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Domestic Abuse Service Provision in Southwark

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Solace Women's Aid – who are we?

- London based domestic and sexual violence specialist
- Refuge and community based provision
- 40 years experience in the field
- Service users at the heart of our provision
- Leading Lights accredited

The Southwark service

- Borough wide flagship service
- Available to women and male survivors of domestic abuse
- Multiple strands of provision
- Single point of entry with clear referral pathways
- Hub and spoke model utilising community venues

The Southwark service

The 4 strands

- A service for women and males survivors
- A perpetrator programme run by DVIP
- A Parallel Programme for mothers and their children
- Capacity building workshops for agencies and professionals within the borough

The Advocacy and Support Service

- Working across all risk levels
- Male advocate for male survivors
- One point of contact
- Duty rota
- 24 hour access to advice

Perpetrator Programme

- Partnership working with DVIP
- Structured group work programme
- Proactive information exchange
- Proactive contact work with partners of men on the perpetrator programme

Parallel Programme

- Addressing the needs of children
- Rebuilding relationships between mothers and their children
- Safe space to express feelings
- Building resilience

Capacity Building

- Awareness raising training for external agencies and professionals
- Standard programme addressing risk factors and recognising the signs
- Tailoring to individual agency need

Key Outcomes

Advocacy and Support service

- Staying safe
- Achieve economic well being
- Being healthy
- Make a positive contribution

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Perpetrator Programme

- A positive change in the use of violent and abusive behaviour
- Increased insight into own use of violence
- Development of safer ways to behave in relationships
- Increase in positive relationship skills

Next steps

- Continuing to embed the new service
- Targeted community outreach (strategic assessment), survivors network etc.
- Contract management