

Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP)**Babergh and Mid Suffolk Multi-Agency Working Groups****Babergh Partnership Group**

The Babergh Partnership Group is a multi-agency operational group which has been in existence for a number of years and continues to meet monthly in the Babergh District area.

Membership of the group includes: BMSDC Communities, BMSDC Housing and BMSDC Environmental Protection Officers, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Suffolk Family Focus, SCC Adults Social Care, SCC Children and Young People's Services, Catch 22 mediation service and a number of housing associations.

The group addresses referrals of anti-social behaviour (individuals/families/locations), we also discuss referrals relating to vulnerable people, homelessness, mental health and substance misuse including drugs. These meetings focus on 'task and finish' solutions to issues within the Babergh District that need a joined-up approach. For cases involving vulnerable people, a multi-agency approach is taken with regards to supporting them and identifying and tackling those that are responsible.

Babergh Partnership successes include resolving a number of neighbour disputes, mainly using conflict resolution (mediation), recognising and addressing Safeguarding concerns for both Children and Adults, cases involving individuals with undiagnosed mental health and 2 separate cases where Housing Officers identified individuals with undiagnosed dementia.

Compassion

Compassion is the Babergh District multi-agency forum which promotes awareness and understanding about all aspects of domestic violence and abuse nationally and locally. It runs report services and delivers programmes such as Caring Dads, the Freedom Programme and Escape the Trap.

It is a small charity which has been in existence since 2001 has been successful in securing funding to support the programmes and services it delivers. Compassion run a highly successful 11-week Freedom Programme in the Babergh District for women to identify the effect and impact of domestic violence and abuse on themselves and their children, recognise potential future abusers and gain self-esteem and the confidence to improve the quality of their lives. Caring Dads is a group programme for fathers from families where domestic abuse has been identified. Escape the Trap is an eight week programme which has been developed in acknowledgement of the rising numbers of young people aged 13-16 years identified as being vulnerable to teenage relationship abuse.

3**Mid Suffolk Information Sharing Group**

The Mid Suffolk Information Sharing Group is a multi-agency operational group which has been in existence for a number of years and meets bi-monthly in the Mid Suffolk District area.

Membership of the group includes: BMSDC Communities, BMSDC Housing and BMSDC Environmental Protection Officers, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Suffolk Family Focus, SCC Adults Social Care, SCC Children and Young People's Services, SCC Early Help, Catch 22 mediation service, Suffolk Youth Offending Service and a number of housing associations.

The group addresses referrals of anti-social behaviour (individuals/families/locations), we also discuss referrals relating to vulnerable people, homelessness, mental health and substance misuse including drugs. These meetings focus on 'task and finish' solutions to issues within the Mid Suffolk District that need a joined-up approach. For cases involving vulnerable people, a multi-agency approach is taken with regards to supporting them and identifying and tackling those that are responsible.

Mid Suffolk information successes include resolving a number of neighbour disputes, mainly using conflict resolution (mediation), identifying 'cuckooing' at the address of a vulnerable adult and a Housing Association family causing anti-social behaviour receiving additional support from the Early Help team.

Mid Suffolk Domestic Abuse Forum

Mid Suffolk Domestic Abuse Forum is a multi-agency working group which raises awareness of domestic abuse and domestic violence and provides funding support for the delivery of domestic abuse programmes across Mid Suffolk.

The group meets quarterly and membership includes: BMSDC Communities Officer (Chair), Suffolk Police, Suffolk County Council Partnerships and Localities, SCC CYP Early Help, Victim Support, Bury Women's Aid, Lighthouse Women's Aid, Home Start Suffolk, Children's Centres, Citizens Advice, Orwell Housing, Haven Project, Schools, Colchester Army Welfare Officer, Wattisham Unit Welfare Team, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Homegroup which is a homeless shelter, and MSDC District Councillors.

The Forum raises awareness of domestic abuse and domestic violence through campaigns including the annual national White Ribbon Campaign which is part of a global movement to stop male violence against women and girls.

The Forum has previously provided funding for the delivery of programmes to address domestic abuse. The Forum has been continuously Chaired by Officers from either Mid Suffolk DC or SCC. In order to widen the focus and to encourage the third sector, charity and voluntary group to take ownership of the Forum with less reliance on Council Officers, Bury Women's Aid have kindly volunteered to take over as Chair from October 2018.