

Domestic Abuse Plan 2018



North Yorkshire Police will safeguard the victims and Children affected by domestic abuse by:

- Ensuring all staff understands how to make victims feel safe and that positive steps are taken to ensure the immediate safety of the victim.
- Increasing the confidence of hard to reach communities to report domestic abuse to police or partner agencies.
- Promoting the use of civil and criminal orders in cases of domestic abuse in order to safeguard the victim.
- Ensuring that the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme is used to prevent victims being vulnerable to Domestic Abuse Serial Perpetrators
- Using intelligence processes to recognise and task officers around key objectives that effectively manage high risk / repeat victims on a daily basis and highlight Domestic Abuse as a priority crime.
- Developing the use of mobile devices to provide victims and witnesses with greater opportunities to give evidence from a location away from court.
- Continued use of Operation Encompass.

North Yorkshire Police will work with Partner agencies to tackle domestic abuse by:

- Introducing Domestic Abuse Scrutiny panels
- Delivering effective training and awareness to police staff and partners.
- Continued work with partners at MARAC to ensure that risks are being assessed and measures taken to prevent & reduce repeat victims of domestic abuse.
- Helping local areas to develop new and more integrated approaches to multi-agency working that support earlier intervention and swifter action to manage the risk from perpetrators and address the needs of their victims and families.
- Ensuring all agencies understand how to make victims feel safe and that positive steps are taken to ensure the immediate safety of the victim.
- Effectively sharing intelligence with key partners to ensure that the highest risk Domestic Abuse cases are appropriately prioritised.
- Promote the Domestic Abuse Forums and encourage members to share best practice and expertise.

North Yorkshire Police will effectively manage the perpetrators of domestic abuse by:

- Conducting professional and thorough investigations following reports of domestic abuse.
- The robust management and treatment of offenders to reduce recurrence of domestic abuse.
- Making use of diversionary schemes to support offenders who want to change their offending behaviours.
- Maintaining the relationship between CPS and police, with regular meetings to learn from cases.
- Developing the approaches towards victimless prosecutions
- Working with criminal justice partners to identify programmes that are available to manage offenders convicted of domestic related harassment and stalking offences
- Promoting and expanding the use of the Making Safe scheme.