

Lambeth CPCG

4th March 2008

Inspector Neil Paton

What is domestic violence ?

The ACPO definition of Domestic Violence says:

'Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults, aged 18 and over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender and sexuality'.

(Family members are defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister and grandparents, whether directly related, in-laws or step-family).

Domestic Violence in Lambeth

Total DV incidents rolling year to 31/1/08
4491

Total DV incidents rolling year to 31/1/07
4946

Reduction = **455 = 9%**

DV Crime

DV crime to 31/1/08 - **1936**

DV crime to 31/1/07 - **2392**

Reduction = **456 = 19%**

Female victims – **1629 (84%)**

Male victims – **309 (16%)**

Same sex incidents – **61**

Why the reduction ?

More accurate counting/better housekeeping

Reduction in repeat victimisation

Impact of positive action/arrest

Breakdown by ethnicity

	Number	%	Census info
Afro-Caribbean	944	48	26
White European	747	38	62
Dark European	144	7	N/K
Asian	79	4	5
Oriental	22	1	1
Unknown	15	1	N/K
Arabian/Egyptian	11	1	N/K

Age groups affected

18 – 25 = 623 (33%)

26 – 35 = 533 (28%)

36 – 45 = 491 (26%)

45 – 55 = 177 (9%)

56 + = 78 (4%)

Repeat victimisation

Rate as at 31/3/07

24.7%

Rate as at 31/1/08

19.8%

Performance

Sanctioned detections

	Target	Actual
Previous year	30%	33.7%
Current year	40%	41.7%

Arrest Rates

	Target	Actual
Previous year	50%	51.6%
Current year	60%	63.8%

How has this been achieved ?

- Positive action/arrest
- Completion of b.124
- CSU working practices
- Better supervision
- Partnership activity

Partnership work

- MARAC
- LAA
- IDVAs
- GAIA
- DV support packs
- Book 124d review

MARAC

Multi-agency risk assessment conference

Held monthly, chaired by police.
Coordinated by GAIA project officer.

Review of high risk cases by statutory and
voluntary organisations

LAA

Local Area Agreement

- Increase sanctioned detection rates.
- Reduce overall repeat victimisation.
- Reduce repeat victimisation in cases referred to MARAC
- Increase the number of successful outcomes at court

DV Support Packs

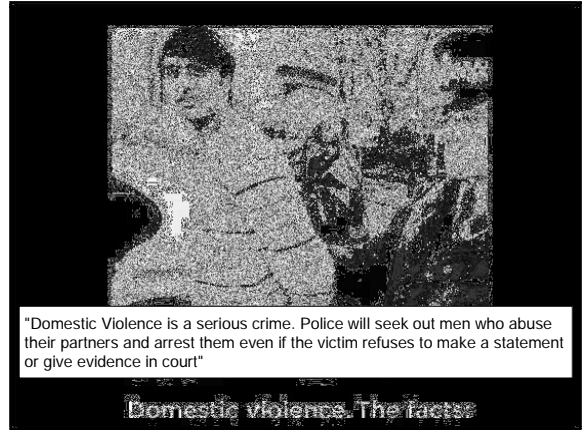
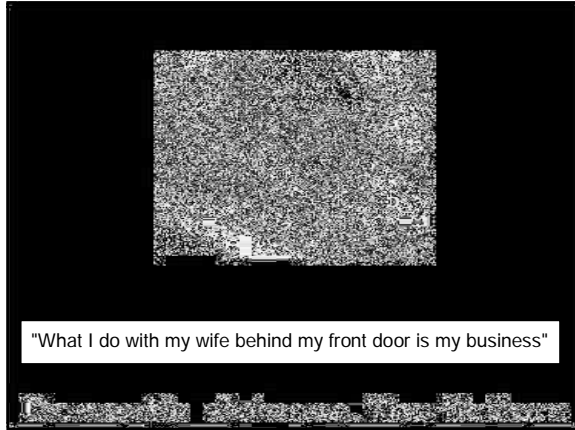
- Introduced in January
- Now sent to all DV victims
- Repeat victims given bespoke pack

The Future

- Reinforcing Positive Action message
- Securing better evidence
- Supervision and feedback
- Secondary investigation
- MARAC and LAA
- Sanctuary Scheme
- Improving charge to caution ratio - CPS
- Victim satisfaction surveys
- Continued focus on repeat victimisation

Final thought

- Domestic violence accounts for 15% of ALL violent crime
- 2 women are murdered every week as a result of domestic violence
- 35% of ALL murders are domestic violence
- 2 women have been killed in Lambeth as a result of DV within the last 12 months



IDVAs
Independent Domestic Violence Advocates

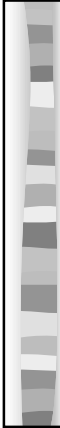
IDVAs in place at Guy's/St Thomas' and Camberwell Green Magistrates Court.

Role to support women who are victims of Domestic Violence

GAIA Centre

Staff available to give advice, information and support on issues including

- Legal
- Housing
- Substance misuse
- Criminal justice and criminal injuries
- Immigration
- Counselling and emotional support



Book 124d Review

Review has been completed and report published

Findings and recommendations being considered



**Community Police
Consultative Committee
Domestic Abuse
4th March 2008**

Domestic Abuse

- Victims domestic abuse - referred by the police, self referrals and other agencies
- Includes – women, men, same sex and family domestic abuse
- One of the few agencies that work with all of the above
- Give support, advice and information across a range of services – health, housing

Specialist Services

- Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor – Police Liaison (funded Borough Command Unit) based at GAIA Centre
- REACH Project Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust (funded City Parochial Foundation and Henry Smith Charity and Borough Command Unit)
- Sanctuary Scheme – funded by Lambeth Regeneration and Housing

Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor – Statistics Sept 2006 – January 2008

- contact is from the very beginning
- try to get them to report and follow through CJS
- issues -housing, immigration, family law, injunctions, especially attending family law courts and injunction hearings
- 143 cases to date - 25 open cases and closed 118.
- 34 refused go through the CJS
- 16 Waiting CPS Decision

Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor –
Statistics Sept 2006 – January 2008
contd

- 2 Deportations
- 16 Waiting CPS Decision
- 29 Went to trial
- 26 Convictions
- 6 waiting trial dates
- 4 women have been through CJS twice as repeat victims
- 4 adult cautions
- 3 Not guilty verdicts

Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor –
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- 16 CPS did not proceed
- 3 warrants outstanding
- Which means 109 have been supported through CJS

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Lambeth Women's Aid

June Pilgrim-Ndure

- Violence against women by men can include a whole range of violent assaults, being punched, kicked, slapped, knife threats, threats with objects, threats to kill and being killed. Domestic violence also includes domestic and sexual abuse. This is violence too. 'There is no place for physical, sexual or emotional abuse in a healthy relationship' (Women's Aid Federation of England)

REALITY

- There is no 'typical' abuser. Violent men come from every economic or social background. Age, physical build, religion or temperament are not determining factors. Domestic violence is not confined to so-called 'problem families' Any women can be abused, regardless of her age. She might be your mother, daughter, friend, sister, neighbour, colleague....

Lambeth Women's Aid

REFUGE

Before a woman enters a refuge a process is followed:

- Referral
- Risk Assessment
- Needs Assessment

When a woman is accepted, an in-house process is continued through their stay:

- Safety Plan
- Support Plan
- Key Sessions

- Women stay for up to 6 months before they are moved on. During this time they are continually supported by the Project Workers by way of key sessions, discussing issues such as housing, finance, legal matters, education, training and emotional support.
- Their children are supported by the Family Support Worker who offers a number of play sessions for younger children and a feeling group, an emotional support plan for the older children.

Lambeth Women's Aid

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

- Women are referred from other organisations or make self-referrals
- A Referral form is completed and Risk Assessment carried out
- An Action Plan is drawn up
- Depending on the woman's needs, a refuge space or emergency accommodation will be sought or they will be referred to an appropriate agency which can support them with immediate needs.

Lambeth Women's Aid

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

Sharon Facey

- Child may protect victim or become the main carer
- May act out violence in school and become a bully
- Bed-wetting
- Early sexual activity
- Depression/withdrawal, being a victim of bullies
- Theft or crime
- Child may take part in the abuse of the victim
- Child may be injured when intervening
- Running away
- Shame and embarrassment
- Low self-esteem
- Becoming an under or over-achiever
- Drugs or alcohol abuse

Lambeth Sanctuary Scheme - Operational from beginning of Jan '08

Partners and Stakeholders

- Led by Lambeth Housing
- Operated by Victim Support Lambeth
- Partnership with Victim Support Southwark
 - Lockfitting Service
- Ongoing practical and emotional support to victim:
 - Sanctuary Floating Support Lambeth
- Liaison with Police
 - Lambeth CSU

About the Lambeth Scheme

Self/Agency referral

Open to both men & women victims of DV Any type of residence: Private/council/HA Budget for 50 installations (Jan to Dec '08)

Certain key requirements for referral Medium to low risk DV cases only

Specification = Full Sanctuary - see attached sheet

Aftercare and Follow Up

Public Services updated post installation & site marked as Sanctuary address

- Fire/Police/Ambulance
- Lambeth CSU - Special Schemes
- Housing officers Referral to Floating Support Follow up call from Sanctuary Officer at 6 months Service user feedback requested re

service 2 schemes approved, one already complete Scheme Launch anticipated in May

Contact Details

Sanctuary Scheme Officer Victim Support Lambeth

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Lambeth's Domestic Violence Floating Support Service

Who we are

- Solace Women's Aid (SWA) Lambeth Floating Support Service. This service is being coordinated in partnership with Lambeth Women's Aid and Asha Projects.

What is Floating Support

- A service that provides housing related support to vulnerable women (over 18) to enable them to maintain their independence in their own home.
- The support is designed to sustain a tenancy, across all tenancy types, by developing independent living skills.

Lambeth's Domestic Violence Floating Support Service

Our aims and objectives

- to empower women to make informed choices and changes in their lives, achieve their goals and move toward independently living.
- to prevent homelessness through the provision of practical tenancy and emotional support, to enable victims of domestic violence to remain in their homes, if it is safe to do so.

Lambeth Domestic Violence Floating Support Service

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Specification for Lambeth Scheme = full Sanctuary Includes: Sanctuary Room and Perimeter Security

Minimum Fittings for Sanctuary Room:

- Solid core 44mm door 1/2 fire rating, cutting charge and door trim Frame fixers.
- Intumescent strip/seal set
- Europrofile locks with internal thumbturns
- Hinges 4"
- Hinge bolts
- Perko mortised door closer
- 180 degree door viewer
- Land line linked to Careline for use in emergency

Perimeter Security may include:

- Relevant window locks
- Window grille(s)
- Solid core door 1/2 fire rating, cutting charge and door trim (front)
- Solid core door 'A fire rating, cutting charge and door trim (back)
- Re-keying locks
- Birmingham bar
- London bar
- CCTV
- 10 year battery smoke alarm
- External letterbox
- Maglite Torch spare bulb and battery
- Fire extinguisher 1 kg

Lambeth Gaia Domestic Violence centre



Lambeth GAIA centre

Why a multi agency centre?

- Women contacting multiple agencies
- One Stop shop model
- Medium to long term support
- Revealing intimate details to strangers
- Value for money

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History of the Gaia centre

- 2005- secured premises
- DV Centre Coordinator- December 2005
- December 2005- April 2006- negotiating with partnership agencies
- May 2006- service commenced
- November 2006- 6 month report and official launch
- Over 600 referrals to date

Gaia centre partners

Statutory

- Lambeth Council
- Lambeth Police
- Lambeth PCT

Voluntary

- Lambeth Women's Aid
- Refuge
- Solas Anois
- Victim Support Lambeth
- Refugee council
- Women and Girls Network

Private

- Fisher Meredith solicitors
- Ziadies solicitors
- Hanne & Co solicitors



Eligibility Criteria

- Woman who has or is experiencing domestic violence
- Aged 18+
- Lambeth resident

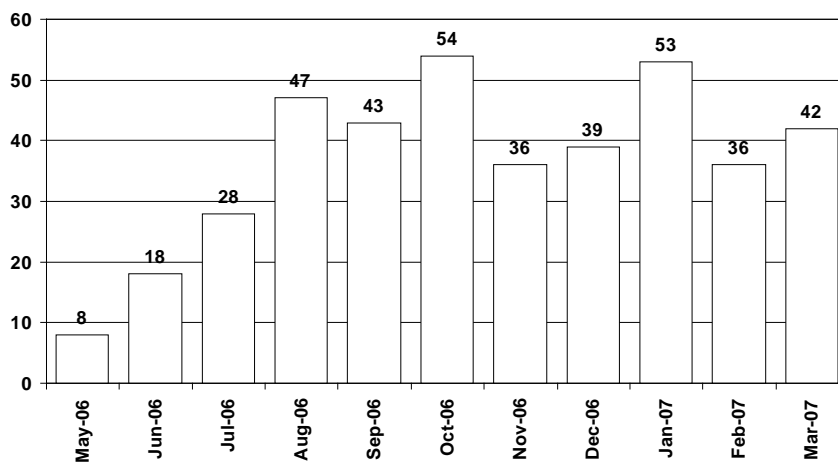
Key Features

- Women only service
- Women only staff team
- Confidential location
- Security measures
- Satellite venues
- Partnership working

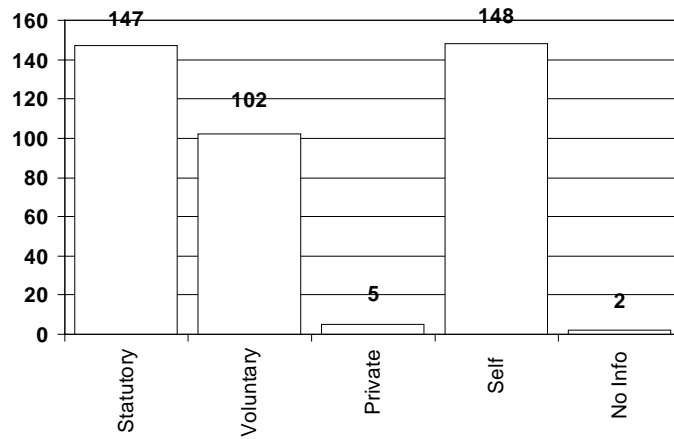
Services on offer

- Police Liaison officer
- Legal advice
- Portuguese DV worker
- Generic DV staff
- Substance misuse
- Immigration advice
- Criminal injuries compensation
- Housing advice

NUMBER OF REFERRALS PER MONTH (May 2006- Mar 2007)

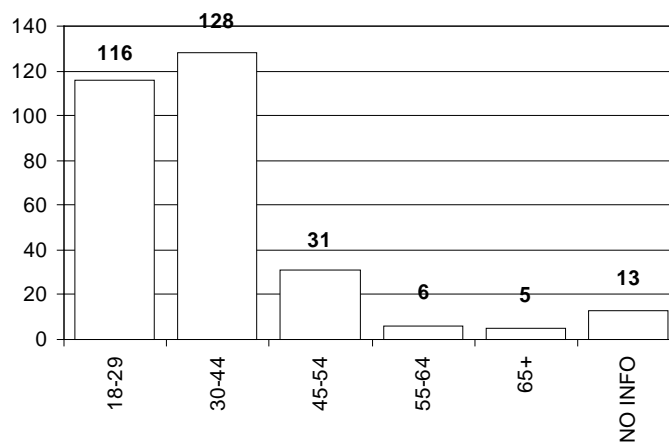


REFERRAL SOURCE



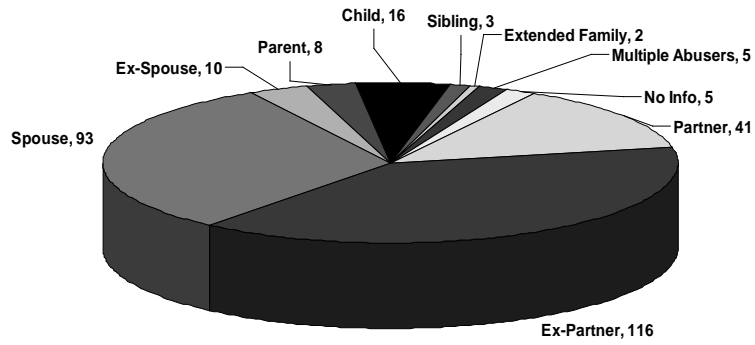
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This is the Age of the Service User at the point of referral



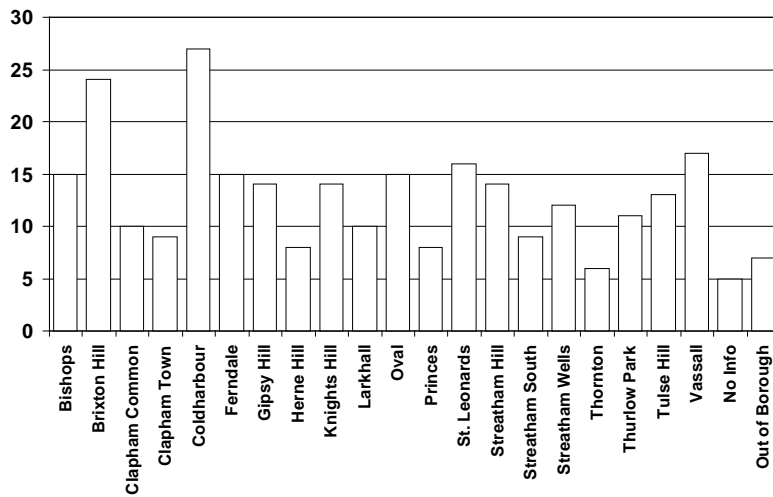
PERPETRATOR

The relationship of the perpetrator to the service user.



WARD

The housing ward of the service user at the point of referral.



National Audit Office

- The Gaia centre was visited by the National Audit Office in September 2007.
- Produced a national report in February 2008 'Reducing the risk of violent crime.'
- The Gaia centre was cited as an example of good practice in the context of multi agency working

Case Study 1

- Case resolution within 1 month
- Substance misuse issues
- One child
- Living with perpetrator

- ACTION
- Sought refuge space
- Seen by two specialist partners of the centre for support with drug use and child contact issues including attending court
- Moved out of borough to live with parents. Referred her to local drug services. Continued support from solicitor and drugs worker
- Service user returned to court and was awarded custody of child.

Case Study 2

- 2 children
- Sole tenancy in her name but perpetrator (overstayer) living with her

- ACTION
- Liaised with voluntary agencies
- Liaised with home office
- Working with Lambeth housing re transfer
- Safely out of borough
- Worked closely with social services around CP concerns