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Response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act

Please provide the following information for your Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme for the 2022/2023 Financial Year.

1. The Name/Title/Scope of the commissioned programme in your area

Two duties are placed on public authorities under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Notwithstanding applicable exemptions, the first duty at, Section 1(1) (a), is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, Section 1 (1) (b), is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

I can confirm that in relation to question 1, we do hold information you have requested.

1. Relate - Choose 2 Change and Adapt

Relate – Choose 2 Change perpetrator programme is funded directly from this organisation via the Welsh Government VAWDASV Funding.

Choose2Change delivers a RESPECT accredited intervention to address domestic abuse and works with perpetrators across the 6 local authorities in North Wales. The project delivers both a group work perpetrator programme to offer men who have been abusive in intimate relationships an opportunity to change and a support service for the ex/partners of the men engaging with the service.

The aims of the service are to increase the safety of women and children by reducing the level of domestic abuse they are experiencing, reduce the number of domestic abuse incidents and repeat/new victim.

Adapt perpetrator programme is funded by the Home Office Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund and managed directly by North Wales Police.

The key objectives of the ADAPT(Agencies Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Tasking) programme in North Wales include :

- Reduce re-offending of domestic abuse perpetrators



- Safeguard adults and children at risk of domestic abuse
- Break the cycle of abuse of the perpetrator

The model is based around an RFGV (Recency, Frequency, Gravity and number of Victims) algorithm, which identifies the most harmful domestic abuse perpetrators in the region. Following a monthly review of those ranked in the Top 50 by police, nominations of those to be considered for inclusion on the ADAPT programme are sent to all partners to ascertain their suitability. Perpetrators may not be considered as suitable for a variety of reasons. These include being held in custody, moving out of area or being already engaged in other multi agency forums where appropriate support and intervention is already ongoing. Partners receive a full subject profile to assist them in making this decision. At the end of each month the formal ADAPT meeting is held where all relevant partners are encouraged to attend and contribute. Within this meeting the ADAPT cohort are discussed individually with partners sharing details of their contact or involvement since the last meeting in an effort to identify new challenges and intervention opportunities. Collectively, the group will decide whether a nominal should be closed to ADAPT and a new perpetrator considered.

I can confirm that we hold some information in relation to questions 2 – 10. We hold information in relation to Relate Choose to Change only. Information relating to the Adapt programme may be held by North Wales Police, they can be found at <https://www.northwales.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/>

2. The total number of males who self-referred into the programme

In 2022/23, there were 10 self-referrals to the Relate Choose to Change programme.

3. The total number of self-referred males who were accepted onto the programme

4. The total number of self-referred males who have completed the programme

Of the 10 self-referrals 4 proceeded to the programme, 3 finished the programme and 1 did not finish the programme 6 did not show for assessments/were not accepted.

5. The total number of males referred by an agency (e.g., police, social service etc.) into the programme

6. The total number of referred males who were accepted on to the programme

7. The total number of referred males who have completed the programme

20 referrals from other professionals, 8 proceeded to the programme, 5 finished the programme/still attending, 3 did not finish the programme, 12 did not show for assessments/were not accepted



8. The names of the organisations who have made a referral to the programme

Link to evaluation of programme efficacy:

- Childrens services
- Probation
- Flying Start
- Counselling
- Homelessness Prevention Team
- Other DA programme

9. Financial Contributors:

(Inclusive of Statutory, Non-Statutory Organisations and individual voluntary donations)

Choose 2 Change – Welsh Government

Adapt Perpetrator programme – Home Office / North Wales Police

10. Budget inclusive of Running Costs

Choose 2 Change - £46.618.00

Adapt Perpetator Prorgamme – This information is not held, the information may be held by North Wales Police, they may be found at <https://www.northwales.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/>

This information has been provided in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is correct as at 21/08/2023

