

DECISION-MAKER:	SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INQUIRY – IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES		
DATE OF DECISION:	24 th FEBRUARY 2010		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF POLICY AND IMPROVEMENT		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

SUMMARY

At the final evidence gathering meeting of the inquiry examining how the incidence of domestic violence, including sexual violence and honour based violence, can be reduced, members of the Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel will be informed of the impact that domestic violence can have on children and families.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Panel use the information presented, and feedback from the invited guests, as evidence in the inquiry.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the inquiry process.

CONSULTATION

2. Stakeholders are being consulted throughout the inquiry process.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None

DETAIL

4. The Domestic Violence Inquiry Plan identifies that the fifth meeting of the Inquiry will consider The impact that domestic violence can have on children and families.
5. To help identify the impact of domestic violence on children and families the following representatives will be attending:
 - Trish Roscoe - Service Manager from Children's Services and
 - Trish Newcombe - Southampton City Primary Care Trust, who also represents the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.
6. Sergeant Melani Morgan from Southampton Police and members of the Safer Communities team will also be in attendance to support the meeting.
7. There will also be some real life (anonymous) case studies from children / young people working 1:1 with NSPCC in Southampton at the meeting to give the panel an outline of the direct impact domestic violence has.

8. The guests invited to present information at the meeting will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

8. Not applicable

Revenue

9. Not applicable

Property

10. Not applicable

Other

11. Not applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

13. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1	Case study 1
2	Case study 2

Documents In Members' Rooms

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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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Background documents available for inspection at:

FORWARD PLAN No: Not applicable **KEY DECISION?** No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Not applicable
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