

**LEEDS TENANTS FEDERATION  
TARA PANEL ACTIONS AND TOPIC SUMMARY  
Friday 13th July 2018  
Committee Room 5,  
Leeds Civic Hall 4.30-6.00pm**

**Attendees**

Name	Representing	Initials
Andrea Purdy	Chair LTF and Queenswood TARA	AP
Wendi Carson	Treasurer of LTF and Queenswood TARA	WC
Jackie Worthington	Secretary LTF and Atlanta Street TARA	JW
Tony Hepworth	Atlanta Street TARA	TH
Patricia Jackson	Hunslet TARA	PJ
Mick Dodds	St Augustines Court	MD
Stuart Walton	Broadleas Better Communities TARA	SW
Madeline Hunter	Button Hill TARA	MH
Sheila Horne	Whincover Grange Area Representative	SH
Neruka White	Gipton Area Representative	NW
Corinne Brown	Churchill Gardens Area Representative	CB
Peter Greenwood	Housing Manager – Tenant Involvement	PG
Tracey McGarry	Housing Assistant – Tenant Engagement	TM
Gerry Shevlin	Leeds Adult Domestic Violence Service	GS

**Apologies**

Jeff Gantschuck	Westfield TARA	JG
Alan Mann	Holt Park	AM
Sue Clifford	Lakeland Court TARA	SC
Ann Maughan	Sandringham TARA	AM
Sue Kerrigan	St Augustines Court	SK
Margaret Foster	Thorpe TARA	MF

**Conflicts of interest - None**

**Actions and comments from previous meeting**

TM to contact Montserrat Rey and email the waste presentation delivered in Junes meeting.	<b>TM</b>
TM to send previous minutes to Amber Hendy to be uploaded onto website.	<b>TM</b>
PG to request if info is available within suite of posters produced for High Rise with Domestic Violence helplines to be included.	<b>PG</b>
PG to pass on Neruka Whites contact details to Gerry Shevlin to support with Neruka's Soup Kitchen contact with vulnerable people attending sessions.	<b>PG</b>

## July's TARA Panel Topic: Domestic Violence (Gerry Shevlin)

**Police: In the case of immediate danger call 999**

**Non – emergency (ask for the Police Safeguarding Unit) call 101**

Domestic abuse isn't just about physical violence. There are many ways people can abuse someone, including physical, emotional, financial, sexual, and psychological. It can include bullying, stalking, harassing threats, isolation or humiliation as well as forced marriage or so-called 'honour based violence'.

Any abusive, controlling or violent behaviour by a partner, ex-partner or family member is domestic abuse. Domestic abuse comes from the abusers need for power and control over their partner, ex-partner or family member. Abusers can be male or female; partners; ex-partners; siblings; children; grandchildren; parents; grandparents or other extended family members.

All children and young people living with domestic violence and abuse are also at risk of emotional harm and being abused themselves.

- An estimated 4.6m women (28% of the adult population) have experienced domestic abuse at some point since the age of 16
- On average, a woman is assaulted more than 30 times before she reports it to the police.
- 88% of high-risk victims experience multiple forms of abuse, including physical and sexual abuse, harassment and stalking and jealous and controlling behaviours)
- A quarter of 13-18 year old girls report experiencing physical abuse in their own intimate partner relationships, and one third experience sexual abuse
- In 2013-14 the police recorded 887,000 domestic abuse incidents in England and Wales
- Each year more than 100,000 people in the UK are at high and imminent risk of being murdered or seriously injured as a result of domestic abuse
- In 2013-14, 85 women were murdered by their partner or ex-partner in England and Wales. This accounted for just under half (46%) of all murders of women aged 16 or over.
- Women are much more likely than men to be the victims of high risk or severe domestic abuse: 95% of those going to MARAC or accessing an IDVA service are women
- 79% of teenage victims of domestic abuse experienced physical abuse, and 19% sexual abuse
- 130,000 children live in homes where there is high-risk domestic abuse
- 62% of children living with domestic abuse are directly harmed by the perpetrator of the abuse, in addition to the harm caused by witnessing the abuse of others
- On average high-risk victims live with domestic abuse for 2.6 years before getting help
- 85% of victims sought help five times on average from professionals in the year before they got effective help to stop the abuse
- Over 60% of victims who get help from IDVAs and MARACs say that the abuse stops
- In 2014 more than 74,052 cases were discussed at MARACs across the UK
- 46% of stalking victims feel fear of not knowing what will happen next
- Domestic abuse related crime accounted for 49% of all recorded harassment and a third of all assault with injury crimes in England and Wales in 2013-14
- In 2013-14 there were 78,000 prosecutions for domestic abuse offences, with 75% resulting in a criminal conviction

## **Useful Links and Resources**

Click this [Link](#) to the presentation delivered from Gerry Shevlin in this afternoons meeting.

Local and National Support for Domestic Violence and Abuse can be sourced from:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/domesticviolence/Documents/Local%20and%20National%20Support%20Agencies.pdf>

### **Leeds Domestic Violence 24 Hour Helpline – 0113 2460401**

Confidential advice and support for women and men experiencing domestic violence and abuse. Women seeking refuge accommodation should also ring this number.

### **Leeds Women's Aid**

**Offers 24 hour safe emergency accommodation for both women and men fleeing an abusive relationship. 0113 246 0401**

In addition to the LDVS contracted delivery, Leeds Women's Aid provides drop-in support at health settings across the city, additional shared refuge accommodation, the Staying Safe group 'Healthy Relationships' programme, and support and accommodation for women who have been trafficked. [www.leedswomensaid.co.uk](http://www.leedswomensaid.co.uk)

### **HALT (Help, Advice and the Law Team) 0113 246 0401**

HALT delivers the Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) service as part of LDVS, offering advocacy, advice and support to those at the highest risk of domestic and sexual violence and abuse, stalking, forced marriage and honour based violence.

**Referrals: 0113 246 0401 [www.halt.org.uk](http://www.halt.org.uk)**

### **Leeds Housing Options 0113 222 4412**

Help and advice on housing, including emergency accommodation for women and men experiencing violence, whether council or private tenants or owner-occupiers.

### **Leeds Social Services – Leeds City Council**

- Adult Social Care **0113 222 4401**
- Children's Social Work Service **0113 222 4403**

### **Leeds City Council Emergency Accommodation and Support - 0113 240 9536**

### **Samaritans 116 123 or 0113 245 6789**

Just having someone to talk to that isn't family or friends can be a tremendous help. You don't have to be suicidal to get in touch. [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

For High Risk Domestic Violence Cases

**Leeds MARACs** MARAC Co-ordinator and general enquiries  
[leedsmarac@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:leedsmarac@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

### **Communications from and promotion of the panel**

The panel are committed to share information from this meeting with their local groups and communities through as many channels as possible, including face-to-face meetings, public events, social media and to promote the work of the panel to as many communities as possible.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – John Lewis Community Hub, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, John Lewis, Victoria Gate  
Time 4.30 – 6.00pm