

# **Supporting evidence for South Essex Domestic Abuse Hub application for Partnership Award**

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## **Partnership Management Plan for DA services in South Essex**

### **Vision**

The SEDA partnership envisions a world free from violence and abuse

### **Mission**

To work together to deliver responses to domestic abuse that increases safety for all victims, rebuilds lives and creates lasting change

### **Partners**

Basildon Borough Council  
Brentwood Council  
Castle Point Borough Council  
Changing Pathways  
Rochford District Council  
South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis Centre (SERICC)  
Thurrock Borough Council

All partners have signed the bid as an endorsement and commitment to work collaboratively to deliver the outcomes stated in the bid.

### **Accountability**

The partnership outcomes are ultimately accountable to the MHCLG. However, the partnership, on a daily basis, will be accountable to itself. Partners will act as peer governance.

### **Strategic direction**

The partnership will deliver services to victims of domestic abuse which is appropriate to their needs. Each partner will play a role in helping people to be safe, rebuild their life and gain the skills to sustain the life they want to live free from fear and abuse.

### **Funding arrangements**

The funding stream from this bid will be administered by BBC as previously agreed by all partners. Individual arrangements will be made with each partner as to how payment for services will be made.

### **Decision making**

All partners will hold equal power. Decisions will require agreement by a quorum. A quorum consists of any 4 partners. Decisions will be recorded by BBC. Decisions made at the quarterly partnership meetings will be recorded in the minutes and distributed to the partners.

### **Evaluation**

Evaluation of the service will be assessed through;

- A basket of indicators that have been agreed by the partnership which are SMART.
- Partnership meetings via discussion on continuous improvement.
- Partnership meetings will also monitor and review how effectively the partnership itself is working.

### **Communication**

The partnership will communicate via e mail and telephone. However, the partners will meet at least 4 times per year. The agenda for these meetings will be created by all partners.

## **South Essex Domestic Abuse Hub (SEDAH)**

### **Constitution**

1. The service will be known as the South Essex Domestic Abuse Hub (SEDAH);
2. The purpose of the service is to be a one stop shop for victims of domestic abuse, co-ordinating with partners and agencies to relieve the threat of domestic abuse, helping people move on with their lives;
3. Anyone is welcome to attend a drop in session at any one of the hubs available; fill in a self-referral form or be referred to SEDAH by another organisation;
4. SEDAH consists of two domestic abuse case workers, operating at the various hubs available overseen by the domestic abuse co-ordinator;
5. SEDAH will operate in a consultative and advisory capacity to its service users and cannot therefore discharge any functions of the Local Authority;
6. There will be a minimum of three meetings held annually with partners. These will not be open to the public. One of these meetings will be a reflection of the past year following the production of the end of year report.
7. The budget will be over seen by Jennifer Gould, Housing Solutions Manager at Basildon Borough Council, who will report to the partnership annually.

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## **Service User Feedback**

The majority of service users reported that they felt safer, more supported and more optimistic about their future. Some of the comments we have received are:

*Just wanted to convey that Things are going Good at home.*

*I wanted to convey my Sincere THANKS to you and your team for the support and guidance during my tough time.*

*Really appreciate your assistance and it is indeed great work.*

*Thank you so much for your support at the time which gave me the strength to find a happier place in my life for me and [Redacted] ...happy in my career.*

*I got the job! I'll be starting work with them in couple of weeks time*

*... so grateful to you for your advice and assistance, and really felt that she had been listened to.*