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# SHEFFIELD DATA SUMMARY 2003

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National research shows that on average:

- 1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse at some time in their lives
- 1 in 10 women are likely to be living with domestic abuse at any point in time
- 2 women are killed every week by a male partner or ex-partner in England & Wales alone (half of all homicides of women)

The adult female population of Sheffield is 209,000 so it is likely that:

- at least 20,000 women will be living with domestic abuse in Sheffield
- in a class of 30 schoolchildren, between 2 and 4 will be living with domestic abuse

## LOCAL DATA ~ BASELINE YEAR ~ April 2002 to March 2003:

### SPECIALIST SERVICES

- the four accommodation projects provided refuge space and support to 286 women and 379 children or young people, and telephone / outreach support to a further 1,041 women
- unmet need ~ they also recorded 495 appropriate referrals where the projects were unable to provide refuge due to capacity
- the three community based support projects provided face to face support to 185 women and 4 men, and telephone support to a further 291 women and 22 men (a number of these men rang to find out about support available for perpetrators of domestic abuse)

### CHILD PROTECTION

- domestic abuse was an issue in 27% of initial Child Protection case conferences
- exactly one third of children on the Child Protection Register were known to have been living with domestic abuse ~ 78 out of 234 children
- the NHS Child Protection Advisory Service recorded that 26% of the Health Visitor supervision caseload involved domestic abuse

### POLICING

- South Yorkshire Police recorded 7,100 confirmed domestic violence incidents in the 3 policing districts of Sheffield, resulting in 594 arrests
  - these incidents took place at 4,100 different households, indicating high levels of repeat victimisation
  - children were present in the household in 5,700 of the confirmed incidents
  - where the gender of a victim of crime was recorded, 1,378 (84%) were female and 258 (16%) were male
  - where the gender of an offender was recorded, 280 (10%) were female and 2,656 (90%) were male
  - there were 4 homicides related to domestic abuse in Sheffield

### SHEFFIELD COUNTY COURT

- there were 243 applications for injunctions as protection against domestic abuse, and 361 granted (including those granted under divorce proceedings or the Children Act) of which 192 had powers of arrest ~ no gender breakdown is available

### **CAFCASS (South Yorkshire)**

- of 541 children assessed by 22 different Children's Guardians (21 public and 1 private law), 240 children were the subject of assessment where domestic abuse was alleged (figs for S. Yorks ~ cannot be broken down for Sheffield)

### **HOUSING**

- 370 people were rehoused via the homeless route where domestic abuse was the reason for the loss of their last settled home
- a further 85 female and 4 male council tenants were rehoused by their Area Housing Office as a result of domestic abuse

### **PROBATION SERVICE**

- the probation service supervised 71 male offenders in Sheffield, where the index offence was related to domestic violence / abuse (total S.Yorks ~ 217)
- 48 men attended their Groupwork Programme for Domestic Abuse Perpetrators, from the whole of South Yorkshire

### **VOLUNTARY SECTOR SERVICES (other than specialist d.a. projects)**

- Victim Support in Sheffield supported 146 female and 12 male victims of domestic abuse
- Shelter provided tenancy support services to 183 users, of which 3 men and 72 women were affected by domestic abuse

## **SNAPSHOT IN TIME DATA:**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

- during the 2 week Children In Need Census in February 2003, 551 children were recorded as living with domestic abuse ~ 55% boys and 45% girls

### **HEALTH**

- during 2 weeks in March, the School Nursing Service dealt with 59 child protection issues, of which 48 involved domestic abuse

### **CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE**

- in the month of December 2002 there were 24 cases related to domestic abuse finalised at Sheffield Magistrates court, and 1 at the Crown Court ~ all 25 cases involved male offenders, and all but one of the victims were female
- of these, 12 were convicted (guilty plea or found guilty), 9 cases were discontinued or dropped at court, and 4 were bound over

### **CROWN COURT (cases from Sheffield, Barnsley and Rotherham)**

- during a 2 week snapshot in March 2003, 16 cases were related to domestic abuse, of which 12 were male and 4 female defendants
- of the cases finalised, 2 men were found not guilty, and 3 men received non-custodial sentences

### **COUNTY COURT**

- during a 2 week snapshot in March 2003, 16 women and 1 man applied for injunctions as a result of domestic abuse, of which 10 were granted (all with powers of arrest) and 1 undertaking was accepted