 white European
Source of Referral	8 Police; 4 self; 2 other refuge; 1 other SSD; 1 health; 1 helpline; 8 other	10 self; 6 Exeter refuge; 5 Police; 1 SSD; 2 HV; 2 Helpline; 5 Victim Support; 1 Exeter Drugs Project; 1 HAG; 1 Family Centre; 1 Esther Community; 2 Mid Devon outreach
Relationship of victim to perpetrator	10 wife to husband perpetrator; 6 ex-wife to ex-husband perpetrator; 6 partner to male perpetrator; 1 mother to daughter perpetrator; 2 unknown	14 wife to husband perpetrator; 7 ex-wife to ex-husband perpetrator; 15 partner to male perpetrator; 1 mother to son perpetrator
Support Needs for Children		79 Children: 24 0 – 5 years; 32 5 – 11 years; 14 11 – 18 years
Qualitative Comment	<p>"In the past I had been too scared to take it (injunction, police, fear of financial ruin, isolation) to the end. Now I realise I would have had support. I was too frightened and tried to keep it secret. I was too ashamed. The project helped me push through instead of hoping it would all go away and be ok." "I have begun to come to terms and admit to myself some of the things that happened. Now can freely talk about them which feels like a huge weight off my shoulders." "I realised that I wasn't to blame". "I gained confidence and the knowledge that it wasn't all my fault and that I can survive on my own." "I know that isolation was part of the violence and it made it harder for me to find help."</p>	
Outcome of Intervention		38 total: 2 Home (alone); 8 Home (alone) with Injunction; 1 refuge; 2 friends/family; 3 private housing (new tenancy); 1 hospital; 1 B&B; 4 Supported housing (new tenancy); 5 LA accommodation (new tenancy); 5 no change; 2 not known; 1 other country; 3 other city
Counselling	<p>2 women; 1 attended one session & didn't return; 2nd woman has had 3 sessions and they are on-going (each session is one hour with qualified counsellor). Before: "...she appeared frightened & would not make eye contact and looked to the counsellor to make decisions for her". After: "she felt more in control and realised she had never been allowed to make a decision in her life. She is now looking for a way forward and realises she has choices...She does not cry every day and wants to find a new purpose to her life."</p>	

Freephone Telephone Helpline (see 5.4)

SafeProject (see 5.3)

Women's Refuge in Exeter

Service	September 2002 – April 2003 (moved to new premises in Oct restricted referrals)	April 2003 – September 2003
New Residents during the period	50 women; 51 children; 23 family groups	51 women; 62 children; 34 family groups
Area of origin of new referrals	46% Exeter; 8% Plymouth; 8% East Devon; 6% Mid Devon; 6% Teignbridge; 2% North; 24% other	41% Exeter; 12% rest of Devon; 37% outside Devon; 6% Plymouth; 4% Torbay
Source of Referral	19 self; 10 Police; 8 other refuge; 3 LA Housing; 3 Health; 2 outside Devon SSD; 1 local SSD; 1 solicitors; 1 friend; 1 helpline; 1 other	14 self; 12 Police; 5 Health; 5 other refuge; 4 local SSD; 4 other SSD; 3 helpline; 4 other
Occupancy Rate	1537 room days available; 83% occupancy	2013 room days available; 94% occupancy
Reason for refusal of place in refuge	49 no vacancy; 3 other;	138 no vacancy; 1 older male child; 1 mental health issue; 14 other
Work with children during play sessions	112 sessions with total of 498 child attendances	141 sessions with total of 550 child attendances
Work with children one to one sessions	2 sessions with 2 children	20 sessions with 14 children
Work with parents, one to one sessions	12 sessions with 7 parents	48 sessions with 23 parents
Qualitative outcomes of support work with women	Work with mothers included support with behaviour, support with school issues including taking on an advocacy role in meetings at school, dealing with child protection concerns & supporting a woman in her contact with SSD	Work with women has led to improvements in parent's understanding of their children's behaviour & ways of responding, which in turn has led to improved behaviour from children & better relationships between children & parents
Qualitative outcomes of support work with children	One to one work explored self esteem & helping cyp talk about the violence they'd witnessed. All activities helped cyp express themselves, to learn about sharing & co-operation & to have time to discuss issues & concerns with individual play workers. Cyp able to talk about positives & negatives about life in a refuge.	Children have been helped to work through some of their confusion & fears; both about being in a refuge & about their past experiences. Some children have learnt to play & express themselves for the first time & this has led to positive changes in their behaviour & in their interactions with others.
Destination of residents on departing	6 to another refuge; 3 home (alone); 3 friends/family; 2 home (alone) with injunction; 1 home (reconciled); 1 not known	5 to another refuge; 2 home (alone); 5 friends/family; 3 home (alone) with injunction; 4 home (reconciled); 1 not known

Male Outreach Support (see 5.2)

School's drama project (see 5.7)

Criminal Justice Agencies 'Evidence Enhancement' Exeter pilot STATS?

Training and Awareness Raising

Delegates in Exeter area for Level 1 Course

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	Exeter delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	51	28	103	5,253
Sept 03 – April 04	630	224	35.5	103	23,072
Total	809	275	34		28,325

Value of services provided for Exeter under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership

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Service	2003 - 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	28,600	28,000
Women's Refuge*	46,587	?
SafeProject	9,165	?
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)*	28,325	37,080
Total	116,427	68,830

Summary

Domestic Violence in Exeter, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies £2,794,380 a year. According to 2002 – 2003 police statistics, of the 2,060 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (1545) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (515). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in Exeter experiencing domestic violence a year is 4,759. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. To put this in context, in Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £116,427 in Exeter in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will be £68,830 (dependent on partnership funding from Exeter Community Safety Partnership). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.3 Domestic Violence in Mid Devon

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
69,772	53,529	26,764

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for Mid Devon
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ⁹	Approximately 2,974 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ¹⁰	Approximately 6,691 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ¹¹	Approximately 4,460 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in Mid Devon

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household¹². This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in Mid Devon	Total cost of providing services in Mid Devon
£60	28,928	£1,735,680

Scale of Domestic Violence in Mid Devon (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

Mid Devon	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 -2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	409	413	443	622	582	-6.4	8.34
Where children present		214	203	306	275	-10.0	
Incidents involving repeat victims			58	206	185		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	22 180	26 188	28 175	62 411			

⁹ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

¹⁰ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

¹¹ British Crime Survey

¹² Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in Mid Devon

4.1 Women's Mid Devon Outreach monitoring statistics

Outreach in Mid Devon was set up as a new service from January 2003, funded by the DV Partnership.

Service	November 2002 to May 2003	May 2003 – end October 2003
Number of women supported	12 women and 19 children	23 women and 31 children
Confidential telephone helpline	23 calls (15 hours)	16 calls (9 hours)
Face to face meetings	27 meetings (34 hours)	37 meetings (39 hours)
Advocacy	16 women (6 hours)	12 women (6 hours)
Volunteer support	-	8 women (8 hours)
Source of Referral	6 self; 1 refuge; 1 Police; 2 GP; 1 HV; 2 CPN; 1 Homestart; 2 Church Housing Action Team; 2 Victim Support;	3 self; 1 refuge; 2 SSD; 1 GP; 2 HV; 2 Helpline; 1 Family Centre; 2 CHAT; 1 Victim Support; 1 SafeProject; 1 outreach
Other agencies involved with the women	2 Health Visitors; 3 Social Services; 2 DVO; 2 Solicitors; 1 Family Centre	2 Health visitors; 3 CPN; 6 Social Services; 2 DVO and 3 Family Centre
Area of origin of new contacts	18 new contacts from mid Devon	17 new contacts: 1 Exeter; 16 mid Devon
Ethnicity	12 white European	21 white European; 2 White/Asian
No with Mental Health involvement	1	
Qualitative summary of six months	<p>1 woman supported to move to refuge; 1 to get locks changed; 1 woman support to improve contact to reduce abuse; 1 woman supported to get teenage abusive son housed elsewhere; Service user's evaluation comment: "impressed by my experiences of the project - a very valuable service to prevent & end DV"</p> <p>Letter "I feel fine at the moment, it feels like a great weight has been lifted off my shoulders and I can now get on with my life with the boys."</p>	<p>"feeling safe in her home"; "feeling more positive and confident, moving forward with her life - looking into college courses, work & swimming lessons. Would like to volunteer for outreach in the future";</p> <p>Stated "I've never had support like I've had since I came to the refuge and Exeter. You've been so helpful. I feel like I can really start a new life now. I can start thinking of me and my son. Thank you."; "Thank you for meeting me today. My head is much clearer now. You've done me the world of good, I feel much better and happier."</p>
Relationship of victim to perpetrator	3 wife to ex husband perpetrator; 2 partner to male perpetrator; 1 mother to son perpetrator; 6 ex partner to male perpetrator	5 wife to perpetrator; 5 partner to male perpetrator; 9 ex partner to male perpetrator; 2 ex wife to perpetrator; 1 mother to son perpetrator; 1 wife/mother to husband and son perpetrator
Outcome of Intervention	11 total: 1 outside Devon refuge; 1 LA accommodation (new tenancy); 4 not known; 5 no change;	22 total: 1 Home (alone); 1 Friends/Family; 1 private housing (new tenancy); 13 no change; 6 not known; 1 bought another property
Counselling	4 women; 1st 15 hourly sessions and work now finished; 2nd 10 sessions and work now finished; 3rd 4 sessions and on-going; 4th 2 sessions and on-going Before: "she said she felt very angry & completely worthless...she had very low self-esteem and was blaming herself for everything that happened to her". After: "I can look people in the eye and feel proud of myself...I know I was not to blame and am much more in control of my life. I have moved on and feel so much more confident."	

Male Outreach support (see 5.2)

SafeProject (see 5.3)

Training and Awareness Raising

Delegates in Mid Devon area

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	Mid Devon delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	13	7	103	1,339
Sept 03 – April 04	630	30	4.7	103	3,090
Total	809	43	5		4,429

Value of services provided for Mid Devon under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership 2003 - 4 and 2004 - 5

Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	8,000 (rest from lottery)	28,000
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	4,429	5,150
Total	16,179	36,900

Summary

Domestic Violence in Mid Devon, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies £1,735,680 a year. According to 2002 – 2003 police statistics, of the 582 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (437) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (145). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in Mid Devon experiencing domestic violence a year is 2,974. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. To put this in context, in Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £16,179 in Mid Devon in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £36,900 (dependent on partnership funding from Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.4 Domestic Violence in North Devon

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
87,518	67,733	33,866

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for North Devon
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ¹³	Approximately 3,762 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ¹⁴	Approximately 8,466 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ¹⁵	Approximately 5,644 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in North Devon

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household¹⁶. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in North Devon	Total cost of providing services in North Devon
£60	36,727	£2,206,620

Scale of Domestic Violence in North Devon (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

North Devon	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	649	681	682	1059	1169	9.7	13.28
Where children present		285	301	437	482	10.3	
Incidents involving repeat victims			85	367	376		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	44 266	30 255	40 261	128 654			

¹³ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

¹⁴ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

¹⁵ British Crime Survey

¹⁶ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in North Devon

Women's North Devon Outreach monitoring statistics

Service	September 02 – April 03	April 03 – Sept 03
Total number of women supported	70 women; 43 from North Devon, 27 from Torridge	47
Nature of support provided:		
Confidential telephone helpline		30 women
Face to face meetings		29 women, 138 hours
Therapeutic groups and support groups		22 women, 39 hours
Pattern Changing Course	9 women	12 women
Information provided eg solicitors, housing etc		18 women
Source of Referral	10 self; 12 refuge; 8 police; 4 SSD; 3 LA Housing; 7 Solicitors; 2 friends/family; 1 ND College; 1 Family Consultancy; 5 Mental Health Services; 4 Health Visitor; 3 Victim Support; 1 Probation; 1 WA Website	11 from refuge; 2 self; 4 Police; 2 solicitors; 4 friends/family; 8 mental health; 6 health visitor; 2 GP; 2 probation; 1 ND College; 1 Victim Support; 1 Sure Start; 3 Barnstaple Poverty Action Group.
No with SSD involvement		6 women
Relationship of victim to perpetrator	10 wife of husband perpetrator; 26 ex wife of ex husband perpetrator; 33 female partner to male partner perpetrator; 1 mother to step-daughter perpetrator	
Ethnicity	70 white European	
Support Needs for Children	50 boys and 43 girls; 28 0 – 5 years; 42	
No with Mental Health involvement	5 - 11 years; 24 11- 18 years	15 women
Qualitative summary of six months		<p>a) actively supported & aided 3 women in leaving + staying out of an abusive relationship</p> <p>b) supported a further 4 women who were considering returning to an abusive relationship who remained out of that home</p> <p>c) worked with 2 women where SSD have written our contact into their care plan</p> <p>d) 12 women have completed pattern changing course</p> <p>e) 16 out of 47 referrals came directly from Health</p> <p>f) Of the 43 referrals in previous six months (Sept 02 – April 03) 27 are known to not have returned to abusive partner or a new abusive relationship</p>

Women's Aid Refuge

This takes 8 families (25 bedspaces), usually accommodating a higher number of children than adult women. Social Services contributes £6,469 and Devon County Council £6,469 per annum to support work with children.

Service	October 2002 – April 2003	April 2003 – September 2003
New Residents during the period	26 women, 36 children, 18 family groups	30 women, 49 children
Source of Referral	11 self; 1 refuge; 5 police; 3 SSD; 3 housing; 1 health; 2 helpline	6 self; 9 other refuge; 3 police; 8 housing; 2 health; 1 SSD; 1 friends
Reason for refusal of place in refuge	2 drugs/alcohol; 2 mental health; 59 no vacancy; 17 not suitable space	106 no vacancy; 7 not DV
Work with children	95 child attendance at 330 play sessions; 61 children in 94 one to one sessions with children	64 children assisted in 96 one to one sessions; 93 children provided with 289 play sessions
Work with parents	24 parents assisted in 52 one to one sessions	28 parents assisted in 45 one to one sessions

Male Outreach support (see 5.2)

Training and Awareness Raising Delegates in North Devon area

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	North Devon/ Torrige delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	43	24	103	4,429
Sept 03 – April 04	630	90	14	103	9,270
Total	809	133			13,699

Form 61 / Family Intervention programme

Consultation with children and young people in Devon (2003) revealed that these young people suffering from domestic violence want support. National research has found that children, by the age of 13, have established patterns of behaviour such that boys believe it is acceptable to hit a girl, and girls to be hit. The Partnership is keen to look at long-term prevention measures to change these patterns of behaviour in children. Women's Aid are being part-funded by Children's Fund and part-funded by Devon DV Partnership to run an intervention programme with children identified as 'present' at an incident of domestic violence (Police form 61). Women's Aid will work with two groups; one where women victims have come forward voluntarily for help for themselves and their children; the second group where Women's Aid proactively work with the Police to encourage women and their children to attend their intervention programme. The work will be evaluated in 2004 – 5..

**Value of services provided for North Devon under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership
2003 - 4 and 2004 - 5**

Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	17,513	28,000
Women's Refuge	12,937	12,937
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	13,699	14,420
Form 61/Family intervention programme	5,000	-
Total	52,899	59,107

Summary

Domestic Violence in North Devon, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies £2,206,620 a year. According to 2002 – 2003 police statistics, of the 1,162 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (872) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (290). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in North Devon experiencing domestic violence a year is 8,466. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. To put this in context, in Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £52,900 in North Devon in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £59,107 (dependent on partnership funding from North Devon/Torridge Community Safety Partnerships). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.5 Domestic Violence in South Hams

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
81,900	63,276	31,638

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for South Hams
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ¹⁸	Approximately 3,515 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ¹⁹	Approximately 7,909 women likely to experience domestic violence in a lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ²⁰	Approximately 5,273 men likely to experience domestic violence in a lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in South Hams

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household²¹. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in South Hams	Total cost of providing services in South Hams
£60	38,842	£2,210,520

Scale of Domestic Violence in South Hams (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

South Hams	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 -2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	316	282	271	358	469	31	5.73
Where children present		150	125	159	220	38.4	
Incidents involving repeat victims			23	90	112		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	9 134	16 134	19 106	49 215			

¹⁸ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

¹⁹ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

²⁰ British Crime Survey

²¹ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in South Hams

Women's South Devon Outreach monitoring statistics (15.5% from Teignbridge; 18.9% - 24% from South Hams; 25.6% from Torbay and 37.81% from other areas)

Service	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	April 2003 – Sept 03
Total number of telephone helpline calls	894	855		542
Face to face meetings	208	166		101
New Contacts				108
Total number of volunteer hours	2,879 hours	2,895 hours		

Male Outreach support (see 5.2)

Training and Awareness Raising

Delegates in South Hams & Teignbridge area

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	South Hams/ Teignbridge delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	52	29	103	5,356
Sept 03 – April 04	630	150	24	103	15,450
Total	809	202	24.9		20,808

Value of services provided for South Hams under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership

Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	5,000 (rest lottery funded)	28,000
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	20,806	29,644
Total	29,556	61,394

Summary

Domestic Violence in South Hams, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies **£2,210,520** a year. According to police statistics, 2002 – 2003, of the 469 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (352) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (117). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in South Hams experiencing domestic violence a year is 3,515. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. To put this in context, in Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £29,556 in South Hams in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £61,394 (dependent on partnership funding from South Hams Community Safety Partnership). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.6 Domestic Violence in Teignbridge

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
120,967	94,019	47,009

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for Teignbridge
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ²²	Approximately 5,223 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ²³	Approximately 11,752 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ²⁴	Approximately 7,834 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in Teignbridge

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household²⁵. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in North Devon	Total cost of providing services in North Devon
£60	51,417	£3,085,020

Scale of Domestic Violence in Teignbridge (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

Teignbridge	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	572	547	558	628	819	30.4	6.77
Where children present		271	289	283	406	43.5	
Incidents involving repeat victims			61	164	211		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	26 266	27 243	44 245	70 352			

²² Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

²³ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

²⁴ British Crime Survey

²⁵ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in Teignbridge

Women's South Devon Outreach monitoring statistics (15.5% from Teignbridge; 18.9% - 24% from South Hams; 25.6% from Torbay and 37.81% from other areas)

Service	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	April 2003 – Sept 03
Total number of telephone helpline calls	894	855		542
Face to face meetings	208	166		101
New Contacts				108
Total number of volunteer hours	2,879 hours	2,895 hours		

Male Outreach support (see 5.3)

Training and Awareness Raising

Delegates in South Hams & Teignbridge area

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	South Hams/ Teignbridge delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	52	29	103	5,356
Sept 03 – April 04	630	150	24	103	15,450
Total	809	202	24.9		20,808

Value of services provided for Teignbridge under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership

Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	5,000 (rest lottery funded)	28,000
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	20,806*	29,644*
Total	29,556	61,394

*shared cost with South Hams

Summary

Domestic Violence in Teignbridge, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies **£3,085,020** a year. According to police statistics, 2002 – 2003, of the 819 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (614) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (205). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in Teignbridge experiencing domestic violence a year is 5,223. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. In Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £29,556 in Teignbridge in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £61,394 (dependent on partnership funding from South Hams/Teignbridge Community Safety Partnership). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.7 Domestic Violence in Torridge

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
58,985	46,511	23,255

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for North Devon
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ²⁶	Approximately 2,583 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ²⁷	Approximately 5,813 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ²⁸	Approximately 3,876 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in Torridge

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household²⁹. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in Torridge	Total cost of providing services in Torridge
£60	24,870	£1,492,200

Scale of Domestic Violence in Torridge (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

Torridge	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	288	251	297	387	460	18.8	7.8
Where children present		107	138	169	173	2.4	
Incidents involving repeat victims			28	70	97		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	21 123	14 93	9 129	44 225			

²⁶ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

²⁷ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

²⁸ British Crime Survey

²⁹ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in Torrridge

Women's Torrridge Outreach monitoring statistics

North Devon Women's Aid has provided support for women in North Torrridge. West Devon Women's Aid has provided support in South Torrridge.

Service	October 02 to April 03	April 03 – Sept 03
Total number of women supported	4 new women; 3 repeat contacts	18 women (North); 5 new contacts & 5 repeat contacts (South)
Confidential telephone helpline	21 phonecalls (South); 9 calls on behalf of other agencies (South);	21 phonecalls (South); 9 calls on behalf of other agencies (South)
Face to face meetings	1 woman (South)	14 women, 82 hours (North); 1 (South)
Therapeutic groups and support groups		5 women, 52 hours (North)
Pattern Changing Course		12 women, 30 hours (North)
Information provided, eg solicitor, housing advice etc		4 women (North)
Source of Referral		Five self; 5 refuge; 2 police; 2 social services; 1 housing; 1 NHS; 2 probation (North)
No with SSD involvement		2 women (North)
No with Mental Health involvement		6 women (North)
Qualitative summary of six months		Comments from women supported in North Torrridge a) Actively supported & aided 5 women in leaving and staying out of abusive relationship b) Work with 2 women where SSD written contact with outreach as part of care plan c) Out of 27 referrals this period 12 known not to have returned to abusive partner

Male Outreach support (see 5.2)

Training and Awareness Raising

Delegates in Torrridge area

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	North Devon/ Torrridge delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	43	24	103	4,429
Sept 03 – April 04	630	90	14	103	9,270
Total	809	133	24.9		13,699

Value of services provided for Torridge under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership

Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	17,513	28,000
Women's Refuge	12,937	12,937
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	13,699	14,420
Form 61/Family intervention programme	5,000	-
Total	52,899	59,107

Summary

Domestic Violence in Torridge, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies **£2,206,620** a year. According to 2002 – 2003 police statistics, of the 1,162 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (872) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (290). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in Torridge experiencing domestic violence a year is 8,466. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. To put this in context, in Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £52,900 in Torridge in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £59,107 (dependent on partnership funding from North Devon/Torridge Community Safety Partnerships). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

7.8 Domestic Violence in West Devon

Population

Total Population (2002 stats)	Adult Population (age 20+)	Approximate Female Population (50% of Adult Total)
48,808	39,311	19,655

Estimated Domestic Violence Prevalence (based on national research)

Research Finding	Equivalent for West Devon
1 in 9 women experience domestic violence in 1 year ³⁰	Approximately 2,583 women likely to experience domestic violence in any 1 year
1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in lifetime ³¹	Approximately 5,813 women likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime
1 in 6 men experience domestic violence in lifetime ³²	Approximately 3,876 men likely to experience domestic violence in lifetime

Financial costs of domestic violence in West Devon

Number of Households

The Government is currently undertaking an updated costing exercise to better understand how much domestic violence costs support agencies. Until this report is out the recognised cost of providing services to women and children living with domestic violence is £60 per household³³. This figure was based on the selected costs of the key agencies involved: the Police, the Civil Justice System, Housing, Refuges, Social Services and Health.

Cost per household	Households in West Devon	Total cost of providing services in West Devon
£60	20,188	£1,211,280

Scale of Domestic Violence in West Devon (Police statistics 1998 – 2003)

West Devon	98 - 99	99 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 -2003	% change 2002-2003	Incidents per 1,000 population
Incidents	177	188	200	252	275	9.1	5.63
Where children present		92	107	109	115	5.5	
Incidents involving repeat victims			24	60	54		
Gender	M F	M F	M F	M F			
	9 84	11 81	19 88	50 126			

³⁰ Stanko, E. et al. (1998)

³¹ Dominy, N & Radfords, L (1996) and Mooney, J (1993)

³² British Crime Survey

³³ Stanko, E. et al. (1998) Counting the Costs: Estimating the Impact of Domestic Violence in the London Borough of Hackney

Domestic Violence Services (other than statutory agency) provided in West Devon**Women's West Devon Outreach monitoring statistics**

Service	October 02 to April 03	April 03 – Sept 03
Number of women supported	30 new contacts & 17 repeat contacts	38 new contacts & 38 repeat contacts
Confidential telephone helpline	138 phonecalls; 6 on behalf calls to other agencies	136 phonecalls; 63 on behalf calls to other agencies
Face to face meetings	7 sessions + 4 repeat sessions	7 sessions + 4 repeat sessions

Male Outreach support (see 5.2)**Training and Awareness Raising****Delegates in West Devon area**

Level 1 Awareness-raising	Total delegates	West Devon delegates	% of total	Cost per head £	Total cost £
Pilot (March – May 2003)	179	13	7	103	1,339
Sept 03 – April 04	630	42	6.6	103	4,326
Total	809	55	6.7		5,665

Value of services provided for West Devon under the Devon Domestic Violence Partnership

Service	2003 – 2004	2004 – 2005
Women's Outreach	8,000	28,000
Men's Outreach	3,750	3,750
Training (level 1)	5,665	6,901
Total	17,415	38,651

Summary

Domestic Violence in West Devon, based on accepted research (see above), costs the statutory agencies £1,211,280 a year. According to 2002 – 2003 police statistics, of the 275 recorded incidents approximately three-quarters of these will be experienced by women (206) and the remaining quarter experienced by men (69). From national research, however, the likely figure for women in West Devon experiencing domestic violence a year is 2,184. There is no existing equivalent research on male victims. To put this in context, in Devon statutory agencies spend more than £18 million per annum dealing with the consequences of domestic violence, and approximately 91,000 women and 56,000 men in the county experience domestic violence in their lifetime. The Partnership invested a minimum of £17,415 in West Devon in 2003 – 2004 and this figure will increase to £38,651 (dependent on partnership funding from West Devon Community Safety Partnership). This investment is to maintain existing provision to support women, children and male victims in the district and to provide training to professionals and volunteers working in this field.

8. Project contacts

Project	Area	Contact	Telephone	Email
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Children's Fund	County-wide	Children's Fund		
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Membership of the Partnership

Adult Protection Committee
Children's Fund; Courts
Crown Prosecution Service
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Devon & Cornwall Care Trust
Devon County Council
Devon & Cornwall Housing Association
Devon & Cornwall Probation Area
DevonMALE
Devon Youth Association
Prison Service
Supporting People
Devon Housing Officers Group
Exeter Primary Care Trust
Exeter University
The Children' Society
Tozer's Solicitors
Victim Support
Wolf and Water
Women's Aid

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Definition* of Domestic Violence

The term domestic violence shall be understood to mean the misuse of power and the exercise of control by one person over another within the context of any intimate or close relationship. Such abuse may manifest itself in a variety of ways including physical violence, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual violence and abuse, financial control and abuse and the imposition of social isolation or movement deprivation.

*Devon Network multi-agency definition

Domestic Violence website: www.devon.gov.uk/domesticviolence