



The Domestic Abuse Partnership

**Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 6 March 2010**  
**10.00 am - Merchant's House, Shipley**

**Present:** Sarah Possingham      Bradford Council, Access to Housing (Chair)  
Val Balding                      Bradford Council, Safer Communities Lead Officer  
Sue Muskett                      Bradford Council, MARAC Lead Officer  
Lynne Carter                      NHS Bradford and Airedale  
Mark McManus                      West Yorkshire Police  
Barbara Bennett                      West Yorkshire Probation Service  
Yemi Fagborun                      bVAWF  
Yasmin Khan                      bVAWF  
Lorraine Cameron                      NHS Bradford and Airedale  
Carolyn Hargreaves                      Bradford Council, Children's Services  
Di Reed                              DVS (Keighley)  
Sue Long (Minutes)                      Bradford Council, Safer Communities

**Apologies:** Moira Wilson, Selina Ullah, Chris Rogers-Thomas, Soo Player, Lindsay Bridge

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1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions, Apologies</b> Sarah Possingham welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked people to introduce themselves.	
2.	<b>Disclosures of Interest</b> None	
3.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The minutes of the previous meeting (9 September 2009) were accepted as a true record.  <b>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</b> At the previous meeting Moira Wilson had asked for an annual MARAC training report for 2009/10 for either the March or June meeting. <b>Action:</b> Lindsay Bridge to prepare a formal report for the June meeting.	LB
4.	<b>Violence Against Women Strategy &amp; Action Plan</b> Val informed members of the group that the Strategy has now been signed off by the Safer Communities Strategy Group and will be launched after the General Election. Val hopes to have copies for the next meeting, in order to be able to start work on the Action Plan – and how we deliver this. 200 copies to be printed initially.  Val said the whole issue around safeguarding children is something we need to keep on the agenda.  Val had incorporated the changes discussed at the last meeting before the final document went to the Safer Communities Strategy Group for ratification. The question of violence against men arose at this meeting, and Val has been asked to produce a briefing.  <b>Action:</b> Sarah suggested having a full discussion on this, once Val has produced the paper.	ALL

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Feedback from Safer Communities Lead Officer</b>  <u>Representation from the Voluntary Sector</u>  Val reported that representation at this meeting from the voluntary sector has now changed; therefore, she will need to change the Terms of Reference.</p> <p><u>Domestic Violence Monitoring Project</u>  No report available this month, since Val has been too busy. Previous reports are available on <a href="http://www.saferbradford.org.uk">www.saferbradford.org.uk</a> . <b>Action:</b> Val will have a full report for the next meeting in June.</p> <p><u>Violence against Women Directory of Services 2010</u>  Ongoing</p> <p><u>Violence in Lesbian Relationships</u>  Next date for the group to meet needs to be set – <b>Action:</b> Val to do this</p> <p><u>Supporting People Annual/Sector Review</u>  Supporting People had a meeting of interested parties to discuss service provision across the District. They are now gathering data, and will report findings some time between January and March.</p> <p><u>World Cup</u>  Val is trying to get some money to do work in pubs. She asked Mark McManus whether the Police could do some work with the top 10 offenders. Mark said the Police already do target the top 10 or 12 offenders. Barbara said the Probation Service is doing some work on this. <b>Action:</b> Val and Barbara to discuss further to see whether they can work together – suggested getting the new Bradford City Manager (Phil Taylor) involved.</p> <p><u>MARAC/SDVC Co-ordinator</u>  Sue Muskett reported that January and February showed a reduction in MARAC cases – possibly due to the weather. However, cases have now shot up again - 24 in South Bradford (5 repeat cases) and 10 in Airedale and North Bradford.</p> <p>Val said there have been some issues in North Bradford with Police domestic abuse staffing – they are now on their fifth MARAC chair.</p> <p>Sofia has now left the MARAC team. The post will be going to internal advert, but Sue asked people to bear with them for the next couple of months.</p> <p>The next MARAC Steering Group meeting will be held next week – these meetings will now be held quarterly.</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB/BB</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Feedback from Bradford Violence Against Women Members re Representation of their Work Area</b></p> <p>6.1 <u>BVAWF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yemi said she will be representing the Forum on this Group</li> </ul> <p>6.2 <u>Black and Asian Women</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yasmin will be representing Black and Asian women</li> <li>• The Bradford District Assembly has just been launched, and issues will be addressed at least once a year now. <b>Action:</b> Sarah asked for full feedback at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>YK</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Commissioning/Funding Streams</b>  Nothing to report at present – <b>Action:</b> Julie Robinson-Joyce will be attending the next meeting (in June)</p>	<p>JRJ</p>

8.	<p><b>Feedback from other DAP Members</b></p> <p><u>Carolyn Hargreaves</u> Carolyn mentioned the Common Assessment Framework, and 5 CAF enablers. (<b>Action:</b> Carolyn to send details to Sue Long). Sue Muskett said that Paul (one of the enablers) is going to speak to MARAC designated officers soon.</p> <p>Sue Thompson raised the question of sharing CAFs with both parents where domestic abuse is an issue. <b>Action:</b> Carolyn and Sue Thompson to discuss this.</p> <p><u>Lorraine Cameron</u> Lorraine reported that the VAWG strategy for Bradford's health sector is still being worked on. Val and Lorraine are looking at the possibility of using medical photographers to take photographs of women and girls who have been taken to A&amp;E following domestic abuse incidents, which could then be used as evidence. Val said they are looking at a protocol to avoid duplication of photos – police, GPs, etc</p> <p><u>Barbara Bennett</u> Barbara asked for a slot on the agenda for 9 June. <b>Action:</b> Val to arrange this.</p>	<p><b>CH</b></p> <p><b>CH/ST</b></p> <p><b>VB</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None</p>	
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Wednesday 9 June 2010 - 10.00 to 12.00 - Merchants House, Shipley</p> <p><b>Future Dates for 2010</b> The following dates, all from 10.00 to 12.00, and to be held at Merchants House, Shipley, have now been booked for the remainder of 2010:-</p> <p>Wednesday 9 June Wednesday 15 September Wednesday 1 December</p>	