



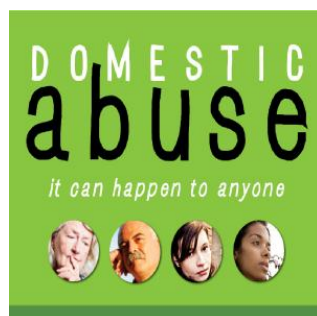
Welcome to the Somerset Domestic Abuse Newsletter – for anyone interested in tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in Somerset.

Please share this with your colleagues, at your team meetings and with local groups.

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Did you know you can go online anytime to get information about domestic abuse and local services? Please visit [www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk](http://www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk)

## Somerset Interpersonal Violence Event 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

This half-day event held by the Safer Somerset Partnership at the end of April in Yeovil provided delegates with the opportunity to learn more about 3 services:

- Somerset and Avon Rape and Sexual Abuse Support (SARSAS) Service
- Avon and Somerset Police's Integrated Victim Care (Lighthouse Team)

- Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (SIDAS)

Evaluations were completed online following the event - thank you to all those who took the time to respond. Although responses were not received from all delegates, 71% responses said they found it helped increase their knowledge – which is good news!

### Next Somerset Interpersonal Violence Event

Thank you to all of you who made suggestions for topics at future events. The next event will be in the autumn 2015, and the date will be confirmed shortly.

## Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, the Avon and Somerset Police Crime Commissioner held an inaugural event for housing providers across the whole force area to look at best practice to raise awareness of domestic abuse within their organisations.

The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance's (DAHA) mission is to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of National Domestic Abuse Service Standards. These standards are centred on the following principles:

- Safety
- Being person-centred
- Taking a believing/non-judgmental approach
- Confidentiality
- Inclusivity

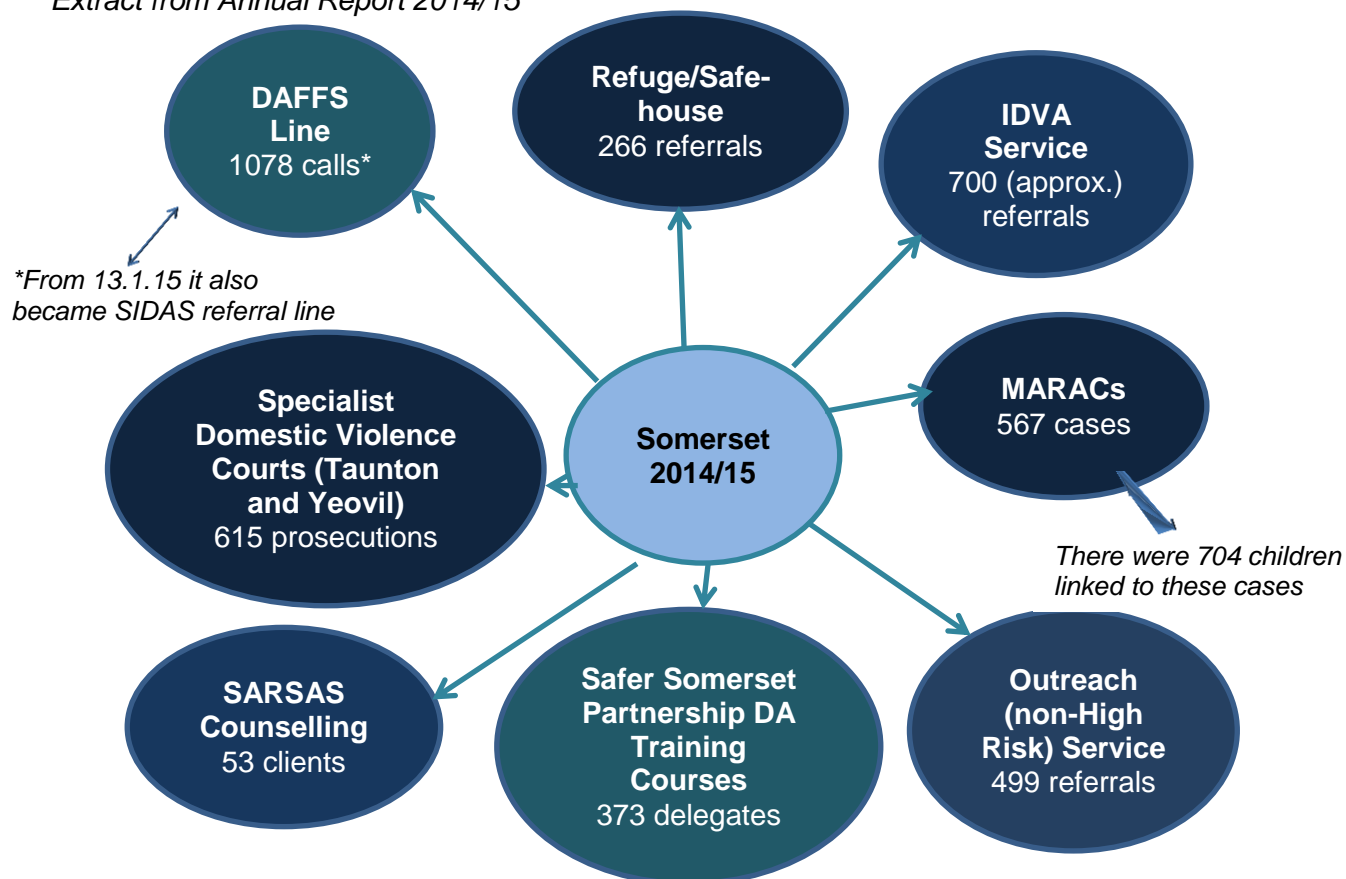
DAHA offer an accreditation process that takes between 3-12 months at the end of which the Housing Provider receives the DAHA Chartermark signalling that it has a robust and nationally accredited response to domestic abuse.

The next steps are still being planned. In the meantime, if you work for a housing association and would like to know more about this, please email [communitysafetyteam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyteam@somerset.gov.uk).

Don't forget that if you or your colleagues would like to learn more about how to identify the signs of domestic abuse and how to respond, then book onto one of the Safer Somerset Partnership training courses!

## Somerset's Specialist Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership Activity

Extract from Annual Report 2014/15



## Domestic Abuse Training

**Are you confident in recognising the signs of domestic abuse?**

**Need help on how to assess risk, and where to refer?**

The Safer Somerset Partnership has a training programme for professionals working in Somerset, who want to learn more about how to support people affected by domestic abuse. This includes a Level 1 introductory course, plus a **new** regular Level 2 course on **teenage relationship abuse** (previously piloted in autumn 2014).

### Upcoming Training Dates:

5 August 2015  
3 September 2015  
15 September 2015  
23 September 2015  
1 October 2015  
13 October 2015  
4 November 2015  
10 December 2015

Yeovil (Level 1 – Introduction)  
Minehead (Level 1 – Introduction)  
Taunton (Level 1 – Introduction)  
Bridgwater (Level 2 – Teenage Relationships)  
Frome (Level 1 – Introduction)  
Bridgwater (Level 1 – Introduction)  
Yeovil (Level 1 – Introduction)  
Yeovil (Level 2 – Teenage Relationships)

To book onto any of these courses, please email [ASCLearningandDevelopment@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ASCLearningandDevelopment@somerset.gov.uk) or telephone 01823 355125.

## Domestic Homicide Reviews

Since 2011, Community Safety Partnerships are expected to undertake a multi-agency review following a domestic abuse related death. The purpose of this “domestic homicide review” is to help identify lessons that maybe used to help prevent future deaths and abuse.

In Somerset, we have had 13 notifications of deaths for consideration under the criteria of a domestic homicide review. A total of 4 formal reviews have taken place, and 3 of those review reports have been approved by the Home Office for publication, (the fourth is pending approval). These approved reports can be found online at [www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk](http://www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk).

Currently, there are also 2 domestic homicide reviews in progress and these are expected to conclude by Spring 2016.

## Child to parent violence – new resources

“Responding to Child to Parent Violence” is a multi-agency research project led by the University of Brighton, in conjunction with European partner organisations. They were brought together to study the emerging problem of abuse perpetrated by children on their parents and carers.

Child to parent violence: "...any harmful act by a teenage child intended to gain power and control over a parent. The abuse can be physical, psychological, or financial." Cottrell (2003)

### Project film resources on Child to Parent violence now downloadable!

After two years of research, planning and filming they have produced two films about CPV, The first captures professionals' thoughts on what is meant by CPV (5 minutes). The second reports key findings from our action research project for policy makers and practitioners (25 minutes).

Get more details online at <http://www.rcpv.eu/>



## New Safer Somerset Partnership Structure & Priorities

### 2015/16 PRIORITIES:

- Improve links to other partnerships, interagency collaboration and understanding of services
- Prevent the escalation of violent crime and abuse by supporting victims and working with perpetrators
- Focus on *targeted* Anti-Social Behaviour
- Focusing on Families through Early Help
- Identify opportunities and approaches that Improve mental wellbeing and the emotional resilience of people in Somerset
- Break the cycle of offending/abuse through an engaged multi-agency

A new structure has been approved, which means there will be a Strategic Group, Tactical Group and geographically based multi-agency arrangements. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence are cross-cutting issues that are likely to feature throughout.

## New Helpline for Men and Boys



**0808 801 0464**

Confidential support for men and boys who have experienced sexual violence or abuse at any time in their lives.

Our volunteer helpline workers are here to listen to you and support you. We can provide information, emotional support, signposting advice, and can help you access counselling services.

Our free helpline opening times are:

**Mondays 11.00 am—2.00pm**

**Tuesdays 6.00pm—8.30pm**

### **E mail support**

You can e mail us anytime. Our support email address is [support@sarsas.org.uk](mailto:support@sarsas.org.uk)

## Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (SIDAS)

This service has just reached its 6 month anniversary and already has received hundreds of referrals seeking support. As a reminder, SIDAS can offer:

- Support to female and male victims of domestic abuse (1-2-1 and groupwork)
- 1-2-1 and groupwork support to children and young people affected by domestic abuse
- 1-2-1 and groupwork to perpetrators of domestic abuse.

You can contact SIDAS (non-confidential email) at [heretohelp@knightstone.co.uk](mailto:heretohelp@knightstone.co.uk) – also see the service access pathway on page 6



## Domestic Abuse Service Access Pathway

Professional recognises that their client maybe at risk of domestic abuse

↓  
Agency to complete CAADA DASH Risk Indicator Checklist (RIC)

↓  
*Take the following actions dependant on RIC Score*

### Score - 0-13

Refer to Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (SIDAS) via Hub

Email: [here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net](mailto:here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net) \*\*

**{attaching your CAADA Ric & completed SIDAS initial referral form}**

Or telephone 0800 6949 999

The SIDAS will assess appropriate support/ service needed – ie:

- Community Outreach Support
- Refuge accommodation (female only)
- Safe house accommodation (male & female)

### Score - 14 +

(or in your professional judgement the situation requires specialist IDVA intervention & referral to MARAC)

Refer to Somerset MARAC Operating Protocol – agencies send their CAADA DASH Ric & MARAC referral form to their agency MARAC Designated Representative.

Agency MARAC Designated Officer checks draft MARAC referral & RIC, and after approval will submit to:

1. **MARAC Co-ordinator**  
([SouthernMARAC@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SouthernMARAC@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk))

**AND AT SAME TIME TO:**

2. **Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service-** marked “MARAC referral”

([here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net](mailto:here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net))\*\*

### OR Is Victim Out of Crisis?

Can refer onto Overcoming Abuse Programme: Indicate in your email this is a Victim Programme referral

[here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net](mailto:here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net) \*\*

**A male who wants to change his abusive behaviour in intimate relationships? Refer onto the voluntary Lifeline Programme:- Somerset Integrated DA Service ([here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net](mailto:here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net))\*\***

\*\*If you do **not** have a secure email account (e.g cjsm, gcsx, pnn, gsi, etc) please send SIDAS referrals via Securesend

(<http://securesend.somerset.gov.uk>)

For general enquiries about SIDAS please contact  
[heretohelp@knightstone.co.uk](mailto:heretohelp@knightstone.co.uk).