

Fife Violence Against Women Partnership
Annual Report 2019-20



Chair's Introduction

Violence Against Women continues to present challenges to services across Fife both in terms of scale and complexity. Domestic abuse and sexual trauma can have significant long-term impacts on survivors, both adults and children, with partnership working particularly important.

Statutory and third sector organisations in Fife have worked together to support staff in this complex area of practice, evident through MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing) for highest risk domestic abuse cases and multi-agency training opportunities, including Safe and Together.

National Guidance has prompted the improvement of healthcare and forensic examination for adults who have been sexually assaulted. This has seen the "Fife Suite" - a new forensic examination suite - opening in Queen Margaret Hospital offering a more health focused service. Collaborative working across statutory and third sector is key to improving the service offered.

Trauma informed practice is essential if victim's and survivor's needs are to be met. This continues to be promoted throughout the work of the partnership, supported by specialist support and recovery services.

This report highlights the wide range of activity from primary prevention to challenging perpetrators abusive behaviours. It provides information about the considerable efforts of local partners working together to address violence against women and children in Fife in the context of increasing demands on services.

In the last month of this annual report we became aware of the impact Covid-19 on all our lives. On 23rd March 2020 we went into lockdown and a great deal has changed since then. Partners have worked together to make sure services continue, crisis support is available. We have all had to learn different ways of working. The impact of lockdown on victims and survivors of domestic abuse is significant, whether that is through increased opportunity for perpetrators to be abusive; coercive control; lack of usual protective measures or lack of usual coping opportunities.

I'd like to thank all the partners for their hard work over recent months. There will be significant challenges ahead and it is more important than ever that we work together.

Heather Bett, Clinical Services Manager, NHS Fife

Equally Safe

Fife Violence Against Women Partnership (FVAWP) has adopted [Equally Safe – Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls](#). This framework has been used to self-assess progress locally - identifying strengths and weaknesses and formed the basis of a recent partnership development session to identify priorities going forward.

Equally Safe – Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls is the key national driver for Fife Violence Against Women Partnership. The Delivery Plan and local area Quality Standards work to the following 4 priorities that have been adopted by partners locally:

1. Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls
2. Women and girls thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically and politically
3. Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women children and young people
4. Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response

FVAWP provides an annual data return to the Improvement Service on a range of quality standards based on these priorities, partnership working and specific data measuring investment and activity in Fife. This annual report is structured around these Equally Safe Priorities which form the basis of the FVAWP Action Plan 2019-22.

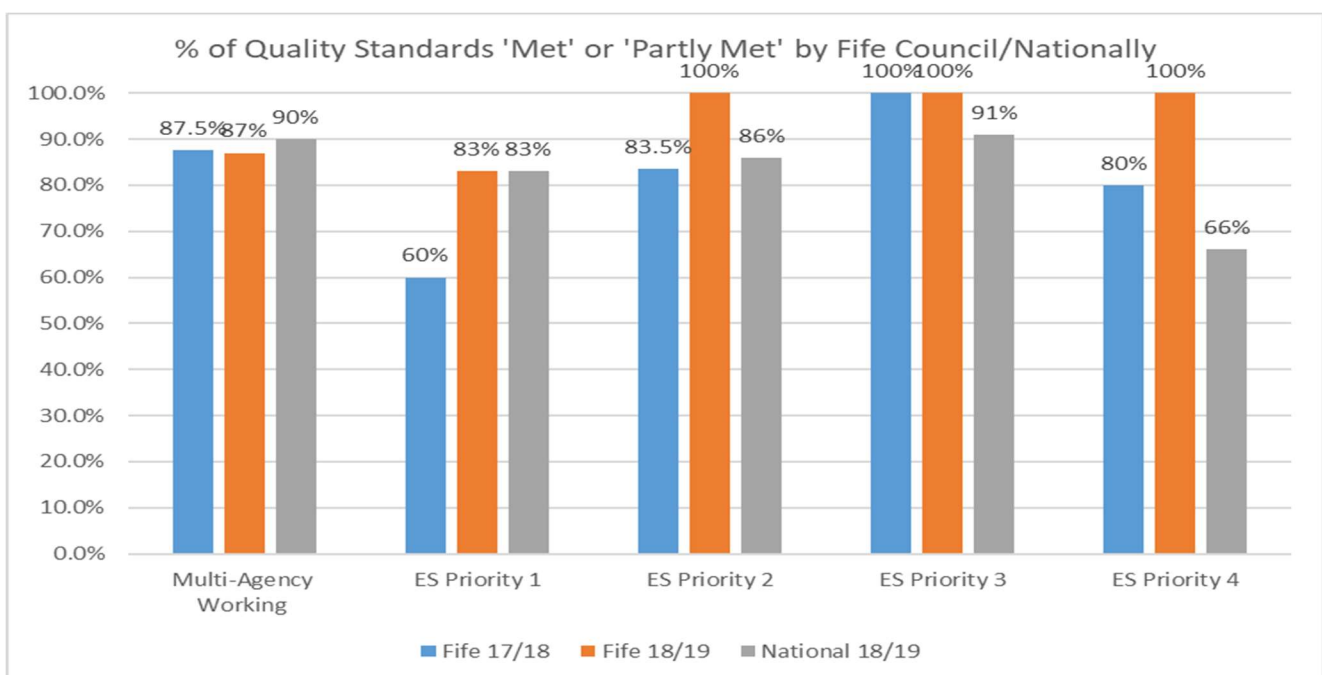
Equally Safe Definition of Violence Against Women:

- *physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring in the family (including children and young people), within the general community or in institutions, including domestic abuse, rape, and incest;*
- *sexual harassment, bullying and intimidation in any public or private space, including work;*
- *commercial sexual exploitation, including prostitution, lap dancing, stripping, pornography and trafficking;*
- *child sexual abuse, including familial sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation and online abuse;*
- *so called 'honour based' violence, including dowry related violence, female genital mutilation, forced and child marriages, and 'honour' crimes.*

Violence against women is both an equality and a human rights issue. Women and girls are at increased risk of violence and abuse because they are female. Our shared understanding recognises that violence against women has a significant impact on children and young people's lives, with their safety closely linked to that of their mother. Men and boys can also be at risk of violence and abuse and support needs to be available when needed.

Equally Safe Quality Standards

The graph below shows the Fife data return for 2017/18 and 2018/19 compared to the national average (2019/20 data is not yet available in this format). The quality standards are a self-assessment by a range of partners and signed off by the FVAWP Executive Committee. The Improvement Service identifies that *"Fife's results are very similar to the national averages and surpass the national average by some margin in terms of Equally Safe Priority 2, Priority 3, and Priority 4. The figures have also improved from Fife's 2017-18 report in all priorities and in particular an increase in meeting or partly meeting the quality standards in Priority 1 is evident"*.



Multi-agency Partnership Working

Fife Violence Against Women Partnership met most of these standards in 2018/19. In 2019/20 all of the standards were met with the exception of completing a partnership self-assessment in the last 3 years. Fife was one of the first VAW partnerships to undertake a detailed assessment with support from the Improvement Service. In discussion with the Improvement Service it was agreed this was not a priority the focus was on updating the FVAWP Action Plan 2019-22.

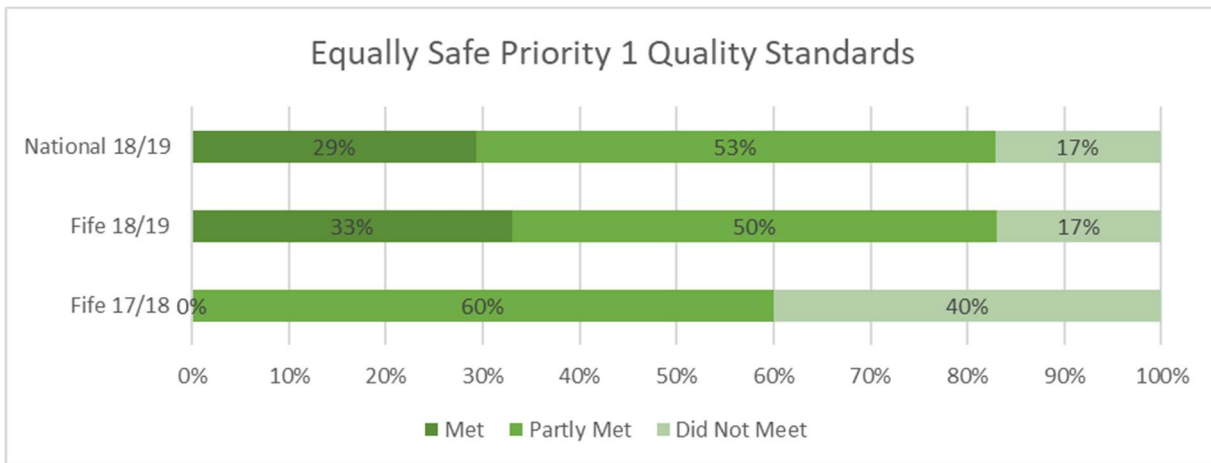
What Have We Done?

FVAWP has continued to work to the standards in the VAW Partnership Guidance and with organisations to maintain strong partnership working and a commitment to challenging violence against women and children. FVAWP now reports to Chief Officers Public Safety Group and Communities and Housing Services Committee. FVAWP also contributes to a range of local strategic plans including Children's Services Plan, Fife Housing Partnership and Child Protection Committee.

Equally Safe Priority 1: Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls

- a. Positive gender roles are promoted
- b. People enjoy healthy positive relationships
- c. Children and young people develop an understanding of safe, healthy and positive relationships from an early age
- d. Individuals and communities recognise and challenge violent and abusive behaviour

This is the area identified as most improved.



What have we done?

1.1 Work in partnership with schools, colleges and university to raise awareness of all forms of VAWG, aligning to Scottish Government led strategies and pilot projects.

Ensure a strong focus on prevention including:

- **raising awareness of positive healthy relationships**
- **supporting children and young people to identify 'unhealthy relationships' at an early stage.**

Partners have worked together on a FVAWP Primary Prevention Strategy to include youthwork, early years, schools, College and University to:

- raise awareness of positive healthy relationships
- support children and young people to identify 'unhealthy relationships' at an early stage

This strategy links with the Curriculum for Excellence Health and Wellbeing Indicators. It is supported by a range of local and national partners. There is work within schools to promote understanding and awareness of gender-based violence, positive, healthy relationships and consent information from early years to secondary S6.

Early years - Gender Equal Play pilot is ongoing in Duloch Nursery supported by Zero Tolerance and FVAWP. The project proposal to promote gender equality in early years training was shared along with resources.

Primary – FVAWP has linked with a number of schools to get a clearer picture of what work is in place across a large number of schools in Fife.

Secondary Personal and Social Education is undergoing a national review and there is a requirement to promote health and wellbeing in schools. Mentoring Violence Programme (MVP) was established in 11 of 18 High Schools.

Fife College students and partners supported the InsideOutside (Women's Support Project) exhibition

St Andrew's University raises awareness of violence against women with all students in Freshers week, using their bystander peer education support programme "*St"And Together. Got Consent?*", which is an adaptation of *Mentors in Violence Programme*.

A network of 'VAW champions' supports prevention work, recognising the key role of specialist services within the third sector (see appendix 1) The benefit of a dedicated resource at Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre can be seen with their prevention worker reaching out to young people across Fife from S1 to S6 – discussing consent, sexual violence, sexualisation and social media.

1.2 Work in partnership with youth work groups to ensure a consistent approach to raising awareness and tackling tolerance of VAWG

FVAWP works with colleagues in Community Learning and Development to deliver Zero Tolerance Under Pressure training. 13 Multi-agency partners from both voluntary and statutory sectors and 8 Fife Council Youth Workers participated allowing them to deliver the programme content to young people within their organisations.

1.3 Engage with the local community to raise awareness of Violence Against Women, the causes and consequences and the role they can play in tackling it

FVAWP delivered 2 exhibitions and 5 social media campaigns:

Exhibitions

[Violence Unseen](#) (Zero Tolerance) and [InsideOutside](#) (Womens' Support Project) saw a combined footfall of over 500 people. Launches were publicised on various media platforms. Curators supported the exhibitions from a range of statutory and voluntary organisations including Fife College.

Social Media Campaigns

Fife Council Communications Team helped FVAWP launch 5 social media campaigns linking to national and local initiatives:

- 16 days of Action Against Violence Against Women;

- International Women’s Day;
- #TOOINTOYOU;
- ViolenceUnseen; and
- Consent

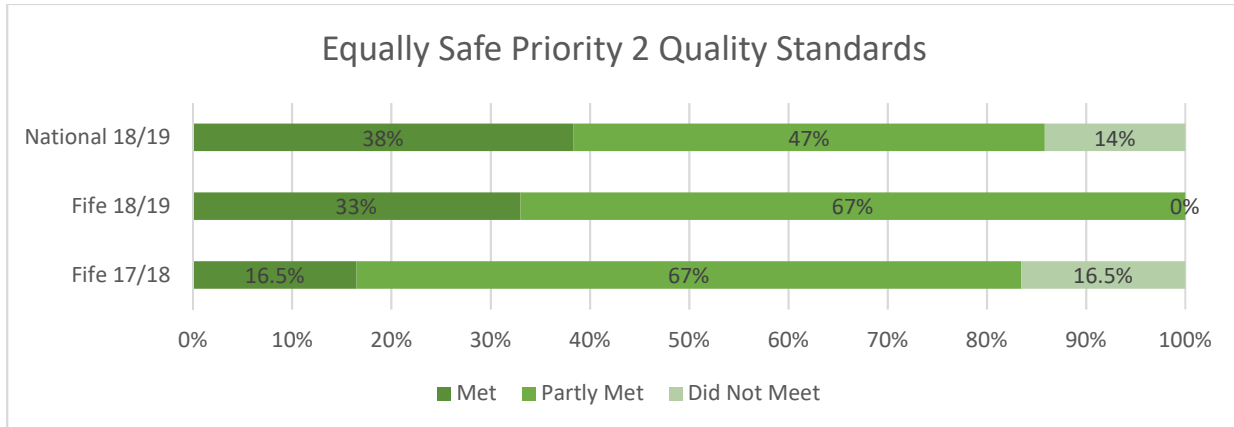
FVAWP supported the promotion of campaigns including the publication of Saje’s *Her Story Rewritten* and NHS Fife White Ribbon drive during 16 days of Action 2019. The campaigns collected a total facebook reach of 15,565 and was broadcast to approximately 292,000 potential radio listeners.

FVAWP produces a range of resources for both services and members of the public. These are available both in paper and electronic formats. There is a suite of good practice guides to support staff in their roles and support appropriate signposting. Support services are highlighted with public awareness campaigns.

In March 2020 as Covid19 impacted on all our lives Partners were very aware of the particular risk to women and children impacted by domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women. We worked with Fife Council Communications staff and other agencies to make sure that services were aware of the additional risks and that members of the public and staff knew how to access services during lockdown.

Equally Safe Priority 2. Women and girls thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically and politically

- Women and girls feel safe, respected and equal in our communities**
- Women and men have equal access to power and resources**



What have we done?

This work is aligned with Fife’s Senior Equality Group.

Fife Council is an accredited living wage employer. An action plan to promote women's workplace equality was developed as part of the Equally Safe at Work Accreditation (FC is a member of the shadow pilot group) this included reviewing policies and responding to consultation on sexual harassment in the workplace. HR advice re VAW and Covid-19 was circulated and updated to managers within the Council. There has been a high level of flexibility offered to staff during the pandemic particularly in the form of paid special leave to those with health concerns or those with childcare commitments.

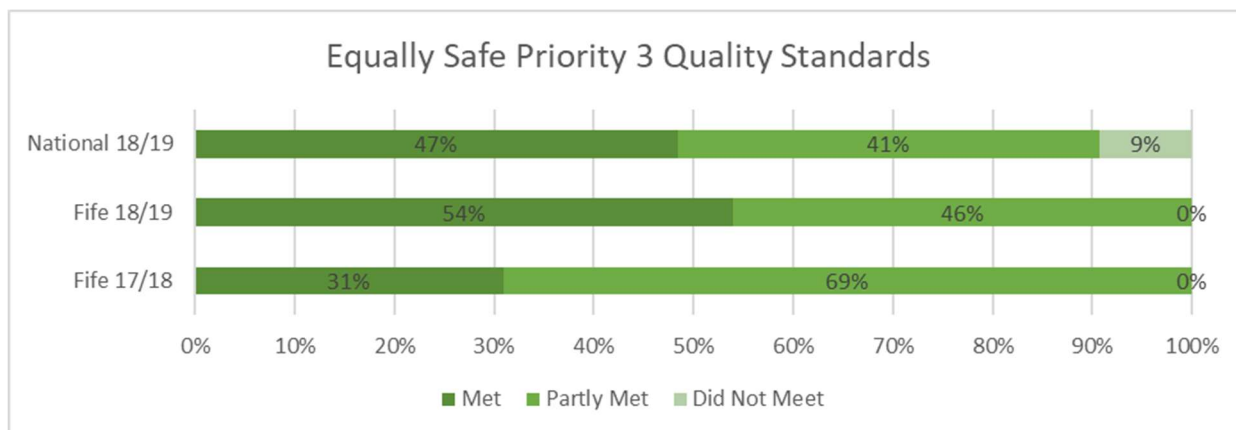
NHS Fife has a Gender Based Violence Policy aligning to NHS Scotland Partnership Information Network Policies and applies to all employees. NHS Fife also stipulates that any agency or sub-contractors must have a policy which reflects their own ensuring that all staff working within NHS Fife settings are protected. In cases where the perpetrator is a contractor, they are to be notified that their contact is prematurely terminated.

FVAWP and partners have strengthened links with equality groups and those with additional vulnerabilities including addictions, LBTi and learning disabilities to support more joined up service provision recognising the range of complex needs. FVAWP continues to promote trauma informed services, supporting and advocating for those impacted by the trauma of their experiences of gender-based violence. Additionally, members of the Provision and Early Intervention working group worked with Fife Centre for Equalities to map local equality groups, agree key messages and plan to develop more collaborative work going forward.

Service user consultation has been supported by third sector partner agencies and will be of increased importance going forward as services are redesigned to manage Covid-19 risks.

Equally Safe Priority 3. Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people

- a. Justice responses are robust, swift, consistent and co-ordinated
- b. Women, children and young people access relevant, effective and integrated services
- c. Service providers competently identify violence against women and girls and respond effectively to women, children and young people affected



There is a significant body of evidence that domestic abuse increases during large scale emergencies. Covid-19 presents particular challenges for those who experience gender-based violence. There was a positive response at both national and local levels, particularly in terms of domestic abuse to make sure that services were available, that staff were vigilant to risks and that victims knew how to get help.

In the last month of this annual report, Covid-19 impacted on all our lives, none more so than women and children living with domestic abuse, other forms of violence against women and those recovering from trauma.

Domestic abuse risk has increased with Covid-19 restrictions leading to:

- enforced contact between partners in homes having to self-isolate;
- women feeling trapped and unable to leave;
- changing family dynamics and challenges to gendered role expectations;

- increased drinking at home;
- children being more present;
- complications over child contact arrangements;
- reduced access to support services.

Partner agencies in Fife rose to the challenge in continuing to deliver services with the third sector playing a key role. In the week of 16th March partners started changing how services were delivered to protect both staff and service users. Many organisations supported their service users in a range of very practical ways recognising that lockdown disrupted normal coping techniques. Specialist services developed new ways to engage with service users including greater use of technology and video calls.

FVAWP worked with partners to prepare public facing information, linking to national campaigns as they became live. The key message was that help was there for anyone who needed it. Websites and social media were the main platforms with partner agencies resharing and tweeting information. Posters were also been distributed to shops. This was helped by national news and awareness of the specific risks.

There was a high level of partnership working across statutory and third sector organisations, with services being flexible and supportive of each other.

Most of this annual report predates Covid -19 - What have we done?

High Quality Sustainable Services are key to delivering on this priority and keeping women and children safe. VAW Specialist Services and partners in the voluntary sector are key to maximising the safety and wellbeing of victims / survivors. Good partnership working across voluntary and statutory services has continued. There are a range of specialist services within Fife, working closely together to help individuals get the best person-centre service, depending on whether for example they need intensive support / 1:1 support / groupwork / court support / counselling and, or befriending. Agencies signpost to each other and support the delivery of the most appropriate services.

2019-20 saw a mix of positive funding applications alongside resource challenges for local specialist services. Third sector partners demonstrated flexibility and imagination in addressing the demand for their services, but that did not stop some waiting lists reaching unacceptable levels, particularly for recovery and counselling services and the ultimate decision to close some waiting lists earlier in the year.

FVAWP Executive has been very aware of the challenges in supporting individuals with additional vulnerabilities including trauma, mental health and substance misuse. Partner agencies work with victims and survivors of violence against women who have additional challenges linked to protected characteristics daily. Services attempt to be responsive to individual needs. Partner agencies link with Fife Trauma network.

Army welfare services are working in partnership with us locally including sharing information at MARAC to protect highest risk victims of domestic abuse.

Rape and Sexual Assault Services

The Fife Suite was operational from 1st April 2019 providing a holistic, person-centered service. A victim of sexual assault undergoing a forensic examination now:

- attends a healthcare, rather than police setting;

- has a nurse chaperone for support during examination;
- is offered ongoing care in the days and weeks following their trauma

A short-life working group (NHS, Police and Fife Rape & Sexual Assault Centre) has continued to improve care pathways and processes, ensuring that all individuals receive appropriate sexual health follow up and designated support and counselling for 12 weeks from the specialist nurses and from our 3rd party agency partners if required.

Support and Recovery Services for Children and Young People

There are a range of support and recovery services for children and young people, including Fife Women's Aid and Cedar+ who work together closely to best meet the needs of children impacted by domestic abuse. Cedar could not function without the support of partner agencies and we hugely appreciate the opportunity to work with facilitators from a range of services sharing their expertise.

Survivors of Sexual Violence are supported by specialist young people's workers based in KASP and FRASAC.

Learning and Development

Fife VAWP offered a comprehensive multi-agency training programme covering a range of violence against women issues, supported by specialist services at no cost to the participant or their organisation. FVAWP training programme was widely promoted, well evaluated and significant numbers of staff attended. There were 27 separate training opportunities attended by 513 participants. In addition, there was single agency training. Some training was targeted at particular staff groups and inputs varied from 2 hours to a full day (see appendix 2). The high standard of training could not be delivered without the contribution of staff from partner organisations. There is a high level of satisfaction with attendees identifying:

- an increase in understanding of the issues
- improved knowledge of good practice
- increase in knowledge of services and resources

"I found all the activities informative. Listening to other's experiences. Excellent training"

"It has given me a bit more confidence that I have the skills + qualities necessary to sit with clients who disclose sexual abuse."

"I found the mini MARAC seminar very useful and helped put everything I learned in the morning session into place. There was no part of the day I didn't find not useful."

"I liked the mixture of groupwork and talking. Good mixture of activities to hold interest. Very informative. I also appreciated the mixture of different job roles at the tables so that everyone had a different approach. This was well organised prior to our arrival"

"[I will] have a more considered approach when dealing with people who have possibly been trafficked eg. considering repercussions of immediate response."

"All of the training was very useful, especially the part about perpetrators - also the models/tools ie 'the guilt & shame bit' & the 3 planets as I have never heard of those before and can use them in my work".

FVAWP is promoting the Safe and Together model for working with domestic abuse cases involving children. The principles are incorporated into Good Practice Guide – Domestic Abuse and the Protection of Children and all FVAWP domestic abuse training, and Social Work services are investing in training all children and families and criminal justice social workers with a 3 year rollout programme agreed. In the last year a further 67 participants completed the 4 Day Core Training.

- Keeping children safe and together with the non-abusing parent

- Partnering with the non-offending parent as the default position
- Intervening with perpetrators to reduce risk of harm to the child

100% of participants found the training relevant to their job role and demands and the content thought-provoking:

“I was provided with additional tools and practice examples to bring to my day-to-day work.”

“... I will be able to use the principles of safe and together to change how I advise people in their assessments and child plans.”

“All of trainers were knowledgeable and provided good practice examples.”

Partners also deliver additional training that has not been captured by FVAWP, eg Foster Care training by Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project and Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre.

FVAWP is looking at how it can continue to offer learning opportunities to staff within the limitations of Covid-19.

NHS Routine Enquiry

The Gender Based Violence Nurse Advisory Service delivered several training sessions to increase awareness and support routine enquiry. 215 participants took part including new NHS Fife employees and bank staff, across a variety of different settings.

Fife Housing Partnership has continued to improve the housing journey for women experiencing domestic abuse, based on women’s feedback. Fife continues to be a pilot project funded by the Scottish Govt participating nationally with Scottish Women’s Aid and the Chartered Institute in Housing to develop good practice and seek national solutions. A Prevention of Homelessness Fund supported women who had to be rehoused as a result of domestic abuse.

MARAC Fife – (multi-agency risk assessment conferencing) is a process for highest risk domestic abuse cases to safeguard adult victims; make links with other public protection arrangements in relation to children, perpetrators and vulnerable adults; safeguard agency staff and address the behaviour of the perpetrator.

There were 778 referrals to MARAC, of these:

- 437 cases (56%) were discussed by partners at MARAC and independent MARAC advocacy offered (including 421 women)
- 195 (25%) were referred to MARAC independent advocacy for further risk assessment, safety planning, signposting to appropriate services and support
- 146 (19%) support and services continued without MARAC co-ordination

92% of the cases discussed were first time referrals. While referrals are for the adult victim, there were also 451 children discussed.

Immediately before and after separation are known to be times of particular high risk, **19% of MARAC victims report stalking**. Pregnancy and a recent birth increase the risk and vulnerability of a mother and baby, **23 women identified as pregnant**. **A weapon was used in 32%** of cases.

Substance misuse is not a cause nor an excuse for domestic abuse, however can increase risk when the victim and/or the perpetrator are misusing alcohol or drugs. Substance misuse was noted for **30% of victims and 62% of perpetrators**.

Domestic abuse is about coercive control, misuse of power and emotional abuse often leading to type 2 trauma **64% of victims** were identified with some mental health concern including anxiety and depression.

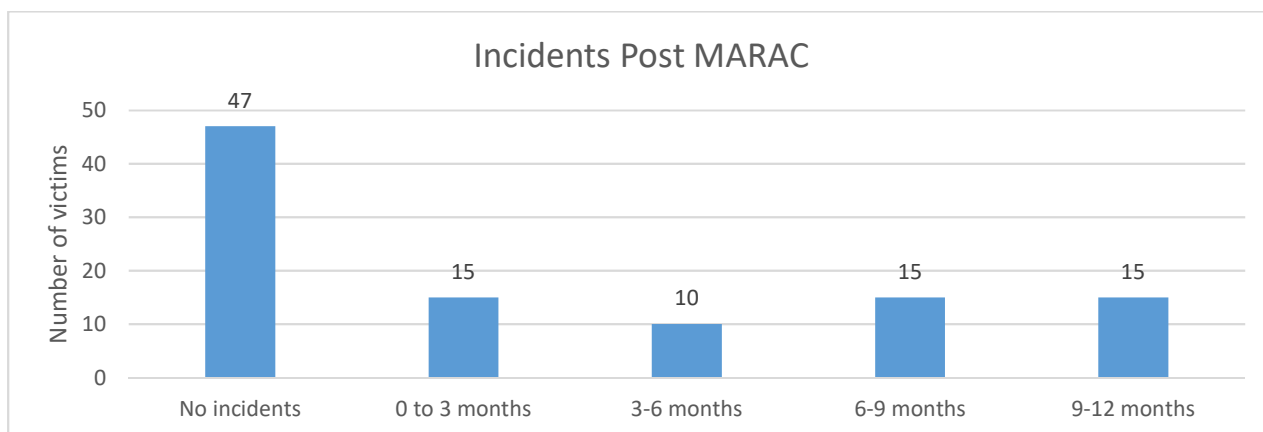
At the MARAC meeting, partners share information about immediate risk to the victim, any children & third parties and identify what their service can do to reduce risk. In the course of the last year **2040** tasks were identified.

MARAC Outcomes

1. Reduced Repeat Victimisation

Cases discussed at MARAC are complex and often escalating. In many cases domestic abuse will have been present for some time, involving numerous incidents prior to MARAC referral. All individuals discussed at MARAC have been assessed as being at very high risk of repeat victimisation.

In a random sample of 102 cases, 46% of victims reported no further incidents to the police in the 12 months following the MARAC. Some of the most challenging cases involve victims who services have found difficult to engage with and may either fail to recognise or minimise the risk.



Depending on the nature of the incident it *can* be positive to see reports immediately following MARAC. It is anecdotally the case, that post MARAC some victims are more likely to report breaches of bail. 69% of incidents reported in the 0-3 month period related to either breaches of bail or “no crime” was identified.

2. Victims Feeling Safer

MARAC cannot address all safety concerns, it can take time for the perpetrator to stop harassing, stalking and abusing - the following feedback was received from 64 evaluations undertaken at the time the woman left the specialist MARAC advocacy/support service. Additionally, women reported increased confidence (74%), more able to talk about their feelings (82%) and more able to identify support needs (89%):

Safer:	Better	No Change	Worse
My safety is	84%	16%	0%
My safety in my home is	81%	19%	0%
My understanding of my safety plan is	81%	18%	2%
My ability to use safety features is	80%	18%	2%

My children's safety is	87%	13%	0%
My safety when I go out is	69%	27%	3%

3. Reducing Risk

A wide range of agencies in Fife now use the SafeLives evidence-based risk assessment tool and multi-agency discussion focusses on reducing risk to victims, children and third parties. The Independent Advocacy Service has been redesigned (combining pre and post MARAC advocacy with case management and support) in response to service user feedback and provides a greater continuity in support. The Independent Advocates ensure all partners are aware of the victim's perspective and that tasking in the Risk Management Plan addresses their needs.

A SafeLives observation of MARAC Fife was undertaken by national MARAC Development Officer who noted the commitment from local partners and a good level of understanding of domestic abuse and dynamics. It was noted that the meeting successfully kept a focus on the perpetrator and risk posed throughout information sharing and action planning.

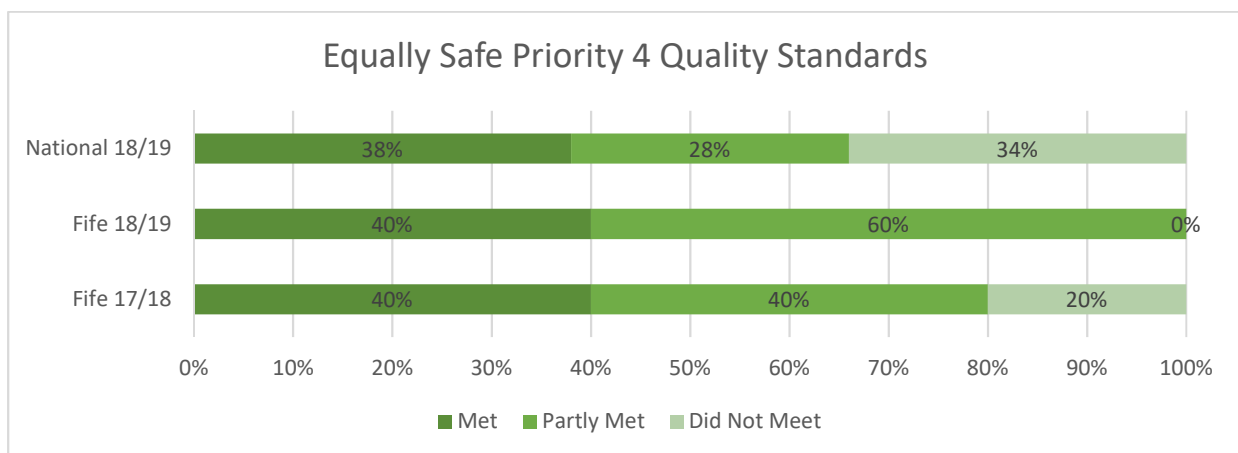
MARAC moved to virtual meetings in March 2020 with a smaller number of partners present for case discussion. All partners continue to engage with the process, share information and take tasks to reduce risk.

Safe, Secure and Supported at Home has been supported by Police Scotland (Fife Division) who continued to provide safety and home security advice and deliver equipment as appropriate.

Equally Safe Priority 4

Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.

- Justice responses are robust, swift, consistent and co-ordinated
- Men who carry out violence against women and girls are identified early and held to account by the criminal and civil justice system
- Relevant links are made between the experience of women children and young people in the criminal and civil justice system



What have we done?

Criminal Justice Social Work has worked to develop the Caledonian System in Fife, an integrated approach to addressing men's domestic abuse to improve the lives of women, children and men. It works with men convicted of domestic abuse related offences to reduce their re-offending while offering integrated services to women and children. The programme uses a strengths-based approach coupled with cognitive behavioural techniques to encourage men to recognise their abuse and take responsibility.

Moving Forward / Making Changes, an intensive group-based treatment programme for sex offenders delivered has continues to be delivered by criminal justice social work.

Groupwork was suspended in March, and the programme is being adapted for 1:2:1 delivery.

Criminal Justice Social Work colleagues have supported the development of a new training course "*Engaging safely with male perpetrators of Domestic Abuse*" which we hope to include in future multi-agency training programmes

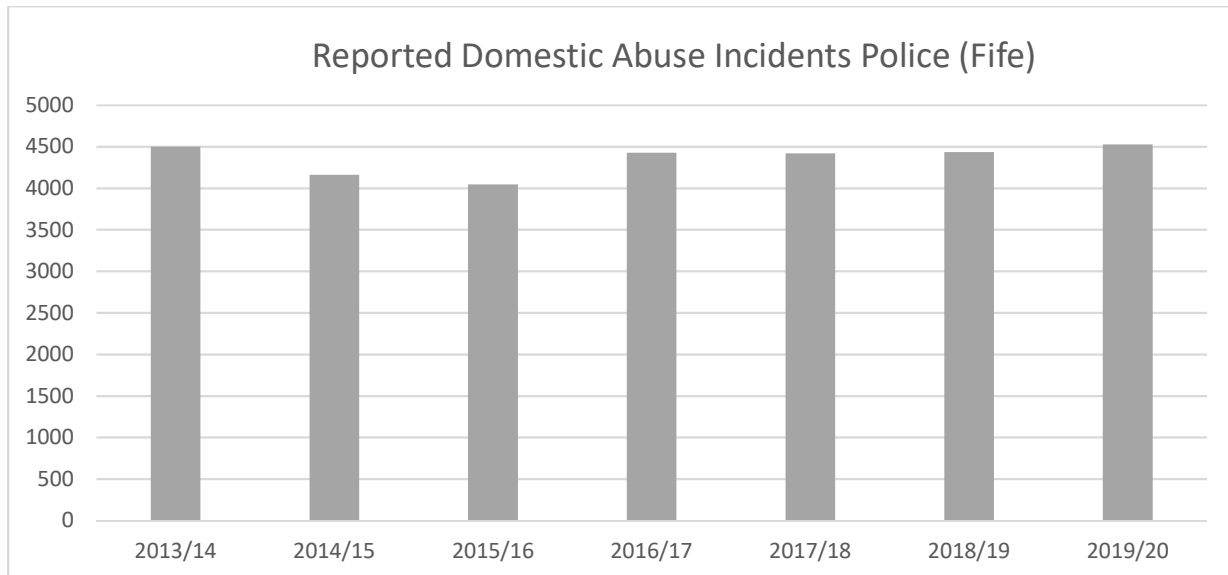
MATAC (Multi-Agency Tasking And Co-ordination) is a police led process to share information about perpetrators who present the highest risk to victims, many have abused multiple partners. There have been a number of pro-active investigations progressed by national Domestic Abuse Task Force involving Fife cases, resulting in 110 charges being libelled with 22 victims contacted. One particular case resulted in a 4-year custodial sentence, with a 100 year Non Harassment Order giving victim reassurance and increasing safety measures already in place.

Court Advocacy is recognised as important to help victims get justice. Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre and Fife Women's Aid have specialist staff to support witnesses alongside the services of Victim Support Witness Service

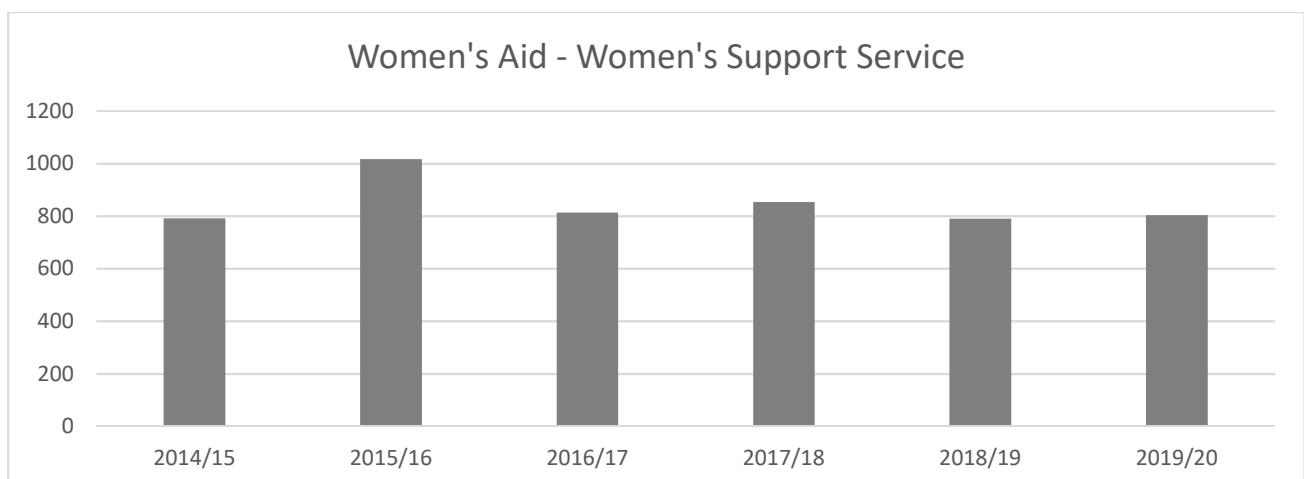
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Domestic Abuse

Police Scotland (Fife Division) recorded **4525** incidents of domestic abuse with 3349 total crimes and offences. 47.8% of incidents resulted in a crime being recorded. The detection rate is 76%.



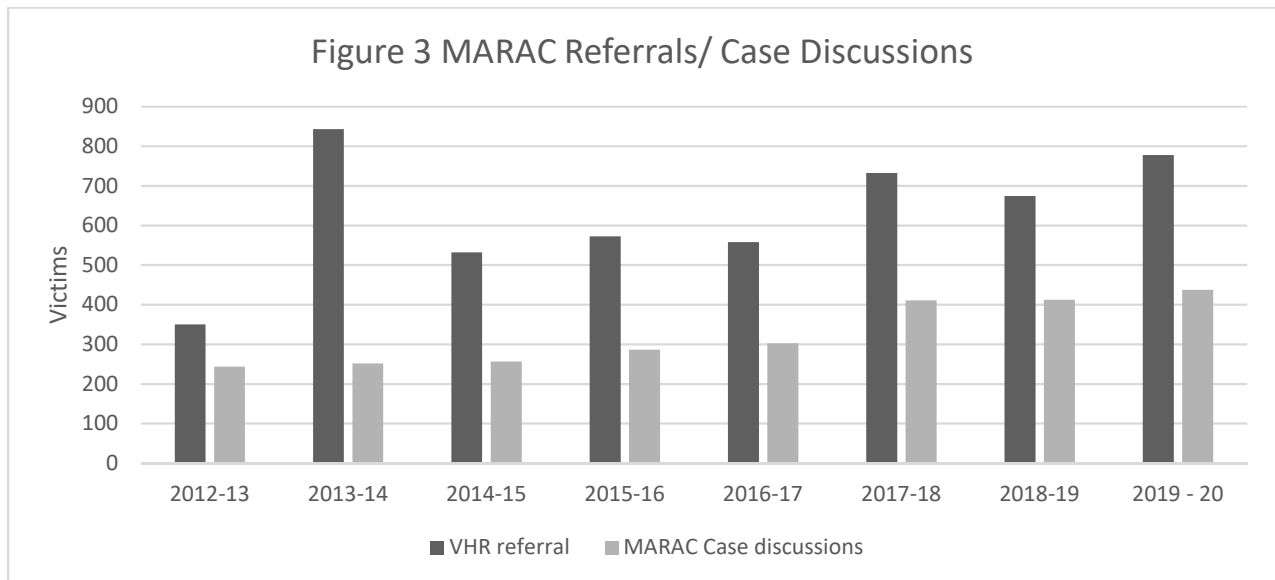
Fife Women's Aid received **1594** referrals to their services for women aged 16+ years, including women's support service, refuge, MARAC, counselling, court support, befriending and family support. 804 of these referrals were to the women's support service. 435 children (0-15 years) were supported by FWA children and young people's service. There were 245 refuge requests.



Shakti Women's Aid received 21 new referrals 18 of these were for domestic abuse and 3 forced marriage. Throughout the year 40 women were supported. This is a 20% increase on the previous year. It has been challenging to support women with complex needs, insecure immigration issues, and extreme isolation during lockdown.

Cedar+ Fife received 196 referrals for children up to 16 years, a slight increase on the previous year. 84 children and 61 mothers attended group with a further 8 mothers / carers supported out with groups.

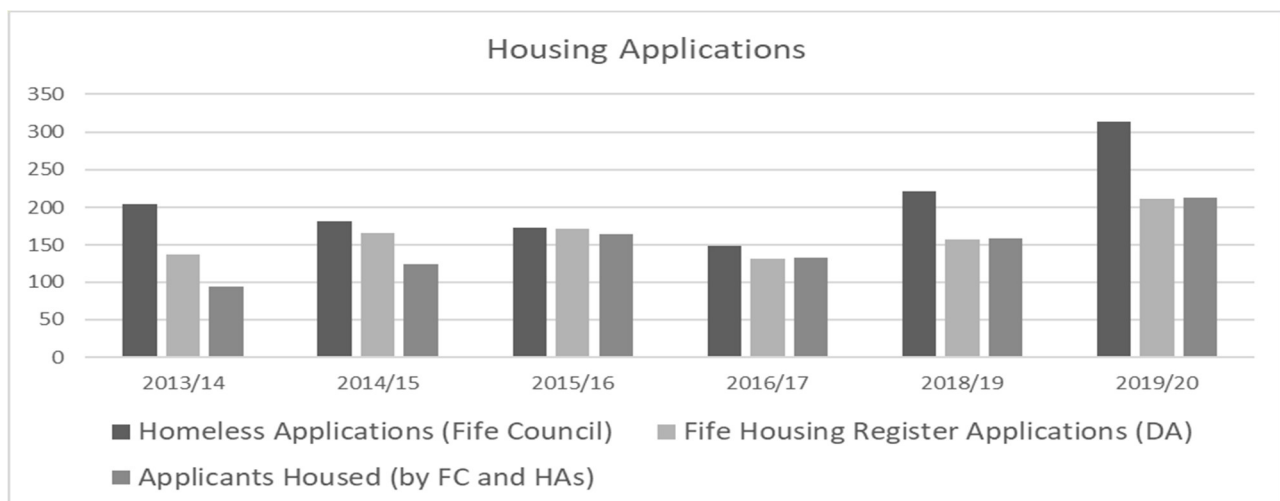
MARAC Fife, 778 high risk referrals were received, with 437 cases involving 451 babies / children discussed at a multi-agency meeting. The number of case discussions is determined by capacity with partners committed to hearing up to 18 cases per fortnight. The number of referrals increased by 15%.



Saje received **839** referrals. 114 women completed the Freedom Programme and 53 the Toolkit for Life. 60 women accessed monthly Drop-in Cafés, (including in partnership with Link Living). There are 21 volunteers supporting Saje. Programmes were adapted to be inclusive of women with learning disabilities and LBTi women.

Housing

There has continued to be an increasing demand for housing support both in terms of homeless and permanent accommodation due to domestic abuse. Last year saw 314 homeless applications and 211 housing applications, an increase of 41% and 34% respectively. A total of 213 tenancies were provided, 83% from Fife Council stock.

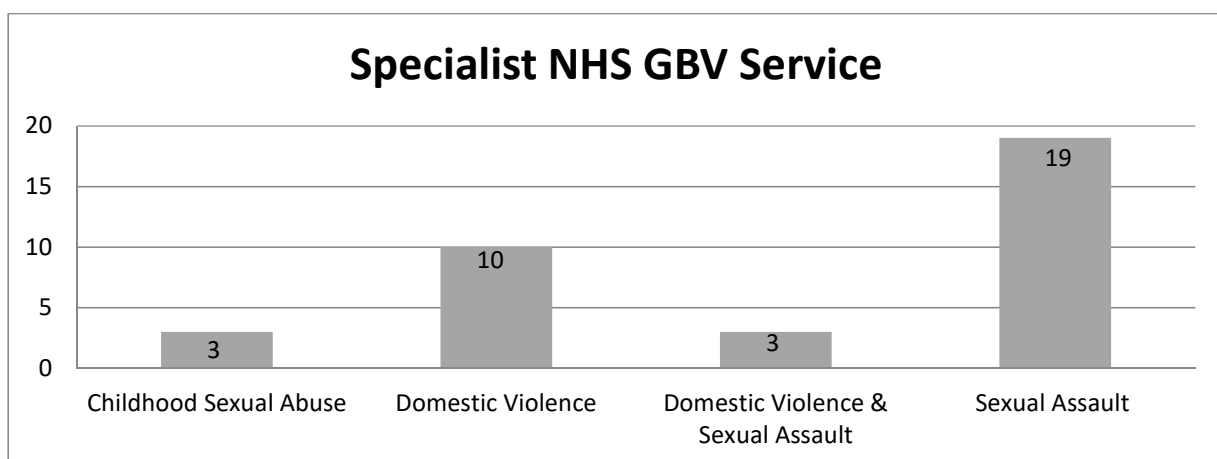


Criminal Justice

The number of referrals to criminal justice social work for perpetrators of domestic abuse (assault / Breach of the Peace) have increased to 339, 60 went on to participate in a Domestic Abuse Group. 58 men successfully completed group (some started prior to 1st April 2019). While this represents a significant increase, it is likely to reflect better identification and recording of domestic abuse offences

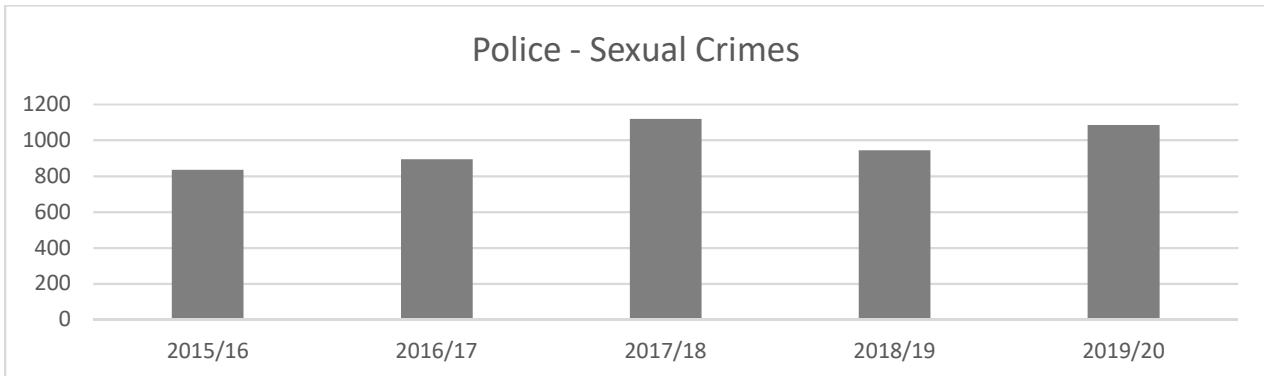


Specialist NHS Gender Based Violence Service provided support across a range of areas as follows.



Sexual Violence / Abuse

Police Scotland (Fife Division) recorded 1085 crimes of “indecenty”¹,



“Crimes of indecenty” describe a wide range of sexual offending as described in the foot note below including sexual assault and rape. Dedicated resource supports not only the investigation of reported crime but also the pro-active investigation of the history of perpetrators (including previous partners and further criminality). This frequently elicits further recording and investigation of domestic/sexual abuse both non-recent and recent.

Third Sector Sexual Abuse Agencies received the following number of referrals

- **FRASAC** (Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre) received **304** new referrals, a **19%** increase on the previous year,
- **KASP** (Kingdom Abuse Survivor’s Project) received **213** new referrals and
- **Safe Space** received **77** new referrals.

3rd sector partners have continued to struggle with waiting lists, providing thousands of hours of support to survivors to help them cope with their experiences of abuse and violence.

Criminal Justice Social Work

There were 111 referrals to criminal justice social work as a result of sexual offending. The programme focusses on reducing risk of further sexual offending.

¹ Rape/ Having Intercourse with an Older Child, Sexual Assault by Penetration, Engaging in penetrative sexual activity with or towards an older child, Sexual Assault, Engaging in sexual activity with or towards an older child, Sexual Coercion, Causing a Young Child/Older Child to Participate in a Sexual Activity, Coercing/ Causing a Person/Young Child/Older Child to be Present During a Sexual Activity, Coercing /Causing a Person/Young Child/Older Child to Look at a Sexual Image, Communicating Indecently, Causing a Person to See or Hear an Indecent Communication, Sexual Exposure, Voyeurism, Administering a Substance for Sexual Purposes, Engaging while an Older Child in Sexual Conduct with or Towards Another Older Child, Engaging while an Older Child in Consensual Sexual Conduct with Another Older Child, Sexual Abuse of Trust (Children), Sexual Abuse of Trust of a Mentally Disordered Person

Appendix 1. Children and Young People's (CYP) Prevention Inputs from FVAWP partners

Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre						
Education Establishment	Topics covered	No of events	Year Group	Females	Males	Number of CYP
Dunfermline, Balwearie, Lochgelly, Bridges Centre, Kirkcaldy, Viewforth, Madras, Woodmill, Beath, Waid Academy	Consent	54	S1-S2	1200	1164	2364
	What is Sexual Violence	38				
	social Media	33				
	How can we help prevent sexual violence	8				
	Sexualisation	8				
	Pornography	2				
Total		143		1200	1164	2364
University of St Andrews						
Establishment	Topics covered	Year Group		Number		
University of St Andrews	Consent, Sexual Violence and Bystander Intervention	16-25		Approx. 2500-3000 students		
SAJE Scotland						
Establishment	Topics covered	Year Group		Number		
Dunfermline HS	Relationship abuse: healthy and unhealthy relationships. What to do if you recognise warning signs	S2		308		
Women's Support Project						
Establishment	Topics covered	Year Group		Number		
Fife College	Commercial Sexual Exploitation	HNC		12		
NSPCC "Speak Out Stay Safe" programme						
Establishment	Topics covered	Year Group		Number		
68 primary schools	Physical, Emotional, Sexual abuse/Neglect/Bullying/Trusted adults/Childline	P1-P7		Around 14800 children		
Fife Women's Aid						
Establishment	Topics covered	Year Group		Number		
Fife College - ** Health and Wellbeing event.	Domestic abuse stall	Students		Not known		
Nursery	Domestic abuse	Teaching Staff		48		

Appendix 2 Training Delivered by FVAWP partners 2019-20	Number of courses	Attendees	% satisfaction overall	Improved understanding of the issues (%)	Highlighted good practice (%)	Increased knowledge of services / resources (%)
Domestic Abuse and Protection of Children	5	99	91	92	92	89
Domestic Abuse - What you need to know?	3	55	92	90	93	92
MARAC - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing	3	106	93	93	93	93
Impact of Domestic Abuse in the Early Years	1	22	91	91	91	90
Safe and Together (4-day training) –	4	67				
Understanding Rape and Sexual Assault (FRASAC)	2	19	92	93	90	92
See Me Not My Mask (KASP)	3	31	91	93	93	89
Understanding Men & Boys experiences of Rape & Sexual Assault (FRASAC)	1	14	91	89	93	91
Working with Male Victims of Domestic Abuse	1	7	98	98	98	98
ZT Under Pressure training (training for trainers)	2	13	98	100	100	94
Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Scotland	2	33	87	86	85	90
Domestic Abuse Champions (Police Scotland)		47				
Annual total	27	513				

Abbreviations used in report

Cedar+	Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery
CLD	Community Learning and Development
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FRASAC	Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre
FWA	Fife Women's Aid
KASP	Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing
VAW/VAWG	Violence Against Women/Violence Against Women and Girls
WHIR	Women's Health Initiative Research
WR	White Ribbon