

## Building the Coordinated Community Response

In 1998, **Standing Together Against Domestic Violence (STADV)** was created by statutory and voluntary sector leaders in Hammersmith and Fulham who shared the ambition to create a coordinated response to domestic abuse. Since then STADV has been central to developing voluntary & statutory partnerships. We achieve change in how domestic violence incidents are dealt with and maintain a safe, consistent response from partner agencies. Our aim is to achieve prevention and early intervention by supporting all services to respond effectively & appropriately and to work together in a meaningful way.

Specific operational group work in health, housing, criminal justice, community and specialist responses ensures that we focus our efforts to achieve safety for survivors and accountability for perpetrators in a number of areas. The Coordinators at Standing Together work with operational group chairs to set yearly action plans and programmes of work which includes monitoring compliance with protocols; addressing problems and issues as they arise; addressing risk; dangerousness and repeat victimisation; providing up to date information & resource materials; consulting with survivors to inform agencies response and initiatives; training staff in all agencies.

Local strategic and operation work:

- Strategic and operational leadership and coordination in the Tri-borough partnership
- MARAC Coordination
- Specialist Court and CJS Coordination
- Housing Coordination
- Acute Hospital Trust Coordination
- Mental Health Trust Coordination
- Community Health and Children's Services Coordination
- SAFE: Community Work and Relationship Building
- Coordination of VAWG specialist services

National work that stems from our strategic and operational expertise:

- **In Search of Excellence:** A Guide to Effective DV Partnerships- funded by the Home Office in 2011 and recommended by New Philanthropy Capital via the Cabinet Office's Impact Readiness Fund (2016).
- **Domestic Homicide Review** Chairing and learning dissemination.
- Coordinating the **Domestic Violence Coordinators Network (DVCN)** for those with strategic responsibilities for VAWG in local authorities, CCGs, PCCs
- Creating the first accredited training for those in local authorities, CCGs and PCCs with strategic responsibilities: **DVCI** training which also established a shared European curricula.
- **Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA)**
- **Pathfinder: Whole Health Economy**

### STADV Achievements

- 1998 Supported the development of ADVANCE, one of the earliest IDVA services and developed care pathways from the point of police callout through the criminal justice system.
- 1998 Began early case conferences with multi-agency partners- developed later in to MARAC.
- 1999 Began early survivor consultation to formally feed into CCR developments.
- 2002 Began the first Specialist Domestic Violence Court in Hammersmith Magistrates Court.
- 2002 Pioneered early national health work in A&E and Walk-in Centres.
- 2007 Founded the Strategic Partnership on Domestic Violence in LBHF.
- 2008 Published 'Completing the Jigsaw' research into help seeking by victims of domestic violence known to H&F Police.
- 2008 Organised the national conference 'Coordinating the Future' for 300 domestic violence coordinators.
- 2008 Began coordinating MARAC in RBKC which has led to coordination of MARAC in six London boroughs
- 2010 Launched Health and Maternity Project at Imperial College Healthcare Trust.
- 2010 Began Housing Coordination with the local authority and local housing providers to establish standards of practice and the coordinate the Sanctuary service.
- 2012 Began Chairing of Domestic Homicide Reviews with over 60 DHRs chaired by STADV to date.
- 2014 Launched the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) with Gentoo and Peabody to set accreditation standards for housing providers.
- 2016 Created the community based programme, SAFE, to build ongoing working relationship with religious and community groups in relation to VAWG.
- 2017 Launched the DVCI which is the first accredited training offered to those working in local authorities, CCGs or PCCs with strategic responsibilities for VAWG.
- 2017 Founded the Pathfinder consortium with AVA, Imkaan, IRISi and Safelives to define the whole health economy response to VAWG.