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Dear Member

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Wednesday, 12 March 2025 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
6.	<b>Update on Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment Refresh</b> Safer Accommodation Action Plan Updated Appendix 2	(Pages 3 - 6)

Yours sincerely

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		Target Date	Status
<b>1</b>	<b>Reduce Barriers and Improve Access to Safe Accommodation</b>		
	Establish specific DA practitioners in Housing Options	October 2024	Posts established. Recruitment has been challenging due to short term posts. Agreed to be made permanent at DASV Executive Group (DASVEG) March 2025.
	Continue working with Peninsula partners to address barriers to accessing safe accommodation for minoritised groups and communities including:		
Page 3	a) Promote the Learning Disability toolkit	November 2024	Promotion delayed as toolkit needed to be designed for ease of use- due Spring 2025
	b) Launch of Older Peoples Charter	November 2024	Older People's Charter & Age Friendly Pledge launch scheduled for April 2025.
	c) Promote Safer Rainbow and seek funding for continuation	March 2025	Training sessions and awareness raising completed October to December 2024. Further funding until March 2026 confirmed by Ministry of Justice.
	d) Explore opportunities for co-commissioning offers for black and minoritised ethnic and other minoritised groups including supporting VCS providers with funding bids	In progress	Exploring potential Peninsula-wide Target Population commissioning strategy Targeted promotion of service to males, funding agreed by DASVEG 5/3/25 for male peer support offer to be identified following ongoing lived experience engagement.
	Continuation funding for Complex Lives Navigators	March 2025	Funding continuation confirmed until March 2026 and for a further 2 years by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Evaluation to be undertaken Spring 2025.

<b>2</b>	<b>Provide Safe Accommodation to Meet Needs</b>		
	Source 1 x family size wheelchair adapted safe house through additional unit or re-provision of a current unit.	March 2025	Negotiations with domestic abuse accommodation provider ongoing
	Source an additional 2 units of one bedroom safe accommodation on a phased approach	March to June 2025	Negotiations with domestic abuse accommodation provider ongoing
<b>3</b>	<b>Support with Trauma and Emotional Wellbeing</b>		
Page 4	Map existing landscape for emotional and therapeutic support for adults and children	March 2025	Adult and CYP Recovery Toolkit identified as preferred option by Children's Services and funding for training approved March 2025  Further work to be done on scope of CYP and adult therapeutic support offer before DASVEG will approve funding for a procurement (funding provisionally approved March 2025).
	Explore opportunities to add to or enhance existing provision including grass roots support provided by VCS	September 2025	Budget proposals approved by DASVEG March 2025 – ensure continuation of current provision
	Explore co-commissioning a Peninsula wide therapeutic offer	March 2026	Not started. Local SV trauma stabilisation offer in procurement by OPCC and NHSE April 2025, does not include DA. Discussions on impact of this with OPCC to be scheduled for April 2025.
	Domestic Abuse professionals and practitioners to receive Trauma Stabilisation training	March 2026	Ongoing - provider identified to hold the programme and ensure integrity and consistent delivery. Funding approved by DASVEG March 2025.
	Explore and embed initiatives to address domestic abuse at an earlier stage to avoid the need to enter safe accommodation	March 2026	Costed proposal for DAHA accreditation made to DASVEG March 2025. Decision not to progress at this time due to cost and capacity issues.

	Delivery of Economic Abuse training to key agencies and staff	March 2025	Scheduled for delivery March and April 2025
<b>4</b>	<b>Listen and Respond to Lived Experience</b>		
	Work alongside people with lived experience to continue to understand their experiences and develop a lived experience network to inform, advise and influence decision making of the Partnership Board.	September 2025	Peer Researchers in place October 2024. Lived experience engagement work funded within VCS. Proposal to DASVEG for continuation funding for Peer researchers until June 2026 approved March 2025.

**Note** – DASVEG is the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group – the local multi-agency partnership board reporting into the Community Safety Partnership.

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