



**ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION NO.** 22-2015

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM IN THE SUFFOLK  
COASTAL AREA**

**SUMMARY:**

Tackling domestic violence and abuse is one of Suffolk PCC's priority themes and is included in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017. In October 2014 the PCC assumed responsibility for the commissioning of services for victims of crime. In this regard the PCC's key objective is "to help victims of crime cope and recover by providing effective victims' services according to their individual needs and regardless of their geographic location".

*Recent research* commissioned confirmed that the support available for survivors of domestic violence and abuse in Suffolk is patchy and in rural areas support is almost non-available unless they have been assessed as 'high risk'. Given the PCC's ambition discussions have taken place to identify the steps to address this issue. This report makes proposals to award a grant to the Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum for the purposes of extending its services to the Suffolk Coastal area and rebranding the Forum to 'Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum'.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the PCC approves a grant to the Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum for the purposes of extending and rebranding the Forum to 'Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum'.

The PCC approves the award of a grant of £20,000 (set-up costs - £ 5,000 plus running costs - £15,000) for the purposes of establishing the forum in the Suffolk Coastal area.

That the PCC approves the grant for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

**APPROVAL BY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**Signature**

*Tina Parrymore*

**Date** 4/03/2015.

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Tackling domestic violence and abuse is one of Suffolk PCC's priority themes and is included in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017. The Police and Crime Plan sets out a clear commitment to tackling domestic violence and abuse:

*"Domestic violence and abuse is a serious issue. It is regularly linked to substance misuse and mental health problems. It is predominantly an issue of power and control between those who are, or have been, intimate partners and family members, and can, in some cases be linked to other crimes such as ASB and substance misuse. Domestic violence and abuse includes psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse as well as 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation and forced marriage. Many victims are subjected to controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, which impacts on every aspect of their lives. As a result of domestic abuse victims can suffer long term physical and mental health problems. Domestic abuse occurs in all sections of society regardless of factors such as social class, gender, ethnicity, age or income. These are complex issues. With the combined efforts of all our partners (such as local authorities, the Safer Suffolk Partnership Board, CSPs [community safety partnerships], Suffolk Domestic Violence Forum) and the VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) sector, we will continue to tackle domestic violence and abuse to achieve long term and sustainable reductions in violence and effective provision of protective services, support, advice and training for front-line staff".*

- 1.2 In October 2014 the PCC assumed responsibility for the commissioning of victims' services. The PCC's key objective is "to help victims of crime cope and recover by providing effective victims' services according to their individual needs and regardless of their geographic location".
- 1.3 The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime provides that certain victims are also entitled to 'enhanced entitlements' because they are more likely to require enhanced support and services through the criminal justice process. Those victims are:
- victims of the most serious crime;
  - persistently targeted victims; and
  - vulnerable or intimidated victims.
- 1.4 Victims of domestic violence fall within the categories of vulnerable, intimidated or persistently targeted and it is also likely that they will fall within the category of victims of the most serious crime. Accordingly the PCC has determined that the provision of services for victims of domestic abuse and violence is afforded high priority.
- 1.5 It is recognised that victims of domestic violence should have timely access to specialist services and advice. The needs of victims of domestic violence are often complex and accordingly the support provided to victims needs to fully understand the complexities associated with domestic abuse and be tailored to their individual needs.
- 1.6 Accordingly the PCC has awarded a number of grants over the last two years to support victims of domestic abuse. In particular grants have been awarded to the Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum which covers Lowestoft, Beccles, Bungay and the immediate surrounding areas, and to Compass-ion, which supports victims in the Sudbury area.

- 1.7 It is however recognised that the service provision to victims of domestic violence and abuse across the county is patchy, and in particular research recently commissioned by the PCC and conducted by University Campus Suffolk recognised that:

*'Support available for survivors of domestic violence and abuse in Suffolk is patchy. There are vast geographical variations in the support available with Ipswich as a town being better served than towns like Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds. For survivors in rural areas support is almost non-available unless they have been assessed as 'high risk' and have the support of an IDVA.*

*While a number of agencies and organisations provide support for survivors of domestic violence and abuse in Suffolk, this research found considerable confusion on the part of those interviewed as to exactly which organisation is providing that support, to whom and where'.*

- 1.7 Given the perceived patchiness of services it is accepted that the local domestic violence and abuse fora provide a vital first point of contact for victims of domestic violence; providing valuable support and advice to victims of domestic abuse and signposting/onward referral to appropriate services. They also perform important awareness raising activities as well as coordinating or delivering programmes such as the Freedom Programme, Caring Dads and Who's in Charge.

## **2 DEMAND FOR SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVISION – EAST SUFFOLK**

- 2.1 When considering service provision against demand statistics provided by Suffolk Constabulary (see Appendix A) suggest an increase in domestic abuse related incidents in the Felixstowe and Woodbridge areas. In particular the statistics show an increase of 30% in reports of domestic abuse related incidents in the period to December 2014. Other police forces and service providers have also experienced high increases in demand from victims.
- 2.3 Given the PCC's ambition that all victims of domestic violence and abuse can access support, irrespective of whether they live in a rural or urban location it is agreed that there should be some form of independent advice and support available across Suffolk.
- 2.4 With the above in mind discussions have recently taken place with Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum ('the Forum) regarding increasing and extending their services to the Suffolk Coastal area. As a consequence of these discussions the forum has produced a business case outlining their proposals for extending their services to the Suffolk Coastal district. This is attached at Appendix B to this report. The ambition for local services for victims was also included in the Waveney and Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership plan for 2012/13.

## **3 WAVENEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE FORUM**

- 3.1 By way of background the Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum was established over 30 years in the Waveney area. It is a registered charity and its aim is to reduce and prevent domestic abuse within the Waveney area. The forum works locally with over 40 statutory and voluntary agencies to help clients escape domestic violence and abuse. The forum promotes the importance of partnership working to prioritise the safety of adults, young people & children.
- 3.2 Given its charitable status the forum relies upon grants to support its day to day work and in recent years its primary source of funding has been through grants from the PCC to fund the post of coordinator and the running costs for its small premises located in the Kirkley Centre, Lowestoft. The forum also generates other income for bespoke activities from other grant awarding bodies.



- 3.3 The Waveney Domestic Abuse and Violence Forum's current range of services are as set out below. It is intended that the service for Suffolk Coastal would provide similar services.

#### Initial point of contact

The forum provides a telephone service signposting to advice, services and information and takes around 300-400 telephone calls per quarter (75-100 calls per month).

#### Training Programmes

The forum also coordinates various training programmes.

#### Caring Dads Programme.

The Caring Dads Programme was developed by the Forum which performed all the administration and support including leaflets, posters, insurance and the funding of the programme. The programme was delivered in partnership between Suffolk Constabulary, Norfolk and Suffolk Probation, St Johns Housing Trust and Social Services. 'Liberty' provided support for the wives and partners.

The programme aims to work with dads and have a key impact on the risk to children. Outcomes were the positive reports of fathers connecting with their children and families and helping them to understand that their behaviour was damaging not just to themselves but to their families.

There have been many positive reports of the outcomes of the programme; one from a social services professional as follows:

*"The most clear evidence of positive change came from the children themselves who reported feeling happier about things in general, saying that fighting and shouting had stopped. Their views were reflected in improvements in school and reported growth in confidence and self-esteem by other professionals."*

#### Freedom Programme

The Freedom Programme is run by Liberty and takes place over 12 weeks during school term time. The programme is open to women who wish to learn about the reality of domestic violence and abuse. It is open to those who are affected by the impact of an abusive relationship, whether or not they are still with the abusive partner.

#### Programme aims:

- To help women understand the beliefs held by abusive men.
- To illustrate the effects of domestic violence on children.
- To assist women to recognise potential future abusers.
- To help women gain self-esteem and confidence.
- To improve the quality of their own lives.
- To introduce women to community resources such as Women's Aid, Suffolk Domestic Violence Unit etc.

## **4 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES**

- 4.1 In common with the PCC's policy, grants will be awarded where there is a robust business case which clearly sets out the success criteria (e.g. intended outcomes, milestones, risks, etc.) and how the initiative for which funding is sought will deliver



clear and measurable outcomes against the PCC's Police and Crime Plan objectives. The intended outputs/outcomes are set out below.

- 4.2 It is proposed that the proposed outcome/output measures will be agreed between the Forum and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. These will include, but will not be limited to, the following:
- Number of calls received
  - Number of calls responded to (including an assessment of those that are not answered)
  - Numbers of victims supported and how (advice/referral)
  - Courses delivered
  - Number of people supported through training (which courses and what outcomes)
  - Number of applications for grants submitted by the Forum (including funds secured and for what purposes).
  - Number of victims who had not presented to the police.
  - Details of work with other partners to deliver services
  - Perception surveys/evaluations completed by victims regarding the support provided by the Forum and the impact the service has had on aspects such as improved self-confidence.

## **5. SERVICE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The costs associated with extending this service are covered in the attached business case, and are summarised as follows:

One-off set-up costs	- £ 5,000
Running costs (coordinator, travel expenses, etc.)	- £15,000

- 5.2 Having considered the recent research produced by UCS, the performance data provided by the Constabulary and the business case for extending the service to the Suffolk Coastal area, it is proposed that the PCC approves a grant of £20,000 to the Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum for the purposes of extending the service to the Suffolk Coastal area. The forum will be re-branded to the 'Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum'.

## **6. RISKS**

- 6.1 There are no risks associated flowing from the consideration of this report.
- 6.2 The award of this grant mitigates the risk of a lack of services for victims of domestic violence and abuse to the most vulnerable victims in the Suffolk Coastal area. An associated risk however is the risk generated by introducing a new service in the Suffolk Coastal area which in turn introduces an ongoing reliance upon funding. The arrangements for mitigating this risk are provided for in the Miscellaneous Conditions of Award (at Section 7). However, it should also be noted that the PCC's ambition for victims' services is explicit its commitment to providing enhanced services for eligible victims.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

- 7.1 This award is a one-off award and outputs/outcomes should be delivered in the calendar year 2015/16.

- 7.2 Payment of the award does not confer any ongoing obligation on the PCC to make payments beyond 31 March 2016.
- 7.3 This award may not be used for any activities other than those set out within this decision paper or as approved in writing by the PCC.
- 7.4 The funds provided under this award may not be used to purchase capital items.
- 7.5 This award is made on the condition that if the project does not proceed then the funding must be repaid to the PCC.
- 7.6 Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum must be able to demonstrate that the grant is being managed in an efficient and effective manner, and that they are actively seeking to minimise bureaucracy and streamline processes in order to deliver the best possible outcomes.
- 7.7 The Forum will invoice the PCC on a quarterly in arrears basis after which transfer of funds will be arranged. Payment will be made within 21 working days of the receipt of a payment request and must be accompanied by the appropriate monitoring information.
- 7.8 The PCC will not pay in advance of need. If the PCC reasonably believes that payment is being made in advance of need, the PCC may change the timing and/or the amount of any payments.
- 7.9 The Forum will report provide regular progress updates to the PCC including financial monitoring and outcomes of projects. An end of year report on the award of grants and outcomes shall be presented to the PCC. These updates shall be submitted on dates as specified by the PCC. An end of year financial monitoring report should be submitted to the PCC on or before 31 March 2016.
- 7.10 The PCC shall be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if an underspend is forecast and any underspend must be returned to the PCC.
- 7.11 By accepting the award from the PCC the Forum commits to acknowledge the PCC's support publicly and in all their promotional work. Any recipients of funding must display the PCC's logo in all publicity for the life of the initiative. Logo artwork can be provided upon request. Any exceptions must be agreed with the PCC.
- 7.12 The Forum shall ensure that third party recipients have adequate insurance coverage (including but not limited to public liability insurance) in place and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the PCC on request.
- 7.13 The PCC accepts no liability to the Forum or any third party recipients for any costs, claims, damage or losses, however they are incurred, except for to the extent that they arise from personal injury or death which is caused by the PCC's negligence.
- 7.14 The Forum agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by the Forum or out of any breach of any of the conditions of award.

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.10 It is recommended that:

8.10.1 The PCC approves a grant as follows:

Set-up costs for introduction of Suffolk Coastal Domestic Abuse and Violence Forum	£ 5,000
Running costs (including Coordinator costs) - Jan 2015 to Jan 2016	£15,000
<b>Total Grant</b>	<b>£20,000</b>

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
Has the Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

#### **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER**

##### **Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:

Date *4 March 2015*



Domestic Abuse performance diagnostic indicators (ACPO Definition)		Forest Heath	Bury St. Edmunds	Haverhill	Mid Suffolk	Babergh	Ipswich East	Ipswich Central	Ipswich West	Lowestoft South	Lowestoft North	Becles & Leiston	Felixstowe & Woodbridge	Suffolk
<b>Domestic Abuse related crimes</b>		<b>277</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2747</b>
% Change from 2013/14		▲ 33%	▲ 27%	▼ 1%	▲ 20%	▲ 24%	▲ 18%	▲ 8%	▲ 22%	▲ 12%	▲ 26%	▼ 13%	▲ 30%	▲ 18%
<b>per 10,000 population</b>		<b>45.6</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>37.5</b>
<b>2013/14</b>														
<b>Rate Change from Previous Year</b>		<b>34.2</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>31.8</b>
<b>Direction of travel (previous 24 months)</b>		<b>11.4</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>
		↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗
% of DA which is:	Homicide/Attempted Homicide				0.5%					0.5%				0.1%
	Violence with Injury	40%	27%	44%	33%	30%	34%	38%	38%	42%	36%	43%	39%	37%
	Sexual Offences	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%
	Criminal Damage	10%	8%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%	14%	8%	6%	9%
% which is DA related:	Homicide/Attempted Homicide													
	Violence with Injury													
	Sexual Offences													
	Criminal Damage													
<b>DA-related arrests</b>		<b>192</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2035</b>
<b>Arrest rate</b>		<b>69%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>2013/14</b>														
<b>Direction of travel (previous 24 months)</b>		<b>75%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>77%</b>
		→	→	↗	→	→	→	↘	→	→	↗	↗	↗	→
<b>Detections (DA-related crimes only)</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1226</b>
<b>Detection rate</b>		<b>46%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>2013/14</b>														
<b>Direction of travel (previous 24 months)</b>		<b>50%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>46%</b>
		↗	↗	↗	↗	→	→	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗
<b>Community Resolutions (DA-related crimes only)</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Community Resolution rate</b>		<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>2013/14</b>														
<b>Direction of travel (previous 24 months)</b>		<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>
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<b>Resolved rate (55% Benchmark)</b>		<b>49%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Deficit from benchmark</b>		<b>-16</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-227</b>
<b>Pending rate</b>		<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>



Domestic Abuse performance diagnostic  
indicators (ACPO Definition)

2014/15 (Year to end of Dec 2014)

	Forest Heath	Bury St Edmunds	Haverhill	Mid Suffolk	Babergh	Ipswich East	Ipswich Central	Ipswich West	Lowestoft South	Lowestoft North	Becles & Leiston	Felixstowe & Woodbridge	Suffolk
Repeat victims (DA crimes)	87	87	44	55	78	50	51	85	56	60	51	58	762
Repeat victimisation rate	31%	34%	30%	26%	30%	22%	26%	24%	28%	26%	31%	26%	28%
Historic repeat victimisation rate	27%	26%	34%	25%	30%	16%	23%	23%	22%	23%	40%	20%	25%
Repeat victims (DA crimes only)	67	62	32	40	51	61	57	111	58	76	54	44	713
Repeat victimisation rate	24%	24%	22%	19%	20%	27%	29%	32%	29%	32%	32%	20%	26%
Historic repeat victimisation rate	15%	16%	21%	18%	17%	19%	26%	23%	21%	18%	27%	11%	19%
Rep. victims (DA crimes, any previous domestic)	100	109	58	60	86	94	86	166	92	112	72	70	1105
Repeat victimisation rate	36%	43%	39%	28%	33%	42%	44%	47%	46%	48%	43%	31%	40%
Historic repeat victimisation rate	34%	34%	31%	34%	30%	35%	43%	43%	37%	37%	38%	27%	36%
Repeat Offenders (DA crimes)	93	110	43	78	78	88	88	171	91	116	65	75	1096
Repeat offender rate	34%	43%	29%	37%	30%	39%	45%	49%	46%	49%	39%	33%	40%
Historic repeat offender rate	39%	35%	36%	35%	35%	39%	45%	44%	41%	39%	37%	36%	39%
Against U18s	9%	7%	5%	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	6%
Against over 50s	8%	14%	16%	17%	16%	11%	10%	7%	16%	9%	14%	16%	12%
Against BME	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	13%	13%	9%	3%	4%	1%	5%	6%
Same Sex Victim and Offender	15%	15%	16%	15%	13%	10%	10%	13%	17%	13%	15%	17%	14%
Where Children present (848 submitted)	40%	40%	41%	30%	35%	31%	24%	33%	56%	47%	52%	40%	39%
Where Offender Unemployed	33%	35%	28%	31%	27%	34%	44%	43%	51%	58%	35%	30%	38%
Incomplete DASH Form	8%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%
Historic Incomplete DASH Form	5%	11%	11%	6%	9%	7%	5%	5%	2%	0%	3%	8%	6%
High Risk	32%	30%	30%	25%	30%	34%	39%	42%	28%	25%	24%	35%	32%
Medium Risk	29%	33%	28%	31%	33%	29%	26%	27%	39%	33%	46%	28%	31%
Standard Risk	30%	31%	37%	39%	32%	32%	29%	25%	28%	38%	27%	32%	31%
Non-notifiable crimes ide	10	11	6	11	6	3	8	8	4	13	8	4	92
per 10,000 population	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.0	3.3	1.2	0.4	1.3
% of total DA crimes non-notifiable	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	6%	5%	2%	3%
Section 2 Harassment - Non-crimes ide	26	54	31	43	40	39	24	52	33	37	41	45	465
per 10,000 population	4.3	7.8	7.3	4.4	4.5	13.9	4.8	9.3	8.5	9.3	6.0	4.8	6.3
Section 2 Harassment - Crimes ide	25	47	27	59	37	51	26	45	36	29	35	32	449
% DA crimes recorded as Section 2 ide	9%	19%	18%	28%	14%	23%	13%	13%	18%	12%	21%	14%	16%
Domestic Non-Crime	345	349	230	290	278	347	270	497	290	422	232	314	3864
Change from 2013/14	▲22%	▲33%	▼12%	▲5%	▲11%	▼2%	▲7%	▲0%	▲28%	▲21%	▲6%	▲13%	▲10%
per 10,000 population	56.8	50.6	54.0	29.7	31.6	123.3	53.5	88.9	75.0	106.4	33.9	33.7	52.8
Historic per 10,000 population	46.6	38.0	61.2	28.3	28.5	125.5	50.2	88.5	58.5	88.0	32.0	29.7	47.9

Proportion of Crime

Proportion of Crime

## 2014/15 (Year to end of Dec 2014)

Direction of travel (previous 24 months)

Non-crime incidents as % of total

Domestic Abuse performance diagnostic indicators (ACPO Definition)		2014/15 (Year to end of Dec 2014)													
Direction of travel (previous 24 months)		Forest Heath	Bury St. Edmunds	Haverhill	Mid Suffolk	Babergh	Ipswich East	Ipswich Central	Ipswich West	Lowestoft South	Lowestoft North	Becles & Leiston	Felixstowe & Woodbridge	Suffolk	
Non-crime incidents as % of total		55%	58%	61%	58%	52%	61%	58%	59%	59%	64%	58%	58%	58%	
Proportion of Non-Crime	Incomplete DASH Form	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	
	Historic Incomplete DASH Form	2%	3%	3%	2%	8%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%	
	High Risk	5%	5%	4%	2%	6%	6%	7%	8%	3%	2%	0%	4%	5%	
	Medium Risk	19%	17%	21%	15%	18%	13%	15%	16%	17%	19%	18%	17%	17%	
	Standard Risk	73%	75%	73%	81%	74%	80%	76%	75%	80%	78%	81%	77%	77%	



# Suffolk Constabulary DV Forum Report

## Domestic Abuse Statistics for County Domestic Abuse Forum

### Compiled by the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Performance Analysis Department

The domestic abuse unit is structured as follows:

Det. Supt. David Cutler – Head of Public Protection Directorate
Acting DCI Darrell Skuse
DS Sarah-Jane Primmer – County Domestic Abuse Supervisor
DI Jim Gooding – Ipswich Area Safeguarding Team
DI Adrian Randall – Bury St Edmunds Area Safeguarding Team
DI Estelle Skuse – Lowestoft Area Safeguarding Team
Lynn Ambrose – SARC Manager

## DA Statistics

As in previous reports incidents whose detection status is 'no-crime' have been excluded from the main statistics, but are included in the moving average graphs for consistency. While these cases have found to not constitute a criminal offence they can still represent an indication of underlying issues and are still available on the Constabulary crime recording system for research.

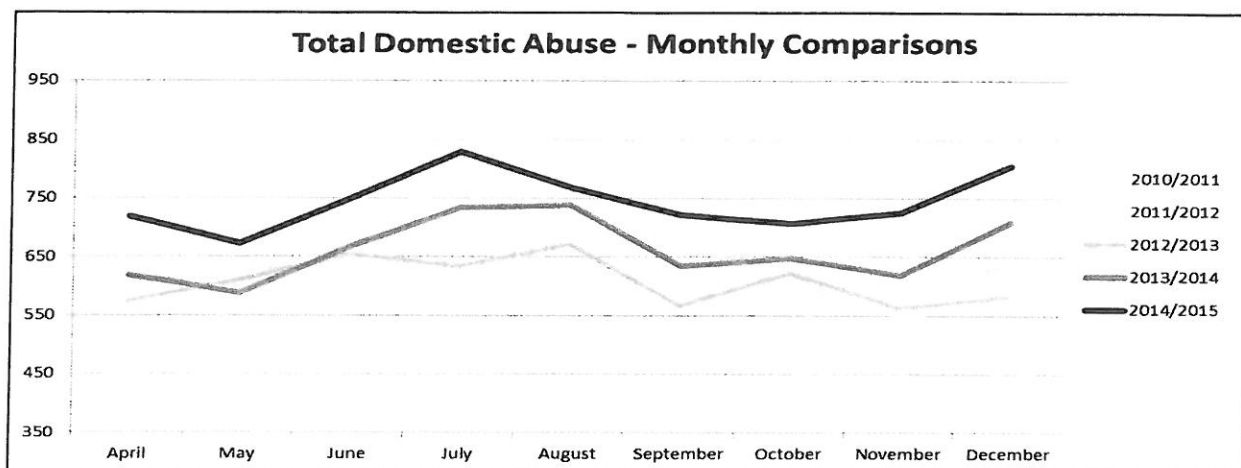
### % change in number of Domestic Abuse cases (Apr/Dec 2013 – Apr/Dec 2014)

	Babergh	Forest Heath	Mid Suffolk	St Ed.s	Ipswich	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Suffolk	Western CDRP	Wave and Coast CDRP
Change in DA Incidents	↑ 14%	↑ 25%	⇒ 1%	↑ 9%	↑ 8%	↑ 13%	↑ 15%	↑ 12%	↑ 12%	↑ 14%

The **DA crime summary** is shown in the table below, grouping offences by the HMIC crime tree.

	Babergh	Forest Heath	Mid Suffolk	St Ed.s	Ipswich	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Suffolk	Western CDRP	Wave and Coast CDRP
Violence with Injury	38	53	30	64	121	57	91	454	147	148
Sexual Offences (ex. rape)	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	12	6	2
Rape	6	2	3	5	9	3	11	39	10	14
<b>Total Serious DA</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>164</b>
Violence without Injury	48	48	45	68	151	49	80	489	161	129
Criminal Damage & Arson	4	11	10	19	29	10	26	109	40	36
Public Disorder	9	3	3	10	24	9	10	68	16	19
<b>Total Lower Level DA</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Total Other Flagged DA Crimes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>
Non-Crime	123	146	109	256	470	194	368	1666	511	562
Non-notifiable	4	3	3	10	10	4	10	44	16	14

The graph below shows the monthly number of domestic abuse incidents across the county, highlighting the typical increase throughout December compared to the same period from 2010.



In respect of incidents and offences where referrals to the Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) were made, data for third fiscal quarter, confirmed 903 referrals were actioned. The following tables confirm the increase in referrals year on year in respect of quarter 3 (+10%) and calendar year (+16%):-

INCIDENTS/OFFENCES WHERE 848 COMPLETED 'Y' QUARTER 3	
QTR 3 - 2012	754
QTR 3 - 2013	823
QTR 3 - 2014	903

% INCREASE 2012 /2014 - 20%
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INCIDENTS/OFFENCES WHERE 848 COMPLETED 'Y' CALENDAR YEAR	
2012	2974
2013	3122
2014	3628

% INCREASE 2012 /2014 - 22%
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In respect of 'no crime' data, the third fiscal quarter of 2014/15 recorded 12 'no crimes', a reduction on both 2013 recording 17 and 2012 recording 19.

NO CRIME' QUARTER 3	
	NO CRIME
Crime	48
QTR 3 - 2012	19
QTR 3 - 2013	17
QTR 3 - 2014	12
Non Crime	3
QTR 3 - 2012	2
QTR 3 - 2014	1

NO CRIME' CALENDAR YEAR	
	NO CRIME
Crime	209
2012	57
2013	76
2014	76
Non Crime	21
2012	2
2013	11
2014	8
Non-notifiable	4
2012	3
2014	1

In order to highlight the more prominent aggravating factors contributing to Domestic Abuse the following tables highlight the numbers recorded where alcohol/drugs/mental health have been recorded as a contributory factor within a Domestic Abuse incident/offence.

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'ALCOHOL RELATED' CALENDAR YEAR			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Alcohol Related' Incidents/offences
2012	2186	7090	30.83%
2013	2169	7531	28.80%
2014	2207	8631	25.57%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'ALCOHOL RELATED' QUARTER 3			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Alcohol Related' Incidents/Offences Qtr 3
2012	543	1753	30.98%
2013	617	1960	31.48%
2014	590	2229	26.47%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'MENTAL HEALTH' CALENDAR YEAR			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Mental Health' Calendar Year
2012	262	7090	3.70%
2013	849	7531	11.27%
2014	2009	8631	23.28%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'MENTAL HEALTH' QUARTER 3			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Mental Health' Incidents/Offences Qtr 3
2012	0	1753	0.00%
2013	418	1960	21.33%
2014	573	2229	25.71%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'DRUG RELATED' CALENDAR YEAR			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Drug Related' Calendar Year
2012	41	7090	0.58%
2013	29	7531	0.39%
2014	64	8631	0.74%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'DRUG RELATED' QUARTER 3			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Drug Related' Incidents/Offences Qtr 3
2012	8	1753	0.46%
2013	12	1960	0.61%
2014	17	2229	0.76%

In respect of both 'Alcohol Related' and 'Drug Related' incidents and offences, the data has been collated using the Suffolk Constabulary Crime and Information System (CIS). In respect of the data for 'Mental Health', this data has been retrieved benefiting from the Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) forms.

The increase in respect of the 'Mental Health' flag is due to a combination of influences. An addition to the DASH form, highlighting 'mental health' which was introduced towards the end of 2012, coupled with raising awareness through both internal and external sources incorporating both the media and training techniques.

## Victim Profile

### Gender

Victim Gender	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	Grand Total
FEMALE	78.28%	77.24%	78.06%	77.11%	77.52%	77.64%
MALE	21.64%	22.73%	21.92%	22.83%	22.42%	22.31%
UNKNOWN	0.08%	0.03%	0.03%	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

	Babergh	Forest Heath	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	St. Edmundsbury	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Grand Total
FEMALE	77.21%	78.08%	78.25%	78.30%	77.45%	76.60%	77.17%	77.64%
MALE	22.76%	21.86%	21.72%	21.66%	22.53%	23.37%	22.70%	22.31%
UNKNOWN	0.03%	0.06%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%	0.13%	0.05%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



As would be expected within the area of business, the vast majority of victims are female, 77%/78% of victims in the first, second and third fiscal quarter of 2014/15 being female. This is a very consistent figure over time, and has remained at this level over all the currently available data back to 2005/06.

It is also very consistent across the county, with Mid Suffolk, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich generally showing above average levels of female victims although this is slight.

## Age

	2010/2011			2011/2012			2012/2013			2013/2014			2014/2015		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
0-16	2.18%	2.10%	2.78%	1.84%	1.96%	1.64%	1.05%	1.24%	1.09%	1.30%	1.64%	1.85%	1.23%	1.49%	1.80%
16-18	2.33%	2.68%	2.55%	2.22%	2.44%	2.66%	2.21%	2.65%	2.46%	2.38%	2.32%	2.58%	2.31%	2.58%	1.85%
17-18	1.50%	1.74%	2.03%	1.14%	2.01%	1.25%	0.99%	1.67%	1.14%	1.51%	1.11%	1.65%	1.32%	1.44%	1.94%
18-29	33.59%	31.13%	31.98%	32.52%	32.46%	35.47%	35.89%	35.60%	33.75%	32.81%	33.14%	33.85%	32.64%	34.09%	33.14%
30-39	22.30%	22.71%	20.86%	22.44%	22.47%	20.11%	21.28%	20.42%	20.08%	20.97%	22.37%	19.73%	20.93%	19.89%	21.25%
40-49	16.87%	19.56%	18.08%	18.37%	18.16%	18.24%	18.52%	19.50%	18.42%	19.68%	18.60%	19.78%	19.60%	17.74%	17.56%
50-59	7.13%	6.99%	6.95%	7.64%	6.79%	6.52%	7.17%	6.75%	7.72%	7.68%	7.58%	7.47%	8.22%	7.95%	8.06%
60-69	2.28%	2.21%	2.38%	2.38%	2.06%	2.27%	2.48%	2.49%	2.63%	2.54%	2.22%	3.19%	3.31%	3.63%	3.20%
70-79	0.87%	0.58%	1.22%	1.14%	1.24%	1.30%	1.05%	0.54%	1.26%	0.92%	0.72%	1.24%	1.51%	1.70%	0.86%
80-89	0.10%	0.05%	0.12%	0.16%	0.05%	0.28%	0.28%	0.11%	0.17%	0.27%	0.43%	0.46%	0.28%	0.22%	0.36%
Not Stated	10.86%	10.25%	11.07%	10.14%	10.37%	10.25%	9.10%	9.02%	11.27%	9.95%	9.86%	8.19%	8.64%	9.27%	10.00%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

VICTIM AGE GROUP	Babergh	Forest Heath	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	St. Edmundsbury	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney
0-16	2.02%	1.74%	1.60%	1.43%	1.66%	1.59%	1.37%
16-18	2.82%	1.89%	2.52%	1.67%	2.31%	1.83%	2.49%
17-18	1.19%	1.10%	1.73%	0.70%	1.70%	1.30%	1.40%
18-29	28.83%	36.12%	37.47%	28.23%	30.95%	27.07%	36.26%
30-39	23.09%	23.03%	22.16%	19.75%	20.83%	21.21%	19.72%
40-49	19.11%	15.58%	16.98%	22.64%	19.52%	20.37%	18.93%
50-59	7.96%	6.28%	5.64%	10.26%	8.29%	10.20%	7.12%
60-69	3.12%	2.68%	1.95%	2.96%	3.03%	3.57%	2.59%
70-79	1.63%	1.01%	0.74%	1.22%	1.29%	1.70%	1.04%
80-89	0.30%	0.28%	0.12%	0.03%	0.50%	0.37%	0.23%
Not Stated	9.92%	10.28%	9.16%	11.13%	9.92%	10.80%	8.85%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

The age profile of victims highlights the young age of a significant proportion of those who are experiencing and reporting DA, 39% aged below 30. These levels are consistent over time. Waveney District recording 41.5% of victims below the age of 30

	BABERGH	FOREST HEATH	IPSWICH	MID SUFFOLK	ST EDMUNDSBURY	SUFFOLK COASTAL	WAVENEY
Victim Profile	34.86	40.85	42.25	32.03	36.62	31.79	41.52
Census 2011	43.1	38.8	32.3	42.4	41	44.2	43.9

Suffolk Coastal shows the lowest average victim age, at 31.79 a change from Ipswich which records the lower 'census' age. Suffolk Coastal stands out with an older population profile but the youngest average age in respect of the victim profile.



## Ethnicity

	2010/2011			2011/2012			2012/2013			2013/2014			2014/2015		
Row Labels	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
White	92.54%	91.85%	92.29%	92.95%	92.25%	93.03%	92.89%	92.44%	93.36%	92.70%	92.13%	94.02%	93.01%	91.61%	91.67%
Not Stated	2.76%	2.89%	2.26%	2.39%	2.20%	1.98%	1.76%	1.78%	2.12%	1.78%	1.64%	1.29%	2.17%	2.05%	1.85%
Black	1.65%	2.31%	1.97%	1.84%	2.58%	2.10%	1.60%	2.27%	1.83%	2.00%	2.46%	1.60%	2.17%	2.05%	2.07%
Mixed	1.21%	0.79%	0.98%	0.70%	0.96%	1.13%	1.49%	1.84%	1.20%	1.51%	1.69%	1.08%	0.90%	1.62%	1.71%
Asian	1.16%	1.26%	1.27%	1.63%	1.24%	0.91%	1.49%	1.13%	0.92%	1.46%	1.40%	0.98%	1.13%	1.35%	1.31%
Other	0.68%	0.89%	1.22%	0.49%	0.77%	0.85%	0.77%	0.54%	0.57%	0.54%	0.68%	1.03%	0.61%	1.31%	1.40%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

VICTIM ETHNICITY	Babergh	Forest Heath	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	St. Edmundsbury	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Grand Total
White	95.31%	89.88%	87.18%	95.86%	94.22%	95.62%	96.08%	92.56%
Not Stated	1.69%	3.44%	2.31%	1.48%	2.49%	1.16%	1.69%	2.06%
Black	1.52%	3.16%	4.08%	1.00%	1.05%	1.06%	0.53%	2.04%
Mixed	0.45%	1.34%	2.74%	0.65%	0.43%	0.84%	0.51%	1.26%
Asian	0.58%	0.67%	2.50%	0.44%	0.98%	0.64%	0.79%	1.24%
Other	0.45%	1.50%	1.20%	0.57%	0.81%	0.68%	0.40%	0.83%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

The results from the 2011 census remain and provide an accurate breakdown of the population. This shows that 92.56% of victims of Domestic Abuse within Suffolk are from a White background, 1.26 Mixed, 1.24% Asian, 2.04 % Black and 2.89% 'Other' or 'Not Stated'.

Unfortunately the nationality of victims is presently not available using the Suffolk Constabulary Crime and Information System (CIS). Therefore the data supplied relates purely to ethnicity drawn from CIS.

	POPULATION PROFILE		DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES		
	WHITE	BME	WHITE	BME	NOT STATED/MISSING
BABERGH	98%	2%	95%	3%	2%
FOREST HEATH	92%	8%	90%	7%	3%
MID SUFFOLK	98%	2%	96%	3%	2%
ST EDMUNDSBURY	96%	4%	94%	3%	3%
IPSWICH	89%	11%	87%	11%	2%
SUFFOLK COASTAL	97%	3%	96%	3%	1%
WAVENEY	98%	2%	96%	2%	2%
SUFFOLK	95%	5%	93%	5%	2%

Compared against the county profile the breakdown for domestic abuse looks generally in line with the underlying population, accepting the significant level of missing data. The Equality and Human Rights Commission highlights the lower level of reporting for all minority groups, both ethnic and religious, around DA and work to engage with victims from all backgrounds is essential. The main exception around this is the comparatively high level of Black victims compared to the population profile, it is likely that this is linked to the higher rates of offences in Ipswich where the Black population is higher, and also in part due to the younger age profile of BME communities.

As would be expected Ipswich shows the highest levels of BME victims, with 11% from a BME background, in line with the population profile.

WAVENEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE FORUM

**Plan to extend the services of  
Waveney Domestic Violence  
and Abuse Forum  
into the Suffolk Coastal District.**

**An outline proposal 2015**

Authors: Drena Black and Julie Paton

An outline proposal for funding purposes to allow Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum to work towards dovetailing services in Suffolk to ensure robust support is provided to victims/survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse.



## Proposal

Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum (WDVAF) have been in discussion with the Police Crime Commissioner's Office regarding the need for coordinated Domestic Abuse (DA) services across Suffolk. As a Forum we are in a position to extend our developed services to encompass the Suffolk Coastal region and support Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership (CSP), East Suffolk, in achieving their objectives as set out in their Annual Review 2011 (see below). The Police Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore continues to support our work in Waveney and values our contribution to the community; recognising our achievements in meeting the needs of domestic abuse victims in our locality. Discussions with key players in Suffolk Coastal about our proposed expansion of service to encompass their region are not only welcomed, but seen as crucial in ensuring that both districts are serviced equally to meet the need of victims/survivors of domestic abuse.

The Community Safety Partnership's plans for 2012/13 were

*'Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Community Safety Partnership support Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Domestic Abuse Forum. Help retain a local DV/VAWG Forum to ensure victims, abusers & young people have access to local delivered services. Raise public and professional awareness of DV and VAWG, by providing information through publications, events & campaigns. Support to the Prostitution and Sexual Exploitation Strategy. Intelligence Gathering. Support local delivery of multiagency training opportunities. To support improving the response to those experiencing abuse, through training.*

**April 2011 – March 2012 Domestic Abuse Violent offences Suffolk Coastal reported Domestic Abuse = 824 Waveney Domestic Abuse = 1,576 Suffolk Coastal**

*Lead Officers - Suffolk County Council and Local DV Forums*

*Partners – SCDC/WDC/SCC, Police Integrated Services, Voluntary Sector, DV Forums '*

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/assets/Documents/District/Community-safety/CSPAnnualReport.pdf>

WDVAF, an established charity, have been worked in the field of domestic violence and abuse for the past 30 years. We are regarded by our Forum members and funders as innovative, pragmatic and above all victim focused. We have developed a large forum comprising of over 70 partnership agencies from both the voluntary and statutory sector. WDVAF has a dedicated and passionate Board of Trustees. We have established successful programmes in the Waveney area and provide emotional support to victims; an identified need hugely under-resourced in Suffolk at present. We lobby Central Government for change where needed, and endeavour to raise awareness about the impact of domestic abuse at an individual and societal level.

At the recent Suffolk Domestic Abuse Conference held on 29.01.15, Dr Emma Bond from University College Suffolk (UCS) presented her findings following research commissioned by the Suffolk Police Crime Commissioner's Office. Her presentation was entitled 'I may have survived the abuse but have

a become victim of the system'. Many of Dr Emma Bond's findings echoed that DA victims do indeed feel they fall foul of the 'system' in Suffolk today. Dr Emma Bond went on to raise issues around gaps in service provision and introduced DA survivors need for 'social capital'. Social capital in this context relates to the need for holistic support tailored to the individual that meets their evolving need. Delegates at the DA Conference were asked to vote on various questions posed by the organiser, Suffolk County Council. One of the questions asked delegates to vote on who should guide decision-makers about service provision; the resounding majority (over 80%) voted for services to be victim led. WDVAF realise that in the current economic climate of short term funding and a 'scrambling' for limited resource, services have become more fragmented and the term 'ivory towers' is often used to describe them. It is essential that those commissioning services are in touch with DA victims at 'ground level' and that services provided are dovetailed to meet their need. WDVAF feel that the presented research findings of UCS about DA services in Suffolk do reflect the voice of victims. Those working frontline with DA victims will, in our opinion, welcome the published report as it seems they are rarely consulted by the decision makers. Without the voice of the frontline professional and the victim how can our decision-makers really understand the intricacy of need for the clients they serve? WDVAF have the freedom to work cross agency whilst remaining independent and victim focused. It is our aim to ensure that service provision is congruent with need, and that victims are integral to all decision making. We work closely with frontline workers and victims and would like to extend this work to establish a Victim/Survivors Focus Group with a dedicated Victim's representative to convey the voice of victims and their families to funders/commissioners. We suggest that the Victim's representative has a through grounding in domestic abuse and can work both at a ground and strategic level.

WDVAF aims to support agencies both in the districts of Waveney and Suffolk Coastal to unify their response to DA. We have made some inroads towards this objective with the support of our members/funders and wish to continue this extensive work with the support of the PCC, agencies both statutory and voluntary and victims. We feel that that the government have gone some way to raising awareness around DA issues and have invested in DA services; we need to ensure that precious resources are dovetailed in order that gaps and duplication are minimised and services to victims and their families are maximised and thus provide the Social Capital needed to stop the cycle of abuse.

We feel the key areas for development are:

- To map current services in Waveney and Suffolk Coastal in order to identify gaps in provision and overlaps
- Improving the relationship between victims of domestic abuse and the Criminal Justice System.
- Raising awareness of the levels of Domestic Abuse and the impact this has on our society both to the general public and agencies to include NHS and Education.
- Improving social capital for victims by working with current service providers to address identified gaps and overlaps in provision.
- Ensuring the victims voice is central by establishing a victim's focus group.

- Disseminating information to victim's and partners in an accessible and usable format.
- Good comprehensive training to educate those working with domestic abuse victims
- Reaching and supporting all victims and families including those assessed as Medium, Standard Risk
- To identify and provide services for children who have been impacted by domestic violence and abuse

Our aim is to provide:-

- A coordinator for 32 hours per week to coordinate our proposed plans in both the Waveney and Suffolk Coastal Districts of Suffolk. (16 hours for each area)
- A service that will reach all victims/survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse by working in Partnership with all service providers to map their services and identify need, and provide support where required to address shortfalls.
- Identified training to all service providers to ensure they have a consistent & robust response to those suffering Domestic Abuse, to include Education and Health Services.
- Employers with the ability to ensure their staff can access services within the workplace and that they have comprehensive policies and procedures in order to take appropriate action when required.
- A Victim Focus Group (pilot) to identify need and ensure this is 'heard' by decision makers in Suffolk and nationally and adopt a family centred approach to tackling domestic abuse, in order to ensure effective support for children.
- Appropriate resource for addressing the behaviour of perpetrators through our Caring Dads programme
- Service provision for children. Key areas for provision currently identified are play therapy, counselling and advocacy.
- Work with key players to enhance our work, to include CAADA (Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse), National Women's Aid, Suffolk County Council, Local District Councils and Commissioners.
- Increased visibility/accessibility of the Forum to all those working with and suffering Domestic Abuse.
- Programmes and courses to victims of DA in Waveney and Suffolk Coastal Districts.
- Increased sustainability as an organisation building on our capacity and capability.

#### **Proposed Future developments for 2016/17 to aid the above work**

The WDVAF would also like to:

- Establish an accessible 'one stop shop' for those victims/survivors to access information, advice and guidance.
- Develop a relationship with the CJS and in turn develop and provide specialist training for the CJS with an emphasis on judicial training within Suffolk and Norfolk.



- Appoint a Victim's Representative following a pilot as described above to allow victims and professional a clear pathway to voice good and bad practice and promote cohesion in approach from services.

#### Current Data provided by Suffolk Constabulary

The data quoted in both the attached reports (pages 7 – 14) from Suffolk Police demonstrate an increase in domestic abuse crimes reported in all but the town of Beccles and Leiston, with Felixstowe and Woodbridge showing a 30% increase between April & December 14 (page 14) compared to figures from the previous year. Whilst this is not indicative of there being more incidents of domestic abuse, as we cannot know this, figures do show an increase in victims coming forward and reporting. We do, however, need to realise that *'on average, a woman is assaulted 35 times before her first call to the police'* (Jaffe, 1982). Whilst this figure is speculative, WDVAF accept that many victims of DA do not recognise they are indeed being abused, and for those who do, reporting this crime is fraught with difficulty. The figures collated by the Police reflect, in our expert opinion, the tip of the iceberg; in addition at a national level the fall out rates from report to conviction are alarming. National figures show that up to 90% of reports never make it to court. Unfortunately the attached data does not give us this detail; although it does give us the 'non-crimes' figures (Page 15) which in Waveney and Suffolk Coastal have all significantly increased. MARAC's in Suffolk are seeing substantial increases in caseloads; their cases are those deemed to be at 'high risk' of further serious abuse'. Social Services department, Children and Young People's Service in Suffolk commonly report that 85% of their cases involve DA. The Police data provided cites 3628 '848's' (Page 9) were completed in Suffolk in 2014, a 22% rise from 2012. These 848's are reports of domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police, and in turn reported to Social Care, which involve children being present or being part of the household where domestic abuse event took place.

WDVAF are extremely concerned at the level of reporting in correlation to the conviction rates. Many victims report DA, only to discover that no further action can be taken, which in many cases just increases their risk and does not 'open the door' to services to support them beyond the reporting stage. Non Crime (those reports where the Police deem there is no crime to answer) at the 'standard risk' level are over 70% in all Suffolk Districts. Does this mean we leave this crime to escalate before we take action? These figures do not show that in addition to 'non-crimes' events, there are those where 'no further action' is taken (NFA'd). *'According to the figures, gathered by the office of Labour's shadow home secretary Yvette Cooper, more than 838,000 reports of domestic violence were made to police forces across England and Wales in 2012/13, but only 6.3% resulted in a conviction, compared to 7.1% in 2009/10 according to house of commons library research, which draws on home office police recorded crime data, data from the CPS and parliamentary questions'. Guardian March 14. Does this not leave victims feeling that even if they do report abuse no action can/will be taken to bring their abuser to justice? "Police need to get the basics right - the first response to victims of abuse, the investigation and the subsequent action to protect victims from violence and abuse - but we cannot tackle domestic abuse alone. Since forces were last inspected by HMIC in 2004, much work has been done to develop a much tighter partnership response with domestic abuse charities and health, social care, probation, education and housing services."* Theresa May Guardian March 14.

WDVAF are aware that Central Government and the Criminal Justice System are taking steps to address shortfalls in DA service; DA is a hidden crime and we believe that the issues surrounding DA cannot be laid solely at their door; hence our wish to work with all services to promote a victim led response. WDVAF are certain that if victims receive good support after reporting (to whoever that may be), that the quoted incidents before reporting to the Police will reduce. Increased reporting

rates may suggest that we, as a society, have already travelled somewhat down the path of eradicating this widespread problem, but we have still a long path to tread if we are to see any significant reduction in DA related crime.

WDVAF celebrate the Suffolk Police Crime Commissioners recent investment in DA Victim Services and welcomes the new county wide IDVA service. WDVAF feel that if the resources being allocated to enhance victim's services are to be utilised effectively, that work delivered needs the victim's voice to remain central. WDVAF are well positioned and as a recognised independent charity, to bring agencies together to ensure the voice of the victim is in fact informing and quality controlling our partnership working.

There is an acknowledged dearth of domestic abuse services in Suffolk, particularly for those at 'medium' and 'standard' risk and those in rural areas. Whilst WDVAF have addressed many of the gaps in the Waveney area, we feel there is much more we can offer to the wider locality. For a relatively small investment of £5K set up costs and £15K running costs for 2015, WDVAF can support and enhance the delivery of more robust and cohesive services for victims and their children in the Eastern region of Suffolk. We can achieve this aim, with the backing of our Forum members and Trustees, by extending the remit WDVAF's co-ordinator to encompass Suffolk Coastal and develop their CSP plan. The administration of this work will remain in Lowestoft alleviating the need to have two bases and two associated cost. We feel our services and expertise will enhance services to DA victims whilst providing good value for money and therefore work in line with the Crime Commissioners objectives. We wholly support Tim Passmore's ideal of having a '*collective power*' to '*deliver effective, coordinated solutions which will be fundamental to creating a safer Suffolk in which to live, work, travel and invest*' April 2013

<b><u>Set up costs to develop our existing services to encompass Suffolk Coastal</u></b>	<b>£</b>
Rebranding of website stationery, publicity materials	1500.00
Insurance/Public Liability	300.00
Telephones - Landline (installation £150 inc VAT and phone 65.20 inc VAT) and Mobile handset (£344 inc VAT for 12 month) contact BT Solo Nokia Lumia 635)	559.20
Display Boards <a href="https://www.xldisplays.co.uk/products/7-Panel-Pinnable-Folding-Display-Board-Kit.html">https://www.xldisplays.co.uk/products/7-Panel-Pinnable-Folding-Display-Board-Kit.html</a>	248.40
Advertising vacancies for Trustees from the Suffolk Coastal area	1000.00
Prelim meetings with Suffolk Coastal CSP travel	500.00
Membership to Community Action Suffolk	30.00
Membership to NCVO for 3 years	127.00
Incidentals/Contingency fund	500.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>4764.60</u></b>

Running costs for 2015

<u>Coordinator's fee + on cost to include travel</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
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Thank you in anticipation of your consideration of our proposal.

Drena Black - Chair of Waveney Domestic Violence & Abuse Forum

Julie Paton - Vice-Chair of Waveney Domestic Violence & Abuse Forum

Data provided by Suffolk Police Feb 2014



County Domestic Abuse Partnership which covers Q3 Oct to Dec 2013 v Q3 Oct to Dec 2014.

## Suffolk Constabulary DV Forum Report

### Domestic Abuse Statistics for County Domestic Abuse Forum

### Compiled by the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Performance Analysis Department

The domestic abuse unit is structured as follows:

Det. Supt. David Cutler – Head of Public Protection Directorate
Acting DCI Darrell Skuse
DS Sarah-Jane Primmer – County Domestic Abuse Supervisor
DI Jim Gooding – Ipswich Area Safeguarding Team
DI Adrian Randall – Bury St Edmunds Area Safeguarding Team
DI Estelle Skuse – Lowestoft Area Safeguarding Team
Lynn Ambrose – SARC Manager

## DA Statistics

As in previous reports incidents whose detection status is 'no-crime' have been excluded from the main statistics, but are included in the moving average graphs for consistency. While these cases have found to not constitute a criminal offence they can still represent an indication of underlying issues and are still available on the Constabulary crime recording system for research.

### **% change in number of Domestic Abuse cases (Apr/Dec 2013 – Apr/Dec 2014)**

	Babergh	Forest Heath	Mid Suffolk	St Ed.s	Ipswich	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Suffolk	Western CDRP	Wave and Coast CDRP
Change in DA Incidents	↑ 14%	↑ 25%	⇒ 1%	↑ 9%	↑ 8%	↑ 13%	↑ 15%	↑ 12%	↑ 12%	↑ 14%

The **DA crime summary** is shown in the table below, grouping offences by the HMIC crime tree.

	Babergh	Forest Heath	Mid Suffolk	St Ed.s	Ipswich	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Suffolk	Western CDRP	Wave and Coast CDRP
Violence with Injury	38	53	30	64	121	57	91	454	147	148
Sexual Offences (ex. rape)	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	12	6	2
Rape	6	2	3	5	9	3	11	39	10	14
<b>Total Serious DA</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>164</b>
Violence without Injury	48	48	45	68	151	49	80	489	161	129
Criminal Damage & Arson	4	11	10	19	29	10	26	109	40	36
Public Disorder	9	3	3	10	24	9	10	68	16	19
<b>Total Lower Level DA</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>184</b>

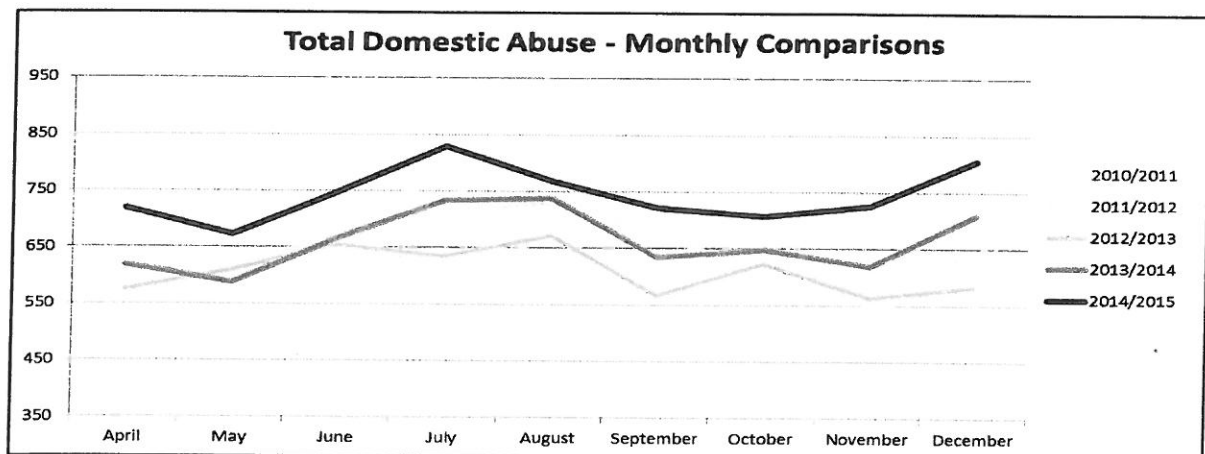
  

<b>Total Other Flagged DA Crimes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>
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Non-Crime	123	146	109	256	470	194	368	1666	511	562
Non-notifiable	4	3	3	10	10	4	10	44	16	14

The graph below shows the monthly number of domestic abuse incidents across the county, highlighting the typical increase throughout December compared to the same period from 2010.



In respect of incidents and offences where referrals to the Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) were made, data for third fiscal quarter, confirmed 903 referrals were actioned. The following tables confirm the increase in referrals year on year in respect of quarter 3 (+10%) and calendar year (+16%):-

INCIDENTS/OFFENCES WHERE 848 COMPLETED 'Y' QUARTER 3	
QTR 3 - 2012	754
QTR 3 - 2013	823
QTR 3 - 2014	903

% INCREASE 2012 /2014 - 20%
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INCIDENTS/OFFENCES WHERE 848 COMPLETED 'Y' CALENDAR YEAR	
2012	2974
2013	3122
2014	3628

% INCREASE 2012 /2014 - 22%
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In respect of 'no crime' data, the third fiscal quarter of 2014/15 recorded 12 'no crimes', a reduction on both 2013 recording 17 and 2012 recording 19.

NO CRIME' QUARTER 3	
	NO CRIME
Crime	48
QTR 3 - 2012	19
QTR 3 - 2013	17
QTR 3 - 2014	12
Non Crime	3
QTR 3 - 2012	2
QTR 3 - 2014	1

NO CRIME' CALENDAR YEAR	
	NO CRIME
Crime	209
2012	57
2013	76
2014	76
Non Crime	21
2012	2
2013	11
2014	8
Non-notifiable	4
2012	3
2014	1

In order to highlight the more prominent aggravating factors contributing to Domestic Abuse the following tables highlight the numbers recorded where alcohol/drugs/mental health have been recorded as a contributory factor within a Domestic Abuse incident/offence.



INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'ALCOHOL RELATED' CALENDAR YEAR			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Alcohol Related' Incidents/offences
2012	2186	7090	30.83%
2013	2169	7531	28.80%
2014	2207	8631	25.57%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'ALCOHOL RELATED' QUARTER 3			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Alcohol Related' Incidents/Offences Qtr 3
2012	543	1753	30.98%
2013	617	1960	31.48%
2014	590	2229	26.47%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'MENTAL HEALTH' CALENDAR YEAR			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Mental Health' Calendar Year
2012	262	7090	3.70%
2013	849	7531	11.27%
2014	2009	8631	23.28%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'MENTAL HEALTH' QUARTER 3			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Mental Health' Incidents/Offences Qtr 3
2012	0	1753	0.00%
2013	418	1960	21.33%
2014	573	2229	25.71%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'DRUG RELATED' CALENDAR YEAR			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Drug Related' Calendar Year
2012	41	7090	0.58%
2013	29	7531	0.39%
2014	64	8631	0.74%

INCIDENTS & OFFENCES 'DRUG RELATED' QUARTER 3			
	No's	Incidents/ Offences	% of 'Drug Related' Incidents/Offences Qtr 3
2012	8	1753	0.46%
2013	12	1960	0.61%
2014	17	2229	0.76%

In respect of both 'Alcohol Related' and 'Drug Related' incidents and offences, the data has been collated using the Suffolk Constabulary Crime and Information System (CIS). In respect of the data for 'Mental Health', this data has been retrieved benefiting from the Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) forms.

The increase in respect of the 'Mental Health' flag is due to a combination of influences. An addition to the DASH form, highlighting 'mental health' which was introduced towards the end of 2012, coupled with raising awareness through both internal and external sources incorporating both the media and training techniques.

## Victim Profile

### Gender

Victim Gender	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	Grand Total
FEMALE	78.28%	77.24%	78.06%	77.11%	77.52%	77.64%
MALE	21.64%	22.73%	21.92%	22.83%	22.42%	22.31%
UNKNOWN	0.08%	0.03%	0.03%	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

	Babergh	Forest Heath	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	St. Edmundsbury	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Grand Total
FEMALE	77.21%	78.08%	78.25%	78.30%	77.45%	76.60%	77.17%	77.64%
MALE	22.76%	21.86%	21.72%	21.66%	22.53%	23.37%	22.70%	22.31%
UNKNOWN	0.03%	0.06%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%	0.13%	0.05%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

As would be expected within the area of business, the vast majority of victims are female, 77%/78% of victims in the first, second and third fiscal quarter of 2014/15 being female. This is a very consistent figure over time, and has remained at this level over all the currently available data back to 2005/06.

It is also very consistent across the county, with Mid Suffolk, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich generally showing above average levels of female victims although this is slight.

## Age

	2010/2011			2011/2012			2012/2013			2013/2014			2014/2015		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
0-16	2.18%	2.10%	2.78%	1.84%	1.96%	1.64%	1.05%	1.24%	1.09%	1.30%	1.64%	1.85%	1.23%	1.49%	1.80%
16-18	2.33%	2.68%	2.55%	2.22%	2.44%	2.66%	2.21%	2.65%	2.46%	2.38%	2.32%	2.58%	2.31%	2.58%	1.85%
17-18	1.50%	1.74%	2.03%	1.14%	2.01%	1.25%	0.99%	1.67%	1.14%	1.51%	1.11%	1.65%	1.32%	1.44%	1.94%
19-29	30.59%	31.13%	31.95%	32.52%	32.45%	35.47%	35.89%	35.67%	33.75%	32.31%	33.14%	33.83%	32.44%	34.09%	33.14%
30-39	22.30%	22.71%	20.86%	22.44%	22.47%	20.11%	21.28%	20.42%	20.08%	20.97%	22.37%	19.73%	20.93%	19.89%	21.25%
40-49	16.87%	19.56%	18.08%	18.37%	18.16%	18.24%	18.52%	19.50%	18.42%	19.68%	18.60%	19.78%	19.60%	17.74%	17.56%
50-59	7.13%	6.99%	6.95%	7.64%	6.79%	6.52%	7.17%	6.75%	7.72%	7.68%	7.58%	7.47%	8.22%	7.95%	8.06%
60-69	2.28%	2.21%	2.38%	2.38%	2.06%	2.27%	2.48%	2.49%	2.63%	2.54%	2.22%	3.19%	3.31%	3.63%	3.20%
70-79	0.87%	0.58%	1.22%	1.14%	1.24%	1.30%	1.05%	0.54%	1.26%	0.92%	0.72%	1.24%	1.51%	1.70%	0.86%
80-89	0.10%	0.05%	0.12%	0.16%	0.05%	0.28%	0.28%	0.11%	0.17%	0.27%	0.43%	0.46%	0.28%	0.22%	0.36%
Not Stated	10.86%	10.25%	11.07%	10.14%	10.37%	10.25%	9.10%	9.02%	11.27%	9.95%	9.86%	8.19%	8.64%	9.27%	10.00%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

VICTIM AGE GROUP	Babergh	Forest Heath	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	St. Edmundsbury	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney
0-16	2.02%	1.74%	1.60%	1.43%	1.66%	1.59%	1.37%
16-18	2.82%	1.89%	2.52%	1.67%	2.31%	1.83%	2.49%
17-18	1.19%	1.10%	1.73%	0.70%	1.70%	1.30%	1.40%
18-29	28.83%	36.12%	37.40%	28.23%	30.95%	27.07%	35.26%
30-39	23.09%	23.03%	22.16%	19.75%	20.83%	21.21%	19.72%
40-49	19.11%	15.58%	16.98%	22.64%	19.52%	20.37%	18.93%
50-59	7.96%	6.28%	5.64%	10.26%	8.29%	10.20%	7.12%
60-69	3.12%	2.68%	1.95%	2.96%	3.03%	3.57%	2.59%
70-79	1.63%	1.01%	0.74%	1.22%	1.29%	1.70%	1.04%
80-89	0.30%	0.28%	0.12%	0.03%	0.50%	0.37%	0.23%
Not Stated	9.92%	10.28%	9.16%	11.13%	9.92%	10.80%	8.85%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

The age profile of victims highlights the young age of a significant proportion of those who are experiencing and reporting DA, 39% aged below 30. These levels are consistent over time. Waveney District recording 41.5% of victims below the age of 30

	BABERGH	FOREST HEATH	IPSWICH	MID SUFFOLK	ST EDMUNDSBURY	SUFFOLK COASTAL	WAVENEY
Victim Profile	34.86	40.85	42.25	32.03	36.62	31.79	41.52
Census 2011	43.1	38.8	32.3	42.4	41	44.2	43.9

Suffolk Coastal shows the lowest average victim age, at 31.79 a change from Ipswich which records the lower 'census' age. Suffolk Coastal stands out with an older population profile but the youngest average age in respect of the victim profile.

## Ethnicity

	2010/2011			2011/2012			2012/2013			2013/2014			2014/2015		
Row Labels	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
White	92.54%	91.85%	92.29%	92.95%	92.25%	93.03%	92.89%	92.44%	93.36%	92.70%	92.13%	94.02%	93.01%	91.61%	91.67%
Not Stated	2.76%	2.89%	2.26%	2.39%	2.20%	1.98%	1.76%	1.78%	2.12%	1.78%	1.64%	1.29%	2.17%	2.05%	1.85%
Black	1.65%	2.31%	1.97%	1.84%	2.58%	2.10%	1.60%	2.27%	1.83%	2.00%	2.46%	1.60%	2.17%	2.05%	2.07%
Mixed	1.21%	0.79%	0.98%	0.70%	0.96%	1.13%	1.49%	1.84%	1.20%	1.51%	1.69%	1.08%	0.90%	1.62%	1.71%
Asian	1.16%	1.26%	1.27%	1.63%	1.24%	0.91%	1.49%	1.13%	0.92%	1.46%	1.40%	0.98%	1.13%	1.35%	1.31%
Other	0.68%	0.89%	1.22%	0.49%	0.77%	0.85%	0.77%	0.54%	0.57%	0.54%	0.68%	1.03%	0.61%	1.31%	1.40%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



VICTIM ETHNICITY	Babergh	Forest Heath	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	St. Edmundsbury	Suffolk Coastal	Waveney	Grand Total
White	95.31%	89.88%	87.18%	95.86%	94.22%	95.62%	96.08%	92.56%
Not Stated	1.69%	3.44%	2.31%	1.48%	2.49%	1.16%	1.69%	2.06%
Black	1.52%	3.16%	4.08%	1.00%	1.05%	1.06%	0.53%	2.04%
Mixed	0.45%	1.34%	2.74%	0.65%	0.43%	0.84%	0.51%	1.26%
Asian	0.58%	0.67%	2.50%	0.44%	0.98%	0.64%	0.79%	1.24%
Other	0.45%	1.50%	1.20%	0.57%	0.81%	0.68%	0.40%	0.83%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

The results from the 2011 census remain and provide an accurate breakdown of the population. This shows that 92.56% of victims of Domestic Abuse within Suffolk are from a White background, 1.26 Mixed, 1.24% Asian, 2.04 % Black and 2.89% 'Other' or 'Not Stated'.

Unfortunately the nationality of victims is presently not available using the Suffolk Constabulary Crime and Information System (CIS). Therefore the data supplied relates purely to ethnicity drawn from CIS.

	POPULATION PROFILE		DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES		
	WHITE	BME	WHITE	BME	NOT STATED/MISSING
BABERGH	98%	2%	95%	3%	2%
FOREST HEATH	92%	8%	90%	7%	3%
MID SUFFOLK	98%	2%	96%	3%	2%
ST EDMUNDSBURY	96%	4%	94%	3%	3%
IPSWICH	89%	11%	87%	11%	2%
SUFFOLK COASTAL	97%	3%	96%	3%	1%
WAVENEY	98%	2%	96%	2%	2%
SUFFOLK	95%	5%	93%	5%	2%

Compared against the county profile the breakdown for domestic abuse looks generally in line with the underlying population, accepting the significant level of missing data. The Equality and Human Rights Commission highlights the lower level of reporting for all minority groups, both ethnic and religious, around DA and work to engage with victims from all backgrounds is essential. The main exception around this is the comparatively high level of Black victims compared to the population profile, it is likely that this is linked to the higher rates of offences in Ipswich where the Black population is higher, and also in part due to the younger age profile of BME communities.



As would be expected Ipswich shows the highest levels of BME victims, with 11% from a BME background, in line with the population profile.

### Suffolk Police - Domestic Abuse Crimes and Arrests and Detection rate by local policing command for the year

April 2014 – December 2014.

Domestic Abuse performance diagnostic indicators (ACPO Definition)		2014/15 (Year to end of Dec 2014)													
		Forest Heath	Bury St. Edmunds	Haverhill	Mid Suffolk	Babergh	Ipswich East	Ipswich Central	Ipswich West	Lowestoft South	Lowestoft North	Beccles & Leiston	Felixstowe & Woodbridge	Suffolk	
Domestic Abuse related crimes		277	254	148	212	259	223	196	351	200	235	167	225	2747	
% Change from 2013/14		▲33%	▲27%	▼1%	▲20%	▲24%	▲18%	▲8%	▲22%	▲12%	▲26%	▼13%	▲30%	▲18%	
per 10,000 population		45.6	36.8	34.7	21.7	29.5	79.3	38.9	62.8	51.7	59.3	24.4	24.1	37.5	
2013/14		34.2	29.0	35.0	18.1	23.8	67.2	35.9	51.5	46.3	47.2	27.9	18.5	31.8	
Rate Change from Previous Year		11.4	7.8	-0.2	3.6	5.7	12.1	3.0	11.3	5.4	12.1	-3.5	5.6	5.7	
Direction of travel (previous 24 months)		↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	→	↗	↗	↗	↗	→	↗	↗	
% of DA which is:	Homicide/Attempted Homicide				0.5%					0.5%				0.1%	
	Violence with Injury	40%	27%	44%	33%	30%	34%	38%	38%	42%	36%	43%	39%	37%	
	Sexual Offences	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	
	Criminal Damage	10%	8%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%	14%	8%	6%	9%	
% which is DA related:	Homicide/Attempted Homicide														
	Violence with Injury														
	Sexual Offences														
	Criminal Damage														
DA-related arrests		192	197	104	148	186	157	139	270	162	183	129	168	2035	
Arrest rate		69%	78%	70%	70%	72%	70%	71%	77%	81%	78%	77%	75%	74%	
2013/14		75%	81%	72%	75%	80%	83%	85%	78%	77%	75%	69%	72%	77%	
Direction of travel (previous 24 months)		→	→	↗	→	→	↘	↘	→	→	↗	↗	↗	→	
Detections (DA-related crimes only)		128	101	61	85	102	90	90	165	94	120	85	105	1226	
Detection rate		46%	40%	41%	40%	39%	40%	46%	47%	47%	51%	51%	47%	45%	
2013/14		50%	41%	49%	43%	47%	45%	45%	50%	46%	48%	42%	46%	46%	
Direction of travel (previous 24 months)		↗	↗	↗	↗	→	→	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	
Community Resolutions (DA-related crimes only)		9	6	6	6	5	9	0	7	1	0	3	6	58	
Community Resolution rate		3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	
2013/14		2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	6%	2%	
Direction of travel (previous 24 months)		→	→	→	→	→	↗	↘	↘	→	→	↘	↘	↘	
Resolved rate (55% Benchmark)		49%	42%	45%	43%	41%	44%	46%	49%	48%	51%	53%	49%	47%	
Deficit from benchmark		-16	-33	-15	-26	-36	-24	-18	-22	-15	-10	-4	-13	-227	
Pending rate		4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	

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Flagged as Repeat	Repeat victims (DA crimes)		87	87	44	55	78	50	51	85	56	60	51	58	762
	Repeat victimisation rate		31%	34%	30%	26%	30%	22%	26%	24%	28%	26%	31%	26%	28%
	Historic repeat victimisation rate		27%	26%	34%	25%	30%	16%	23%	23%	22%	23%	40%	20%	25%
Calc. as Repeat	Repeat victims (DA crimes only)		67	62	32	40	51	61	57	111	58	76	54	44	713
	Repeat victimisation rate		24%	24%	22%	19%	20%	27%	29%	32%	29%	32%	32%	20%	26%
	Historic repeat victimisation rate		15%	16%	21%	18%	17%	19%	26%	23%	21%	18%	27%	11%	19%
Calc. as Repeat	Rep. victims (DA crimes, any previous domestic)		100	109	58	60	86	94	86	166	92	112	72	70	1105
	Repeat victimisation rate		36%	43%	39%	28%	33%	42%	44%	47%	46%	48%	43%	31%	40%
	Historic repeat victimisation rate		34%	34%	31%	34%	30%	35%	43%	43%	37%	37%	38%	27%	36%
Calc. as Repeat	Repeat Offenders (DA crimes)		93	110	43	78	78	88	88	171	91	116	65	75	1096
	Repeat offender rate		34%	43%	29%	37%	30%	39%	45%	49%	46%	49%	39%	33%	40%
	Historic repeat offender rate		39%	35%	36%	35%	35%	39%	45%	44%	41%	39%	37%	36%	39%
Proportion of Crime	Against U18s		9%	7%	5%	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	6%
	Against over 50s		8%	14%	16%	17%	16%	11%	10%	7%	16%	9%	14%	16%	12%
	Against BME		6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	13%	13%	9%	3%	4%	1%	5%	6%
	Same Sex Victim and Offender		15%	15%	16%	15%	13%	10%	10%	13%	17%	13%	15%	17%	14%
	Where Children present (848 submitted)		40%	40%	41%	30%	35%	31%	24%	33%	56%	47%	52%	40%	39%
Proportion of Crime	Where Offender Unemployed		33%	35%	28%	31%	27%	34%	44%	43%	51%	58%	35%	30%	38%
	Incomplete DASH Form		8%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%
	Historic Incomplete DASH Form		5%	11%	11%	6%	9%	7%	5%	5%	2%	0%	3%	8%	6%
	High Risk		32%	30%	30%	25%	30%	34%	39%	42%	28%	25%	24%	35%	32%
	Medium Risk		29%	33%	28%	31%	33%	29%	26%	27%	39%	33%	46%	28%	31%
	Standard Risk		30%	31%	37%	39%	32%	32%	29%	25%	28%	38%	27%	32%	31%
Non-notifiable crimes de			10	11	6	11	6	3	8	8	4	13	8	4	92
per 10,000 population			1.6	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.0	3.3	1.2	0.4	1.3
% of total DA crimes non-notifiable			4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	6%	5%	2%	3%
Section 2 Harassment - Non-crimes de			26	54	31	43	40	39	24	52	33	37	41	45	465
per 10,000 population			4.3	7.8	7.3	4.4	4.5	13.9	4.8	9.3	8.5	9.3	6.0	4.8	6.3
Section 2 Harassment - Crimes de			25	47	27	59	37	51	26	45	36	29	35	32	449
% DA crimes recorded as Section 2 de			9%	19%	18%	28%	14%	23%	13%	13%	18%	12%	21%	14%	16%
Domestic Non-Crime			345	349	230	290	278	347	270	497	290	422	232	314	3864
Change from 2013/14			▲22%	▲33%	▼12%	▲5%	▲11%	▼2%	▲7%	▲0%	▲28%	▲21%	▲6%	▲13%	▲10%
per 10,000 population			56.8	50.6	54.0	29.7	31.6	123.3	53.5	88.9	75.0	106.4	33.9	33.7	52.8
Historic per 10,000 population			46.6	38.0	61.2	28.3	28.5	125.5	50.2	88.5	58.5	88.0	32.0	29.7	47.9

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Non-crime incidents as % of total		55%	58%	61%	58%	52%	61%	58%	59%	59%	64%	58%	58%	58%
Proportion of Non-Crime	Incomplete DASH Form	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
	Historic Incomplete DASH Form	2%	3%	3%	2%	8%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%
	High Risk	5%	5%	4%	2%	6%	6%	7%	8%	3%	2%	0%	4%	5%
	Medium Risk	19%	17%	21%	15%	18%	13%	15%	16%	17%	19%	18%	17%	17%
	Standard Risk	73%	75%	73%	81%	74%	80%	76%	75%	80%	78%	81%	77%	77%