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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 5</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>	<b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED/ RECOMMENDED OPEN</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING</b>	
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>CHRIS SMITH (5924)</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Domestic abuse services within South Derbyshire</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 Members to note the report and acknowledge potential future risks in services.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To inform members of the current situation of the four main Domestic Abuse service providers in South Derbyshire

### **3.0 Detail**

3.1 At the scrutiny meeting in May an overview was provided on the structure of Domestic Abuse services within the district and the agencies involved. It was asked if further, more in depth information on these agencies could be provided, especially on what service they provide, how they are funded and what the future risks are for them.

3.2 As mentioned in the previous report there are four main service providers in the District; Next Step, Trident Reach the Charity, and the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor who is employed by Women's aid. Victim Support also offer initial support to low risk victims.

3.3 All four of these agencies offer different service and are funded independently of the others. Next Step and Trident Reach the Charity have facilities based in South Derbyshire, the IDVA hot desks between agencies within South Derbyshire (spending a day at SDDC, Next Step and Lemon Grove refuge) and Victim Support are based out of Derby.

3.4 The main detail of this report is found in the attached Appendix 1. The four agencies have provided information on the service they provide, the number of people accessing their service, how they are funded, by whom, when the funding ends and what contingency plans they have in place.

3.5 The table below shows which agencies support which level of victim

<b>RISK</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROVISION</b>
Low (0-9 score on DASH form)	Victim Support (All Police referrals to go to Victim Support)  Next Step (Agency and self-referrals)  Trident Reach the Charity (Agency and self-referrals)	Initial one to one support and further signposting if required  Outreach support, counselling, one to one sessions, Freedom programme  Floating support
Medium (10-15 on DASH form)	Next Step Trident Reach the Charity	As above
High (16 and above on DASH form)	North Derbyshire Women's Aid (IDVA)	121 support, MARAC, Sanctuary Scheme, alarm systems

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 SDDC contributed £20,000 and Safer South Derbyshire contributed £10,000 towards the running costs of Next Step for 2012/13 year, these were both one-off payments. There is also a Service Level Agreement in place for an annual SDDC grant of £3784 towards Next step.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 Supporting Domestic Abuse services delivers work within the Corporate Priority of Safe and Secure.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 There is currently a diverse range of services available for victims living in the district. Next step currently run several training programmes and use several volunteers for their support work. If their long term future is not secured it would have a major detrimental impact on the domestic abuse provision available to the local community. These agencies are all key to the delivery of the local Domestic Abuse Action Plan which forms part of the Partnership Plan

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 In the long-term the future of many of these agencies is uncertain as much of the funding is provided by the County Council. Also, suitable external funding streams are difficult to obtain for more than one year at a time and therefore any long term security is unlikely. In the short term the district is fortunate to have dedicated workers and volunteers who are committed to reducing the amount of Domestic Abuse cases within the district.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

APP1 provides details on the 4 main Domestic Abuse Service providers in the District, the service they provide, how they are funded and by who, the number of clients they have and contingency plans they have for the future