

DERBYSHIRE DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS SUMMARY OF LEARNING 2014 - 2018

01

Professional Curiosity

- Create opportunities to ask if someone is experiencing domestic abuse
- Don't accept presenting issues at face value
- Use exploratory and probing questions
- Use your professional judgement
- Don't be afraid to ask 'the question'
- Give victims 'permission' to disclose

02

Historical Information

- Use historical information, alongside current issues, to inform risk assessments, analysis and action plans
- Family history - key indicators for vulnerability
- Look at patterns of behaviour
- Liaise with others to arrive at a full assessment of the risks
- Capture the experience of children

03

Data Collection & Risk Assessments

- Keep accurate and up to date records
- Use the DASH Risk Assessment Checklist to risk assess victims. This can be found on www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk
- Use archived data where necessary to inform risk assessments
- Recognise increased risk from the 'Toxic Trio' (see section 5)
- Children must be given a safe environment to reflect their lived experience

04

Information Sharing

- Ensure better information sharing between agencies, so the true nature of risk can be identified, including any escalation
 - Flag systems to identify domestic abuse victims and perpetrators within MARAC
 - Have a broader view of the partners we share information with, if they have had involvement with the victim, perpetrator or family

05

Toxic Trio

- The 'Toxic Trio' are: mental health issues, substance misuse and domestic abuse
- The risk of serious harm and homicide significantly increases when all three factors are present within the household
- Ensure you reflect this increased risk in your professional judgement when completing risk assessments for victims of domestic abuse and their families

To seek advice, or to access specialist domestic abuse services contact the **The Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Support Line:**

08000 198 668

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999