



DHR 7 ACTION PLAN

Recommendation One: Understanding and Awareness					
Increasing understanding and awareness					
Recommendation	Action to Take	Lead Agency	Key milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Completion Date and Outcome
For all agencies to increase competence and understanding of domestic abuse and coercive controlling behaviour including high risk factors and the impact of vulnerabilities.	All agencies to ensure that these risk factors are included in mandatory training and multi-agency safeguarding policies	All	Assurance from each agency to the SNTB. At the next review of existing multi-agency safeguarding policies, the SAB will ensure that these risk factors are specifically included.		
Increase public awareness of coercive and controlling behaviour.	DAPB will ensure that this factors in the 2024/2025 marketing toolkit.	DAPB	Included in marketing materials.		



Recommendation Two: DASH Checklists

Recommendation	Action to Take	Lead Agency	Key milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Completion Date and Outcome
For all agencies to improve competence in the completion of DASH checklists.	All agencies to offer refresher training for DASH completion.	All	SNTB to receive assurance from partners that this is completed.		

Recommendation Three: Professional Curiosity

Recommendation	Action to Take	Lead Agency	Key milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Completion Date and Outcome
For health services to increase the application of professional curiosity in relation to physical and mental health presentations.	There is a multi-agency Professional Challenge and Escalation Policy in place across agencies in the borough.	Health	The SNTB will seek assurance that this policy approach is disseminated widely across practitioner and consider how agencies could evidence that this is embedded in practice.		



Recommendation Four: Raising Safeguarding Concerns

Recommendation	Action to Take	Lead Agency	Key milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Completion Date and Outcome
For all agencies to increase understanding of how and when to raise a safeguarding concern.	All agencies should ensure that this pathway is included in policies and mandatory refresher training.	All	SNTB will seek assurance from agencies that this is in place.		
For local authorities to ensure that safeguarding concerns involving domestic abuse are considered for an enquiry in accordance with the Care Act 2014.	ASC to include this in policy and pathways.	ASC	SNTB will seek assurance that this is in place and is generating enquiries where necessary.		



Recommendation Five: Information Sharing					
Recommendation	Action to Take	Lead Agency	Key milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Completion Date and Outcome
Improve information sharing between agencies when there is new and significant information to share and ensuring information is shared with all relevant agencies.	This should be included in the SAB's multi-agency safeguarding policies.	SAB	SNTB to seek assurance that this is addressed in multi-agency safeguarding policies.		
For the Home Office to consider including a requirement in guidance for other local authorities to participate in DHRs when the perpetrator has moved areas.	To highlight this issue with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner on behalf of the SNTB.	SNTB	<p>A meeting took place with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner in December 2022 to highlight this issue.</p> <p><i>During discussions at the meeting, the Domestic Abuse Commissioner also recommended a letter to the Ministry of Justice to explore the link between DHR</i></p>		Completed



			<i>findings and Family Court (see below).</i>		
<u>DA Commissioner recommendation:</u> Contact the Ministry of Justice to explore an information sharing link between DHR findings and Family Court.	Chair of the SNTB to write to the Ministry of Justice to raise the issue of Family Court proceedings and seek advice on how to share DHR findings in future cases.	SNTB	Chair to arrange correspondence with the Ministry of Justice.		
To share the final report with local authority B.	Send the report to local authority B.	SNTB	A draft copy has been shared with local authority B. The published report will be shared with local authority B.		Completed

Recommendation Six: Supporting Families					
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<p>For all agencies to improve the involvement of families, considering appropriateness of that involvement and consent.</p>	<p>This should be included in the SAB's multi-agency safeguarding policies.</p>	<p>SAB</p>	<p>The Think Family approach is included in multi-agency policies and procedures.</p>		<p>Completed</p>
<p>For agencies to consider counselling for child victims of domestic abuse and bereavement</p>	<p>The DAPB to consider current provision in the 2024 Strategic Needs Assessment</p>	<p>DAPB</p>	<p>The 2024 Strategic Needs Assessment outcomes should ensure that an appropriate level of provision is included in the 2025 DA Strategy.</p>		