

# South Belfast DPCSP Public Event

## Websites Launch

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# PSNI



Sergeant Ailish McCrissican  
Public Protection Unit  
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# PSNI



Committed to -

- ☐ Reduce Domestic Abuse.
- ☐ Improve service to victims.
- ☐ Partnership approach to achieve aims.

# PSNI



☐ Partnership working

☐ Technology

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# **Belfast Area Domestic Violence Partnership**

**Edel Mc Kenna(Chair)**

**Patricia Lyness (Vice Chair)**

**Margaret Kelly (Co-ordinator)**

**[www.belfastdvp.co.uk](http://www.belfastdvp.co.uk)**

**24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline: 0808 802 1414 Open to anyone affected by domestic violence**

# Proposed Definition

*“threatening, **controlling, coercive behaviour**, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, verbal, sexual, financial or emotional) inflicted on anyone (irrespective of age, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation) by a current or former intimate partner or family member”*

*( Domestic and Sexual Violence Draft Strategy 2014)*

# Did you know!

- Domestic Violence/Abuse costs the NI Economy approximately £180 million every year (Tackling Violence at Home Strategy 2005)
- Over 30% of domestic violence occurs in pregnancy (DOH 2005)
- Approximately 32,000 children are living with domestic violence/abuse in N. Ireland (UNICEF 2006)
- Nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of children on the “At Risk” register live in a household where domestic violence/abuse occurs.(DOH 2002)

# Domestic Violence in Context 2013-2014

- PSNI responded to 27,628 domestic abuse incidents across N. Ireland ( + 1.6%)
- Approx. one every 19 minutes of every day
- 12,720 domestic abuse crimes recorded (+14%)
- 7 murders with a domestic abuse motivation(41.2% of all murders)

*(Trends in Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the PSNI, July 2014)*

# PSNI stats 2013/14

## Domestic Incidents:

- N. Ireland 27,628
- Belfast 6077
- North 2265
- West 1,270
- East 1,455
- South 1,087

## Domestic Crimes:

- 12,720
- 2,995
- 1,038
- 673
- 681
- 583

# **Belfast Domestic Violence Partnership....**

## **Who are we and what do we do?**

# Local Domestic Violence Partnerships

**1990s structures were put in place throughout N.I. at local Health & Social Services Trust level, to establish local Domestic Violence Partnerships which would:**

- Bring together and provide a strategic context for all relevant agencies in statutory, voluntary and community sector
- Share knowledge and experience on domestic violence
- Undertake awareness raising/address local issues

# N. Ireland Policy Context

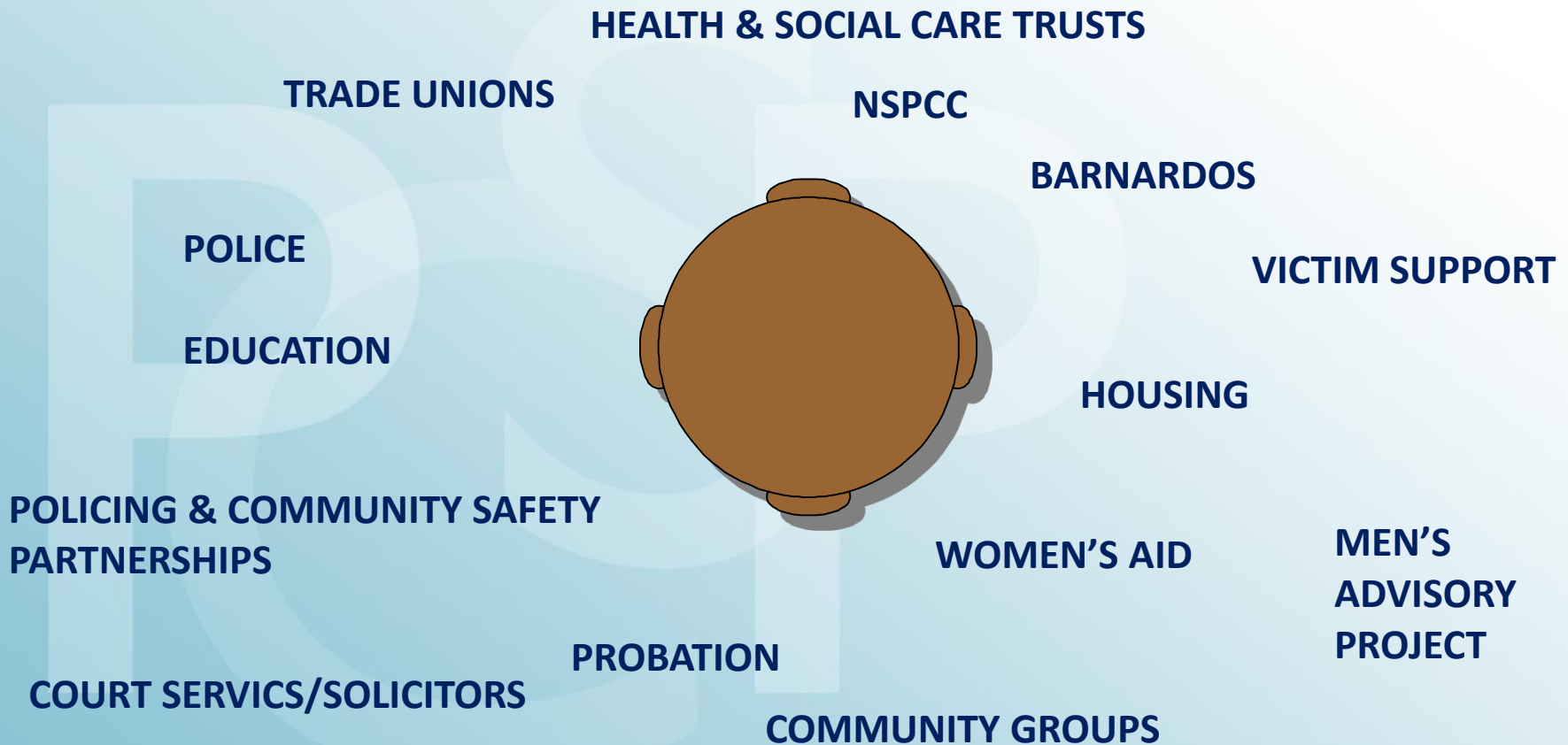
- **Tackling Violence at Home Strategy 2005 and Action Plans**
- **Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy 2014 - 2020 (Draft)**
- **Children Order N.I. 1995**
- **RCPC - Regional Policy and Procedures 2005**
- **N.I. Policing Plan 2012-2015**
- **Homelessness Strategy 2012 -2017**



# Partnerships Aims

- **Work together effectively**
- **Identify resources**
- **Initiatives that hold perpetrators accountable**

# The Partner Agencies



# DVP Structure and Working Groups

- **Strategic Group**
- **Support and Prevention**
- **Protection and Justice**
- **Training and Development**
- **MARAC**  
(Multiagency Risk Assessment Conferencing)

# Achievements

- **Conferences/ Seminars/Community Awareness Events**
- **Guidance and Information Sharing**
- **Workplace Policies**
- **Promotional Material**
- **Newsletters**
- **Website: [www.belfastdvp.co.uk](http://www.belfastdvp.co.uk)**

# Issues and challenges ....

- Domestic and **Sexual** Violence
- Resources - maintaining and developing services
- Training and Awareness
- Managing risk and holding perpetrators accountable
- Promoting safety for victims and children
- Effective prevention strategies

# Moving Forward.....

- **Collaborating**
- **Communicating**
- **Co-operating**
- **Co-ordinating**
- **Connecting**

# And Finally .....

- *Bringing it all together*
- *Making it work*
- *Doing a few things well!*

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# Men's Advisory Project

James Knox

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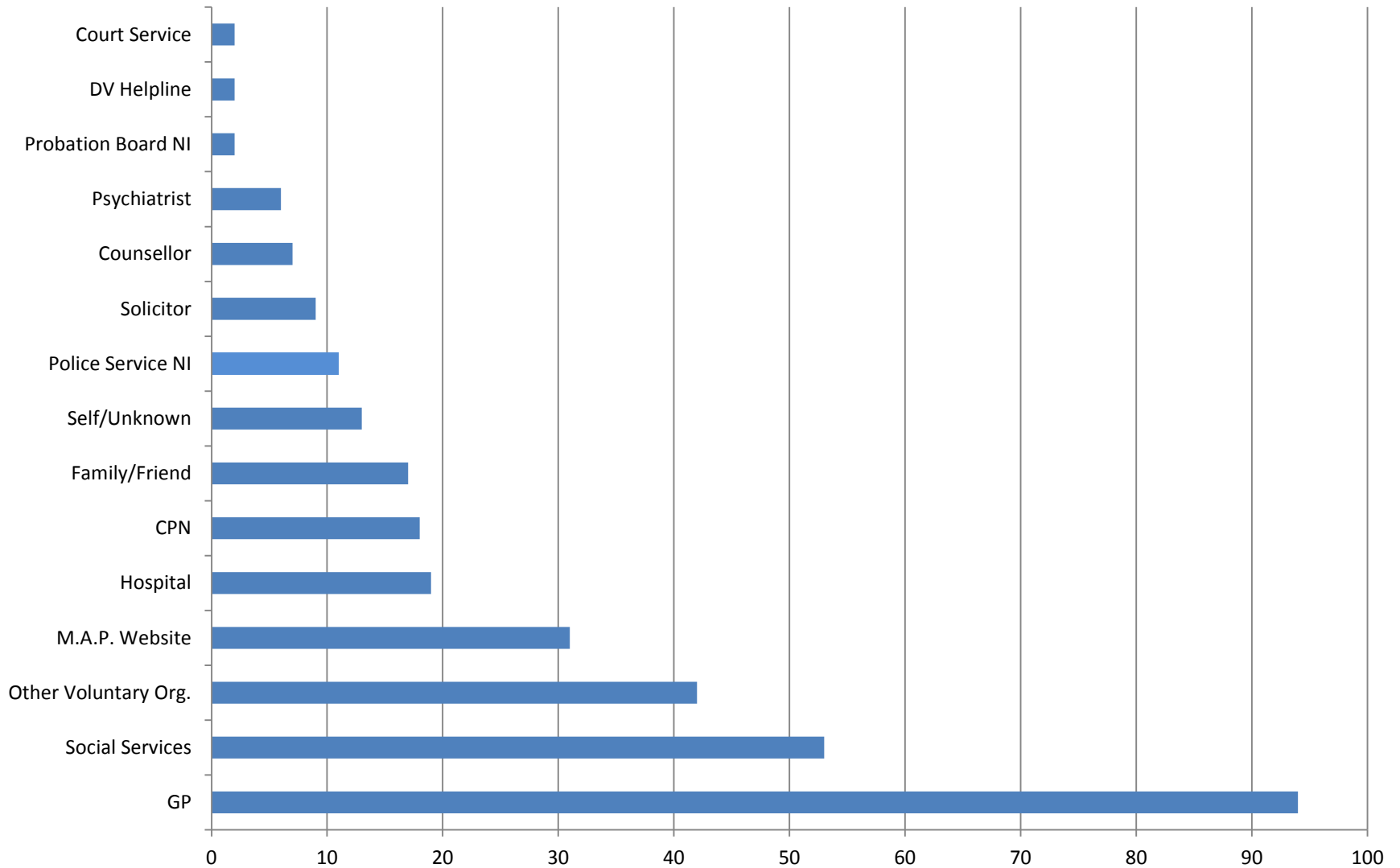
# About M.A.P.

- Charity founded in May 1999
- Provide counselling (1-1/group work)& support
- Outreach projects in Dungannon, Coleraine
- Premises in Antrim and Newry
- Currently 22 volunteer counsellors
- Services offered 9am-9pm, Monday to Friday
- 1350+ 1-1 counselling hours offered (2012/13)

# Who are our clients?

- Male victims of domestic abuse
- Men suffering from relationship breakdown
- Men & women experiencing powerful emotions (anger)
- All clients are over 18 years old

## Sources of Referral March 2013 - February 2014



# Why are men hard to reach?

- Knowledge of what constitutes domestic abuse
- Fear of losing contact with children
- Recognising that they are victims
- Fear of not being believed
- Stigma attached

# Barriers to seeking support

- Think they will lose contact with their children
- Unaware of support services available
- Don't think they will be believed
- Ability to talk about situations
- Lack of localised services
- Pride

# Statistics

- There were **27,628** domestic abuse incidents recorded in 2013/14
- There were **12,720** domestic abuse crimes recorded in 2013/14

# Statistics

- **11,656** domestic abuse crimes were recorded where the victim's age and gender details were known:
- Under 18:                   1,568                   13%
- Female 18+:               7,265                   62%
- **Male 18+:               2,823                   24%**

*Trends in Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police Service in Northern Ireland 2004/05 to 2013/14:*  
Annual bulletin, 3 July 2014



# Statistics

- A total of 674 male callers contacted the 24hr Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

This was an increase of 198 male callers from the previous year.

# MAP's Achievements

- 2014 is our fifteenth birthday year
- Our research launched in 2010
- Our staff
- Our volunteers
- Our growing network of supporters
- The number of men we have helped over the years
- Our fancy new and modern website



# MAP's Challenges

- Lack of funding
- Scale of the problem
- Educating people on the needs of male victims
- Getting men to come forward for support
- Removing stigma



# Moving forward

- Increased outreach projects across Northern Ireland – Newry, Antrim, L/Derry, Enniskillen, Down
- Diversification of MAP's services – Advocacy, Research, Training etc...
- Refuge for men
- Men know what support is available and where to get it

# Our contact details

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Belfast and Lisburn

# South Belfast DPCSP Public Event

**Thursday 18 September 2014**

**Belfast City Hall, Belfast**

**Presented by Patricia Lyness**

# Women's Aid Definition

“Domestic Violence is the intentional and persistent physical or emotional abuse of a woman or a woman and her children in a way that causes pain, distress or injury.”



# Women's Aid Services

- 3 Refuge's - 24 hour crisis accommodation
- Outreach/Floating Support
- Support Workers within Social Services Gateway Teams
- 2 One Stop Shop's
- Women's Safety Worker for IDAP
- Support Worker's within the PSNI
- Children & Young People's Services
- Women Trafficked for Sexual and Economic Exploitation
- Prevention Programmes in Schools and Youth Groups
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Training and Awareness Programmes
- Interagency Working

# What we do

- 85 Full and Part Time Staff.
- 71 work directly with Women and Children.
- 19 Volunteers.
- Provide services across a large geographical area and population covering:
  - 2 Health Trusts
  - Number of Policing Districts and PCSP's
  - Number of City and District Council areas
  - Number of Housing Executive Districts

# Snapshot on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

• 3 Refuges	<b>44</b> women and <b>45</b> children
• Floating Support / Outreach	<b>325</b> women
• Older Women's Project (age 60+ years)	<b>45</b> women
• Young Women's Project (age 16 – 25years)	<b>51</b> women
• Gateway Early Intervention Project	<b>80</b> women, <b>116</b> children
• PSNI Support Workers	<b>30</b> Women
• Women's Safety Worker	<b>61</b> Women
• Children & Young People's Project not in refuge (aged 8 – 18 years)	<b>74</b> Young People

**TOTAL**

**871**

# Snapshot on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

## contd....

- Referrals from a wide source.
- 24 hour access to refuges.
- Risk & Needs Assessment.
- Safety & Support Planning.
- Emotional Support & Counselling.
- Personal Development and Domestic Violence Groups.
- Information & Advocacy.
- Training & Awareness Raising.
- Partnership Working.

# Achievements

- Core Aims, Vision and Mission.
- Sustaining and Developing Services.
- Experts in raising awareness and understanding domestic violence.
- Voice / Advocate for women and children.
- Partnership Working.
- Influencing and Informing.

# Challenges

- Sustaining and developing in a challenging economic environment.
- Domestic Violence is not acceptable.
- “Bringing it out in the Open”.
- Understanding impact on children and young people.
- Early intervention and prevention.
- Domestic violence as a form of violence against women and girls.

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# Question & Answer Session



# Cllr Mervyn Jones

## Chair East Belfast DPCSP

# Lunch & Networking