



Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board Annual Report

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Foreword

Domestic abuse is unacceptable. It damages lives and devastates families resulting in long term impacts on adults and children.

It is estimated that 2.3 million people aged 16 years and over (1.6 million women and 712,000 men) experienced domestic abuse in year ending (YE) March 2024. While women are significantly and disproportionately affected by domestic abuse which is perpetrated by men, we also recognise that there are male victims and survivors and females that also pose a risk of harm. Domestic abuse in same sex relationships is also a serious issue and we recognise people who are lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender (LGBTQ+) can be significantly affected.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 sets out statutory duties, for local councils and the Police, but the key to reducing domestic abuse and its impacts lies in the hands of broader partnership working. The Telford & Wrekin Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board (DALP), established in 2022, is supported by the Council, the Police and Probation services, the NHS and our Domestic Abuse Forum – a network of community organisations, providers of services and support and crucially local victims and survivors. The DALP oversees delivery of our statutory duties and steers joint working, needs assessment strategy development and implementation, commissioning and service improvement.

During 2023 to 2025 a range of statutory, community and voluntary partnership organisations have been working together through the DALP to improve the services and support on offer in Telford and Wrekin to tackle and better respond to domestic abuse. Looking ahead, we will be further developing our current Domestic Abuse strategy to align and incorporate key work streams

that cut across both domestic abuse and violence against women and girls (known as VAWG). This work has started with a multi-agency workshop event taking place to map current services and educational resources which will allow agencies to identify areas for development to help continue the work in reducing domestic abuse and violence against women and girls throughout Telford and Wrekin.

I am delighted to introduce the bi-annual report of the Telford & Wrekin Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board, which describes the significant progress made during 2023-25 to meet our priorities to further protect residents in Telford and Wrekin from the impact of domestic abuse.



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Purpose of the DALP

The Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Local Partnership (DALP) Board was established in 2022 to help develop and deliver a Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Strategy.

Membership of the board is designed to ensure key strategic partners, and their relevant services are engaged, and critically, the voices of victims are heard. Membership of the DALP is drawn from:

- Domestic Abuse (DA) Forum (which itself is made up from the organisations shown below)
- Telford & Wrekin Council
- Cranstoun
- West Mercia Women’s Aid
- Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- West Mercia Police
- Probation Service
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Lived experience community



Telford & Wrekin Domestic Abuse Forum

Collectively, the DALP and DA Forum have responsibility for delivering our Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Strategy, which was developed collaboratively in 2022. The DA Strategy is intelligence-led and based on local need, gathered through needs assessment. The DALP have been responsible for overseeing the development of a ‘needs analysis’ and performance framework, both of which informed the development of the DA strategy, as well as an understanding of its impact.



Introduction

The Domestic Abuse Act states that:

- the person carrying out abusive behaviour and the person directly receiving the abusive behaviour must be over 16;
- children/young people who see, hear or otherwise experience the abuse are defined as victims or survivors of abuse;
- in the case of adolescent to parent violence, domestic abuse occurs when both parties are over the age of 16. It is recognised that adolescent to parent violence can involve a child under 16 but that responses to this group may be different from responses to adults perpetrating abusive behaviours.

Domestic abuse includes:

- physical or sexual abuse
- violent or threatening behaviour
- controlling or coercive behaviour
- economic or financial abuse
- forced marriage or honour-based violence
- psychological, emotional or other abuse
- female genital mutilation
- child to parent and carer abuse.

The Telford & Wrekin Domestic Abuse partnership recognises that domestic abuse:

- happens across different types of relationships, and is not limited to people who are or have been in an intimate personal relationship, or who live together;
- occurs across household and family relationships, those with parental relationships, and between relatives and ex-partners;
- disproportionately affects women more than men, given their experience of repeat victimisation, violence and nonphysical abuse, while acknowledging that there is not one type of victim/survivor and that needs are individual;
- male domestic abuse is underreported by male victims for many reasons including shame, denial, fear, to protect children, religious beliefs and lack of resources.

Domestic abuse statistics^{1,2}

What the needs assessment tells us



We estimate there are **30,732** adult victims in Telford and Wrekin who have experienced domestic abuse at **some point in their lives since the age of 16**.



Of the total estimated adult victims **20,467 (67%)** are estimated to be **female**.



Of the total estimated adult victims **10,234 (33%)** are estimated to be **male**.



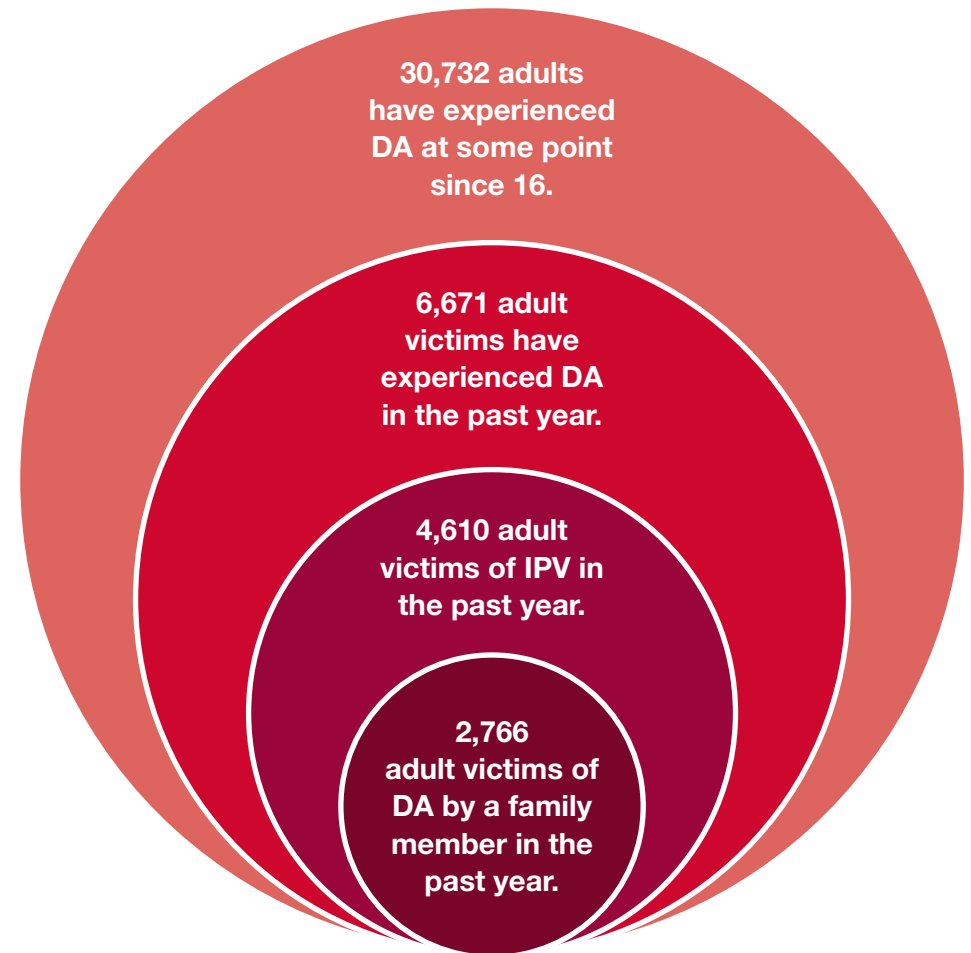
We estimate there are **6,761** adult victims in Telford and Wrekin who have experienced domestic abuse at **some point in the last year**.



Of the total estimated adult victims in the past year **4,505 (65%)** are estimated to be **female**.



Of the total estimated adult victims in the past year **2,388 (35%)** are estimated to be **male**.



¹ [Domestic abuse in England and Wales overview – Office for National Statistics](#)

² [Domestic abuse prevalence and trends, England and Wales – Office for National Statistics](#)

Local need in Telford and Wrekin:



We estimate that there were 1,345 young victims aged 16-24.



We estimate that there were 1,121 older victims aged 60+.



We estimate there were 469 Black, Asian and racially minoritised victims.



We estimate that there were 3,700 Disabled victims.



We estimate that there were 4,728 adult victims in the local area who have experienced partner abuse in the past year.

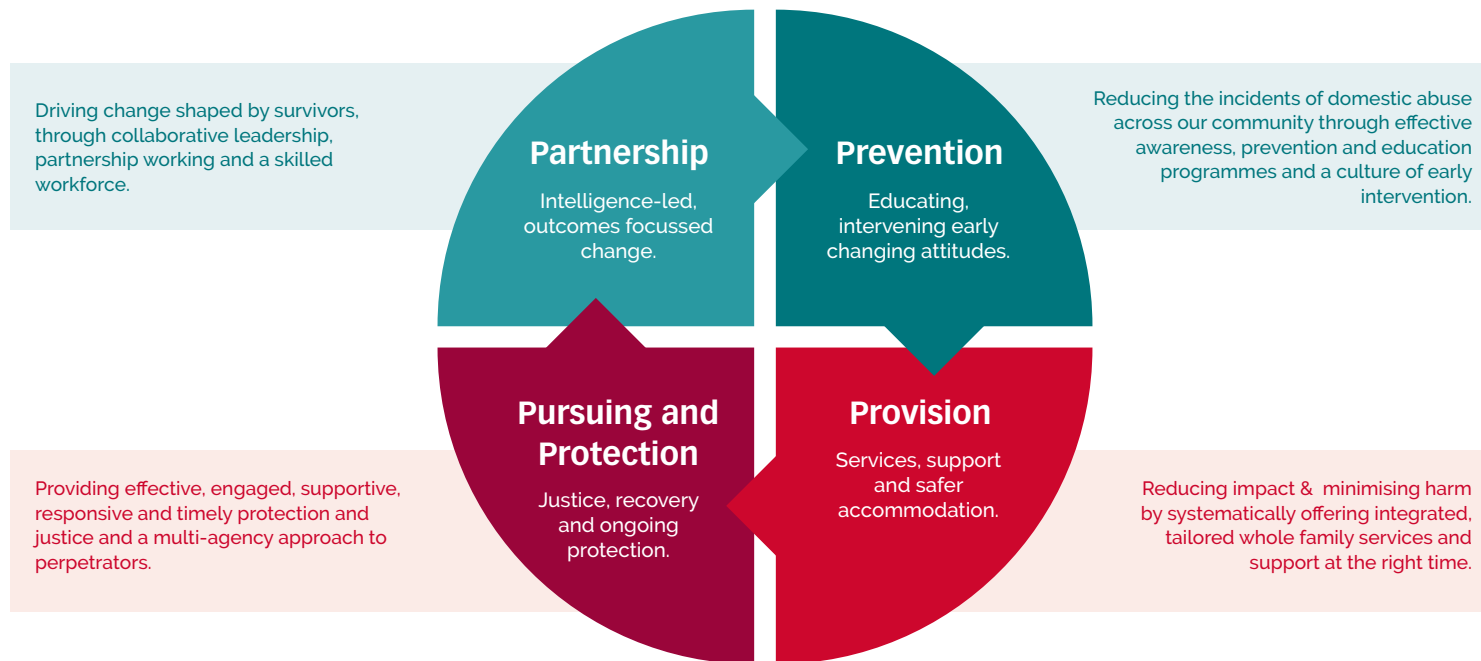
The Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Strategy

The long-awaited [UK Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#), published in April 2021, provided new context, duties and responsibilities for local authorities and their partners. The introduction of the Act drove the development of an updated local domestic abuse strategy, building on our 2019 strategy. In summer 2021, Telford & Wrekin Council commissioned the national charity Savelives to support the local implementation of the DA Act.

Telford & Wrekin Council worked with SaveLives to undertake needs assessment to understand the needs of our residents. The SafeLives engagement culminated in a workshop in May 2022 where 200 people, local victims and survivors, shared their views and experiences. This insight was used to shape our local DA Strategy commitments and commissioning processes.

The 2023-2025 Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Strategy was developed across the partnership during 2022 through strong engagement with partners, professionals, survivors and families.

The Strategy is based around the four interlinking pillars:



Working together to end domestic abuse in our communities in all its forms, ensuring that everyone who is affected can access the help and services they need.

DA Strategy Delivery: April 2023-March 2025

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the work undertaken by the DALP since the publication of our 2022/23 annual report. We aim to outline the impact of the DALP, and the progress that has been made in delivering our DA strategy. The activity of the partnership, from April 2023 to March 2025, is described and mapped to our 4 DA strategy themes Partnership, Prevention, Provision, and Pursuing and Protection.

Theme	Commitment
Partnership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Survivors are listened to and lived experience is an embedded voice. 2 Leadership and partnership working is strengthened at all levels. 3 Partners collectively contribute evidence and intelligence to strengthen approach. 4 Evolvment of the strategy with a performance and outcomes framework. 5 Appropriate and suitable funding. 6 Comprehensive training programme put in place. 7 Homicide review panel is established, timely process for reviews and learning implemented.

The DALP have worked to ensure that appropriate support is in place for victims and survivors of domestic abuse across Telford and Wrekin. Commissioned by the council, Cranstoun and West Mercia Women’s Aid were awarded the new domestic abuse service contract in March 2023. Over the last 24 months, the organisations have worked in partnership to establish and deliver an integrated domestic abuse service. The voice of those with lived experience has been crucial in helping to shape and develop the service.

Five core elements form our Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Service. Local partners work together to provide support for victims and their families, ensuring that everyone who is affected by domestic abuse can access the help and support they need, when they need it.

Our service offer includes:

1 Single Point of Contact

- Telephone, web based and text helplines, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Those who contact the helpline and are eligible for support will be rapidly referred to suitable support services for ongoing input.

2 Specialist Support for Victims and Families

- Providing care and support for victims of domestic abuse and their families. This includes one-to-one support and counselling, evidence-based group programmes and support throughout civil and criminal justice processes.

3 Specialist Support for Children and Young People

- Providing age-appropriate support for children and young people, including group based and one-to-one evidence-based, trauma-informed therapeutic interventions, to help children and young people understand their experience of domestic abuse and build their resilience and confidence into teenage years and adulthood.

4 Safer Accommodation

- Providing a range of safe accommodation for victims of domestic abuse and their families.

5 Perpetrator Behaviour Change Programme

- A 24-week specialist programme to tackle perpetrator behaviour

The local Integrated Care Board and NHS provider organisations have coordinated a comprehensive plan of activity to address domestic abuse. This has included the creation of an ICB-wide DA policy, the recruitment of a Domestic Abuse and Serious Violence Lead, active participation in Domestic Homicide reviews and the roll out of mandatory DA training for all staff. Key ICB staff members have also undertaken DA Ambassador training to improve knowledge and awareness, enabling better care for victims and survivors presenting to local healthcare services.

The Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Forum has continued to grow, with wide member representation and over 35 regular attendees at monthly meetings. The forum has been responsible for endorsing and co-ordinating the appointment of a lived experience representative to the DALP.

The Domestic Abuse Forum have worked closely with The Haven to provide Domestic Abuse awareness training to individuals, organisations, community groups and volunteers working within Telford and Wrekin. The Domestic Abuse Community Ambassador and Champion programmes have been delivered by The Haven. This has included engagement with local policing leads and training for officers. The Haven is now working in collaboration with A Better Tomorrow to continue the delivery of these programmes.

The Lived Experience Advisory Forum (LEAF) commenced in September 2024. This has been commissioned by Telford & Wrekin Council and is delivered by A Better Tomorrow in partnership with Voice Social Enterprise. The forum brings together survivors of domestic abuse in Telford and Wrekin to hear their feedback on services, organisations and groups they had access to at any point during their journey. Their voices will help to ensure that future services and policy work in the most effective way.

The council have worked closely with Severn Teaching Alliance to upskill schools regarding the impact of domestic abuse. Through partnership working between Telford & Wrekin Council, The Haven and our local schools, the majority of schools across Telford and Wrekin have now signed up to The Purple Pledge Campaign, as well as having appointed DA Ambassadors.

Telford & Wrekin Council and the DA Forum have worked closely with the Interfaith Council to engage with members of 'seldom heard' groups. Following the community engagement process, an impact assessment was completed; this led to the development, and on-going implementation, of an action plan to better target support towards underrepresented groups.

The data insight team at Telford & Wrekin Council have supported the development of a performance framework for the partnership to monitor data around activity and performance.

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care Board (ICB), alongside main local NHS provider trusts, i.e., Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust (SaTH), Shropshire Community Health Trust (SCHT) and Midlands Partnership University Foundation Trust (MPFT), recognise and address domestic abuse as a core element of practice and contributes to the key themes of the Domestic Abuse Strategy in several ways. The ICB is represented at the key partnership meetings and the individual Trusts have focus upon the tangible inputs into Domestic Abuse as detailed below.

For Shropshire and Telford Hospitals Trust (SaTH):

- The Adult Safeguarding Lead sits on the Domestic Homicide Review subgroup and is actively involved in how this groups seeks to work in partnership to learn the lessons from statutory case reviews.
- The Trust has a Domestic Abuse and Serious Violence Lead.
- Domestic Abuse Training is mandatory for all staff; compliance is currently 94%.
- The ICB recognises the critical nature of partnership working and is a member of key groups to address domestic abuse. This includes Domestic Abuse Local Partnership and Domestic Homicide Review groups.
- The ICB has a Domestic Abuse Policy which identifies how staff exposed to domestic abuse are to be supported. Key ICB staff have also undertaken Ambassador training with support from Public Health.

For Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT):

- Skills and knowledge of the survivor's voice and lived experience has been embedded through designated learning events. These included Mankind (charity for male victims of domestic abuse), Karma Nirvana (honour-based abuse and the lived experience of a victim), and Lads like us (child domestic abuse). 'Think family' and voice of the adult and child, is embedded within the supervision framework for all practitioners.
- A domestic abuse lead was appointed in May 2023. This has enabled and strengthened partnership working with the board as well as statutory and voluntary services. They are a member of the DALPs.
- MPFT endeavour to collate data regarding disclosures and referrals to the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). MPFT plan to undertake audit within the next financial year.

- MPFT have level 2 and 3 training embedded within ESR. In addition, specific bolt-on-training has been added to the safeguarding training platform. Training that is available on the platform include: honour-based abuse, children and domestic abuse, non-fatal strangulation, and learning from child safeguarding practice reviews where domestic abuse was identified. MPFT also have delivered designated learning events for domestic abuse that included Nicole Jacobs on the patchwork report, learning from DHR's and children and adults as victims.

For Shropshire Community Health Trust:

- Domestic Homicide Review panel participation and representing trust and engagement with other partners within meetings in a timely manner.

- Learning is shared through “permission to pause” information, as necessary.
- Newsletters have been distributed.
- Mandated Domestic abuse questions for public health nurses are asked within service when seeing patients. We have identified this is a need within the adult workforce and has been raised at the Minor Injuries Unit safeguarding group as a development.
- The voice of an individual is encouraged to be included in clinical records and for that voice to influence decision making.
- Staff are encouraged to external training provided by partners.
- Contribution within MARAC process by 0-19 year old's service.

Theme	Commitment
Prevention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 All settings identify a DA champion and sign up to complete purple pledge. 2 Interventions targeted at those most at risk of harmful behaviours continue to evolve. 3 Learning and research on trauma experience and impact of ACEs. 4 Schools are well informed and take appropriate action. 5 Community champions/workplace ambassadors programme. 6 The white-ribbon campaign continues year-on-year. 7 Links strengthened between the DALP, building stronger safer communities board and CSP and joint action plans are agreed. 8 Confront attitudes that make DA possible.

Throughout December 2024 to March 2025, West Mercia Women's Aid worked in partnership with The Rightpath and Everyone's Invited to deliver healthy relationship workshops across Telford and Wrekin. Schools across West Mercia were able to access workshops for young people in years 7,8 &9 to tackle misogyny, promote healthy relationships and tackle gender stereotypes.

Our local hospital trust has implemented a domestic abuse screening tool to ensure all patients are asked about their experience of DA, and guide people to local support when needed. Due to triggers around domestic abuse and pregnancy, pregnant patients are now routinely screened throughout their pregnancy and provided with support, information and referral as required.

The new DA policy implemented within SaTH includes guidance around supporting staff members who have experienced domestic abuse. The trust has also rolled out additional training for staff members, including training on coercive and controlling behaviours.

Telford & Wrekin Council have coordinated a range of activities and events to support the mission of the White Ribbon charity. In October 2023, the council completed the accreditation process to remain a White Ribbon town. Each year, White Ribbon Day has been celebrated with an event hosted at Telford Minster. To raise awareness of White Ribbon Day 2024, Southwater One was lit up white and White Ribbon volunteers supported our local Parkrun.

Telford & Wrekin Council have facilitated the development of a White Ribbon Steering group. This group has coordinated the delivery of DA awareness training. Throughout summer 2024, training was delivered to staff members working in Telford and Wrekin leisure facilities, including recognising the signs of abuse and toxic behaviour and how to act to diffuse these situations.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust (SaTH) has been actively involved with the White Ribbon Programme over the last 24 months.

Loudmouth Theatre have been commissioned to provide theatre in education sessions across a range of our local primary schools, secondary schools, and further education establishments. Loudmouth have delivered Helping Hands, a programme of education on child exploitation and abuse, online safety and domestic abuse to 1106 local primary school aged children. They have also delivered education to 1960 secondary school aged children, as well as 2560 pupils at Telford College.

The DA forum have organised and delivered DA awareness training to local GPs across Telford and Wrekin.

Health colleagues from across the various Trusts have undertaken a variety of preventative approaches as detailed below.

SaTH	MPFT	SCHT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening tools are used to ensure patients are asked about their experience of domestic abuse routinely. • Triggers around domestic abuse and pregnancy means that patients are asked throughout their pregnancy and provided with support, information, and referrals as required. • The Trust is involved in the White Ribbon Programme; there is also a Trust Domestic Abuse Policy. This includes how best to support staff who experience domestic abuse. • Training has included assets about coercive and controlling behaviour. • The ICB has helped share key messages about the risks of suicide owing to domestic abuse, and has worked with the Public Health Team's important work in the suicide prevention strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPFT have White Ribbon accreditation status, with identified champions and ambassadors. • All staff are encouraged to make routine, opportunistic and targeted enquiry for domestic abuse when it is safe to do so and provide the appropriate support and referrals to keep individuals identified safe from harm. MPFT safeguarding policy is in place to support safe actions needed to protect victims of domestic abuse. • This is delivered through dedicated learning events during children's safeguarding week. • Our White Ribbon accreditation supports key messages. • White Ribbon have approved our action planned and there is a planned events during the 16 days of action. • The importance of the practitioner's response to make enquiry and support with disclosures is promoted on MPFT dedicated domestic abuse page and is discussed at safeguarding supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust values provides an organisational culture where domestic abuse can be challenged and provides a safe space for all staff and patients/clients. • White Ribbon is promoted each year through desktop popup. • Safeguarding team currently liaising with White Ribbon coordinator to plan engagement for both this current year and next year. • Trust offers awareness group in relation to trauma informed care, which includes ACES and the impact of domestic abuse. • Trauma informed briefing provided to 0 – 19 services. • Two commissioned Family Nurse Partnership evidence based programmes delivered across both Telford & Wrekin, and Shropshire.

Theme	Commitment
Provision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 DA abuse service and support offer is commissioned. 2 That there is sufficient/appropriate safe accommodation, which meets the requirements set out in the DA act. 3 Clear and integrated pathways in our offer for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a Children connecting to Start for life, Family Connect, Strengthening families and family safeguarding; b Adults connecting to adult social care, safeguarding and mental health. 4 Our offer is continually improved and informed by on-going assessment of need. 5 Services and support offers are trauma-informed. 6 Clear promotion and publicity of the offer so everyone understands what is available and how it can be accessed.

In 2023/24:

- 1313 people were supported by our SPOC helpline
- 1276 adult victims/survivors of domestic abuse were supported by Cranstoun
- Cranstoun supported 95 children and young people who were impacted by domestic abuse
- 146 children and young people engaged with 1:1 support and healthy relationships work
- 140 IDVA clients were supported in Telford and Wrekin
- 70 people attended the Perpetrator Programme

In Q1 and Q2 of 2024/25 (service data for Q3/Q4 requested and figures to be updated):

- 583 people were supported by the SPOC helpline
- 202 adult victims/survivors of domestic abuse were supported by Cranstoun
- Cranstoun supported 82 children and young people who were impacted by domestic abuse
- 211 children and young people engaged with 1:1 support and healthy relationships work
- 72 people attended the Perpetrator Programme

The new domestic abuse service contract was awarded to Cranstoun and West Mercia Women's Aid in March 2023. Over the last 24 months, the organisations have worked in partnership to develop and deliver a service that meets the needs of the local population and supports the objectives set out in the 2023-2025 Telford and Wrekin DA Strategy.

West Mercia Women's Aid delivers the 'single point of contact' (SPOC) element of the new DA service. This is a free helpline providing listening advice and support, referrals to safe accommodation, advice on court orders, risk assessment, safety planning and referral to appropriate partner agencies. 1313 people were supported by SPOC in 2023/24. 583 people were supported by SPOC in Q1 and Q2 of 2024/25.

Partner agencies within the DALP have been working together to ensure an improved local offer of safe accommodation for those fleeing domestic abuse. Telford & Wrekin Council receive approximately 400 referrals per year for safe accommodation due to domestic abuse. The local refuge capacity has expanded to meet a higher proportion of local need. The Telford and Wrekin domestic abuse refuge now provides 8 units of accommodation. A Better Tomorrow provide an additional 4 units of safe accommodation. Cranstoun have secured the provision of 2 premises for safe accommodation, with plans in place to secure 2 further premises.

West Mercia Women's Aid hold the IDVA contract (funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner) for West Mercia, working with and managing high risk cases of DA in Telford and Wrekin. As part of this work, WMWA have created specialist inclusive IDVA and hospital IDVA roles within Telford and Wrekin to help make services accessible to under-represented groups and for groups where there may be additional barriers to access.

From September 2024 to March 2025, a new, consolidated domestic abuse training offer was targeted at local businesses with the aim of delivering DA awareness training to 140 attendees and DA ambassador training to 70 attendees, with subsequent access to the established DA ambassador network. The domestic abuse training offer was also targeted towards GPs and medical practices, West Mercia Police, Early Years Safeguarding Network, and the Department for Workforce and Pension staff. As part of this work, local businesses have also been offered support to develop DA policies and charters.

A new Lived Experience Advisory Forum (LEAF) has been established to support partners' service development activity by highlighting gaps in services and identifying what local survivors would have found beneficial at each stage of their journey. The first LEAF meeting was held in September 2024. The forum is working to establish a peer-to-peer mentoring programme within Telford and Wrekin.

Telford & Wrekin Council have supported several local organisations to prevent domestic abuse and support victims. In 2024/25, the Telford and Wrekin Public Health Team supported the following projects with small grant funding:

1 Domestic Abuse Peer Support Network

Run by A Better Tomorrow, this is a social network for local domestic abuse victims. Members of the peer support group benefit from motivational enhancement for recovery, reconstruction of personal identity, reconstruction of family and social relationships, enhanced coping skills, and the personal effects of helping others.

2 Awareness, support and training for Child-to-Parent abuse

Parental Education Growth Support (PEGS) is a local social enterprise founded as a response to the lack of support services specifically designed to help people experiencing Child to Parent Abuse (CPA). PEGS raise awareness of CPA, support affected parents, carers and guardians, and train professionals to work with them empathetically and effectively. PEGS are funded to provide training courses for organisations who are members of the Telford and Wrekin Domestic Abuse Forum, as well as providing local employers with access to the Child to Parent Abuse Covenant, giving them access to online training and education.

3 Helping Hands workshops and performances

Helping hands is a performance and workshop programme, delivered by Loudmouth Education and Training, on staying safe for pupils aged 9-11 years. The performances and workshops use drama, discussion and appropriate humour to support schools safeguarding education by exploring child exploitation and abuse, online safety and domestic abuse. During the 2023/24 academic year, Loudmouth delivered the performance and workshop to 1,627 year 5 and 6 pupils across 26 primary schools in Telford and Wrekin.

4 The Lived Experience Advisory Forum

A forum that brings together local domestic abuse survivors who contribute to domestic abuse service planning, development and education within Telford and Wrekin.

The DA Forum have overseen the rollout of The VOICE Programme – a twelve-week programme to train those who offer support to victims of domestic abuse, ensuring that all staff members working within our domestic abuse service are trained to provide appropriate, quality support for local victims of domestic abuse.

Our local hospital trust has created and published a dedicated domestic abuse information page on the staff intranet. This includes key information, education and training resources, and sign posting to support organisations, as well as where staff members can go to for support. SaTH now also promote the use of the Bright Sky App – a free mobile app providing support and information for anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know.

Initial evaluation of the Perpetrator Programme appears promising. Of the 72 clients engaging with the programme between April 2024-September 2024, 100% demonstrated a positive shift in their behaviours and attitudes and 100% demonstrated an increased awareness of the impact of DA on children.

The following work has taken place within healthcare providers in Telford to support the provision element of the Domestic Abuse Strategy:

SaTH	MPFT	SCHT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse page on the Intranet – This also includes DA support to staff. • The Trust also promote the use of Bright Sky App (which can be found on both IOS and Android) - • When patients are seen in A&E, they will offer support including referrals in relation to children experiencing DA. • The Trust works with the Hospital Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service, and support the Hospital-based IDVAs seeing patients both urgently and for planned support. This is a very valued service and the two services work closely together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPFT have appointed a domestic abuse lead for the trust. • Practitioners are aware on how to support accessing services for refuge and safe accommodation, if required. • MPFT have embedded pathways for mental health. • MPFT promote the assessment of need that practitioners complete, including risk assessments associated with DA. • All MPFT practice is expected to be trauma informed. • MPFT provide clear pathways to access services, in order to support identified needs of those accessing MPFT services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Staffzone” has a MARAC related area within the domestic abuse section for staff to access. • Trust has its safeguarding policies and procedures, which link into the wider partnership processes and procedures. • Safeguarding visits across the Trust teams promote awareness around the processes relating to domestic abuse. • Public health and Paediatric psychology services are trauma informed; other Trust services have a psychologist integrated within their teams, e.g.: FNP, paediatric diabetes, paediatric cystic fibrosis, and end of life. • Both Staff zone and newsletters are distributed, and are available to staff with signposting. • Children’s workforce are provided with safeguarding supervision, with offer for adult focused practitioners, as required. • Advice and guidance calls are available to all trust staff. • Staff complete and submit court report statements as requested by the court.

Theme	Commitment
Pursuing and protecting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Joined up processes are enabled to support individuals and families. 2 An offender centric approach is maintained throughout the criminal justice response. 3 Robust and proven perpetrator programmes and interventions are in place. 4 Accessible information about protection order and disclosure schemes. 5 That where possible, legal order or other restrictive measures are sought, applied for and enforced. 6 There is ongoing independent reviews of MARAC processes. 7 Robust information sharing practices are put in place.

West Mercia Women's Aid IDVA Team continue to work closely with local partners, victims and survivors to ensure protection orders and disclosure schemes are utilised to best effect.

West Mercia Women's Aid employed a family court IDVA to help survivors access legal support when they are not eligible for legal aid. This role has now been integrated into main grade IDVA's to ensure continuity of the support.

All necessary members of the DALP are fully engaged with MARAC processes.

Several members of the DALP, including the police, WMWA, SaTH and Telford & Wrekin Council, have worked together to deliver the Perpetrator Programme; a 24-week specialist programme to tackle perpetrator behaviour.

Health Partners have worked to support ongoing work in relation to pursuing and protection as summarised below:

SaTH	MPFT	SCHAT
<p>SaTH have worked to deliver education and training on Clare’s Law, including taught sessions for staff members, providing and sharing of information on posters and news bulletins. SATH work with Cranstoun and other stakeholders on the Perpetrator programme, and also use the MARAC Information Sharing Protocol.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPFT promote a ‘think family’ approach to assessment. Therefore, considering the needs of both adults and children. • MPFT staff are aware of services to support perpetrators. • MPFT has a dedicated domestic abuse page that enables practitioners to access this information. • MPFT has provided relevant and proportionate information for information requested. • An information sharing agreement is in place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is provision in the organisation to work with partnership agencies in relation to Domestic abuse as required, e.g.: MARAC, MAPPA, Adult Safeguarding protection processes. • SCHAT staff represent the wider health economy within both Compass and Family Connect to support multi-agency decision making. • 0 – 19 service in Telford aware of the Cranstoun service and is highlighted on Staffzone. • An Alert process in place on clinical records around Domestic abuse. • 0 – 19 service complete record keeping audits.

Thank You

The Telford & Wrekin DALP Board members would like to thank a wide range of people who have supported the development and implementation of the DALP strategy since its creation – especially our domestic abuse survivors, the Chair and members of the Forum, all the front line staff across multiple council teams, our local providers of services and support and wider partner and community organisations.

This annual report shows the power of our local partnership work in tackling domestic abuse in Telford and Wrekin.