True or False

• Over 300 women die a year as a direct result of Domestic Violence and Abuse?
• The daily cost of DVA to the UK is estimated to be £10m per day?
• $2/3$ of the residents in refuges are children?
• Merton has a higher than UK average male cohort seeking support for DVA?
• DVA is the single biggest reason for referral to MASH?
National context

• 1 in 4 women, 1 in 5 children and 1 in 10 men affected by DVA at some point in their life
• 2 women a week are killed as a result of DVA
• 1 in 5 teenagers have been abused by their partners
• DV is a feature in 50% of Child Serious Case Reviews
• 200 women a year commit suicide as a result of DVA
• 130,000 children live in high risk houses in the UK
• 30% of children witnessing DV have also experienced another form of abuse
• Awareness being increased via national storylines in numerous television and radio soaps
• Commitment from the London Mayor to further increase reporting and confidence to report over his term
Domestic Violence and Abuse in Merton

Facts and Figures about DVA in Merton

- **1 in 20 people in the borough are affected by DVA**
  - Majority of incidents take place in the family home

- **DVA Is Increasing in the borough and across London**
  - 1483 offences in 2015/16
  - The proportion which result in physical injury has declined
  - However... the psychological and emotional impact for victims is far more difficult to measure

- **Over 1,300 victims have been supported by the One Stop Shop since it opened in 2010**

- **Peak times...**
  - Saturday
  - August

- **Current Merton DVA Investment £5-600,000**

- **DVA cost to Merton £13.2 Million**

- **Majority of perpetrators are ex-boyfriends, followed by current boyfriends, ex-husbands and sons.**

- **There has been a 2% increase in Male, “White - South European” and “Asian” suspects**

To report DV call 999 or for support call Victim Support on 020 7801 1777

Safer Merton

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Impact on C & YP

- Severe and Longstanding physical, psychological and emotional effects manifested by:
  - Withdrawal
  - Failure to thrive and develop, learning difficulties
  - Speech problems
  - Tantrums, aggression, vandalism
  - Vulnerability to abuse from peers, gangs and other adults (CSE etc.)
  - Problems in school: truancy; attention-seeking
  - Nightmares, insomnia, anxiety, depression, eating disorders
  - Drug or alcohol misuse
  - Exclusion, ending up in the criminal justice system
  - A small number go on to be abusive
The Merton approach

Campaigns

MERTON SAYS NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gtC2CW-Ljs
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Campaigns

#NO MORE

Merton 16 Days against Violence and Abuse

#Merton16Days #MertonDV #MertonSaysNoMore #wrc25nov

Events throughout the 16 days
Check social media for details
www.facebook.com/MertonPolice
Twitter @MPSMerton @MPSWimbledon
@MPSMitcham @MPSMorden
Come and meet the teams
25/11/16 til 10/12/16

The 16 Days against Violence and Abuse is a campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the services available within the borough.
Impact of these campaigns

Operational impacts of campaigns

- Increased reporting
- Strong social media presence
- Strong partnership support from private sector
- Changing demographics of employees
- Increased demand on resources

- Impact on schools, wider children's services and children’s social care
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Operational delivery

• Best SDT for DVA flagged crime in the Metropolitan Police Service (Jan 17).
• Domestic Violence Protection Orders are being applied for and granted
• MARAC referrals are up significantly.
• Operation Dauntless approach is now routine
• All repeat cases are reviewed regularly by the Police.
• Greater investment in IDVAs to align with pan-London contracts
• A number of MARAC learning days have been carried out, and the most recent MARAC self assessment provided some positive results.
• The VAWG Board continues to work well and this financial year has seen the launch of the VAWG strategy.
Aims for 2017-18

Together we aim to...

• Expand support for our NO MORE campaign
• Reach 100% saturation for pubs and expand to restaurants our work for Ask Angela campaign
• Increase reporting of DVA further
• More victims to access services easily
• Continue to deliver a successful One Stop Shop
• Maximise our social media and campaign messaging to engage communities
• Undertake targeted interventions in areas of over and under reporting
• Work with the courts and surrounding boroughs on developing SDVC
• Recommission services to ensure we meet the demand that is currently present and emerging
• Develop the earlier intervention work to engage children and young people