

Reference:	FOI.5092.21
Subject:	Domestic violence
Date of Request:	22 January 2021

Requested:

Could you please tell me:

1. Do you provide access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDAA)?
If yes, do you provide access to an IDAA at every hospital site?
2. Do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse?
If yes, do you employ a domestic abuse specialist nurse at every hospital site?
3. Do you have a Domestic Abuse policy?
If yes, please provide a copy.
4. Do you produce an annual safeguarding report on domestic abuse?
5. Do you conduct internal audits to ensure compliance to the domestic abuse policy?
6. Have you conducted training for staff on domestic abuse in the last 12 months?
If no, in the last 24 months?
7. How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) risk assessments were completed by the trust/health board in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?
8. How many domestic abuse, stalking and harassment (DASH) referrals were made by the trust/health board to a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Please provide the data for the last two parts of my request in a spreadsheet format.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it does have access to an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor, used across the UHB, via Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).
2. The UHB confirms that it does not employ a specific abuse specialist nurse. However, the UHB does employ registered practitioners that work within the UHB's Corporate Safeguarding Team who provide advice on domestic abuse. Additionally, the UHB employs a Domestic Abuse Support Worker that works under a delegation framework ensuring the UHB's contributions to MARAC.
3. The UHB confirms that it has two (2) domestic abuse policies. Copies of the Domestic Abuse Workplace Policy and the Ask and Act policy have been provided, Attachments 1 and 2.
4. The UHB confirms that it does not produce an annual safeguarding report specific to domestic abuse. However, the UHB's Strategic Safeguarding Sub Committee (now Strategic

Safeguarding Working Group) does produce a corporate safeguarding annual report, which reports on all aspects of safeguarding, including domestic abuse.

5. The UHB confirms that internal audits are undertaken. The UHB has recently audited the child safeguarding Multi-Agency Referral Forms (MARF) for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), of which domestic abuse is one. The UHB's MARF system now includes prospective data collection in this area.

All UHB staff that complete a Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment Risk Indicator Checklist (DASH RIC) and a MARAC referral are requested to forward a copy to the UHB's Corporate Safeguarding Team to quality assure the referral and forward to the MARAC co-ordinator in the relevant locality.

Additionally, the UHB has led on an evaluation of the delivery of Group 2 Ask and Act training in NHS Wales, which is pending approval via the NHS Wales Safeguarding Network in March 2021. Further to this, the UHB recently completed a follow up post training evaluation of the Ask and Act training, to provide assurance that staff are 'asking and acting' and how the outcomes are measured for victims and survivors.

6. The UHB confirms that all staff are required to complete the Group 1 Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV) annual online course, via e-learning, as part of the staff and UHBs compliance.
7. & 8. The UHB provides the number of DASH RICs completed and the number of referrals to MARAC for the calendar years requested, within Attachment 3.

Please note, the information provided is as recorded by the UHB's Corporate Safeguarding Team.