

Domestic Abuse

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Definition of domestic abuse

"Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality".

- Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA)
- Refuge funded through Supported People (accommodation and floating support services)
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- Safety First Scheme
- One Stop Shop
- Domestic Abuse Forum and Multi-Agency Workshops

Reporting in 2007 to 2008

- A total of 1872 domestic abuse reports to police

Increase of 3.1%



- 605 were recorded as crimes

Decrease of 4.6%



- 1267 domestic abuse incidents reported

Increase of 7.4%



Sanctioned detections

Of 605 domestic abuse reports 'crimed', a total of 351 recorded as a sanctioned detections

- 58% sanctioned detection rate
- The MPS targeted was 48%

Of these:

- 221 cautions (63%)
- 129 charges (37%)

Victim Profile

- 74.2% were female
- 25.7% were male
- Around 1% of cases have an LGBT flag
- Of cases involved same sex victims and perpetrators, 5.6% were male and 4% were female – these may involve familial relationships
- 81.9 of victims are White, 6.6% Asian and 4.4% Black
- Peak age of victims was 20-24
- 12.4% are repeat victims
- 90.2% of victims from Richmond
- 73% of offenders were from Richmond, 8.4% from Hounslow

Case progression in 2007-08

92 cases at Magistrate and Crown Court

15% of reported offences led to prosecution

48 convictions

7.9% of reported offences led to conviction

2 IDAP orders (Community order or post custody licence)

- How does the partnership measure 'confidence' in reporting domestic abuse?
- How should the partnership be dealing with perpetrators? E.g. case progression through the criminal justice system
- How do we increase reporting among underrepresented groups e.g. LGBT and affluent communities?