



Inverclyde Alliance

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Subject: Inverclyde Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Partnership
2023-24 Outturn Report

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Inverclyde Alliance Board on the progress of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Inverclyde with an update on activity in 2023-24.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The VAWG Strategy 2023-26 was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2023.

2.2 An annual report has been produced to provide an update on the key partnership activity during 2023-24. This is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board notes the activity of the Inverclyde Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The VAWG Strategy 2023-26 was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2023. The accompanying delivery action plan was presented to the Board in October 2023, with a subsequent request for the partnership group to incorporate monitoring data indicators. The revised plan was ratified by the Board in December 2023.

4.2 The strategy sets out the partnerships strategic vision to make this local authority area safe for anyone who is living, working, visiting, and travelling in Inverclyde. It builds on the nationally recognised best practice work that has been happening across Inverclyde since the launch of our first VAWG strategy in 2012, and it is accompanied by a robust annual action plan which outlines the steps the VAWG Multi Agency Partnership will take to achieve its objectives. The approach will use this strong foundation to continue our priority to end VAWG.

4.3 The VAWG Strategy mirrors the priorities of the national strategy Equally Safe, to work collaboratively with key partners in the public, private and third sectors to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls. The priorities are:

- Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect, and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls;
- women and girls thrive as equal citizens – socially, culturally, economically, and politically;
- interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children, and young people;
- men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls, and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response

5.0 VAWG PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL OUTTURN REPORT 23-24

5.1 The VAWG Partnership's annual outturn report (Appendix 1) highlights key activities from 2023-24 and includes the data indicators requested by the Alliance Board when the revised action plan was approved in December 2023.

5.2 The activity detailed within this report will be used to inform actions designed to achieve strategic priorities both within this current action plan and the development of future strategy.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal: None at present
Finance: None at present
Human Resources: None at present
Equality and Diversity:
Alliance Partnership Plan: The actions contained within this report will contribute to the following Partnership Plan outcomes:

- The report has relevance for Theme 4: A Supportive Place.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board Meeting 19 June 2023 – Agenda Item No.6
Inverclyde Alliance Board Meeting 4 December 2023 – Agenda Item No.6

| Inverclyde Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy | |
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| Action Plan 2023-26 | |
| Strategic Priority | Action |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities in Inverclyde embrace equality and mutual respect, and reject all forms of violence against women and girls | 1.1 Positive gender roles are promoted |
| | 1.2 People enjoy healthy, positive relationships |
| | 1.3 Children and young people develop an understanding of safe, healthy, and positive relationships from an early age |
| | 1.4 Individuals and communities recognise and challenge violent and abusive behaviour |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women and girls in Inverclyde thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically, and politically | 2.1 Women and girls are safe, respected, and equal in our communities |
| | 2.2 Women and men have equal access to power and resources |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children, and young people | 3.1 Women, children, and young people access relevant, effective, and integrated services |
| | 3.2 Service providers competently identify violence against women and girls and respond effectively to women, children and young people affected |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response | 4.1 Justice responses are robust, swift, consistent, and coordinated |
| | 4.2 Men who carry out violence against women and girls are identified early and held to account by the criminal and civil system |
| | 4.3 Relevant links are made between the experience of women, children, and young people in the criminal and civil system |

Annual Outturn Report 2023-24

| Action | How will we get there? | 2023/24 Outturn | Local Partners |
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| 1.1 Positive gender roles are promoted. | Deliver the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme to ensure that young people better understand positive and relationships, positive gender roles and stand up to violence and toxic masculinity. | Delivered MVP training to 12 teachers in May 2023. | Senior CLD Worker/VAW Coordinator/All High Schools |
| | Address under-representation of women in senior positions and in politics power and politics, increasing opportunities to change policy and adopt measures to end VAWG. | A 'Gather' event was hosted by the Women's Forum on the 24 th of June 2023. The purpose of the event was to encourage more women into politics. Council complete. | VAW Coordinator Led by Women's Forum |

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| | <p>Adopt a whole-systems, gendered approach to tackling VAWG underpinned by Equalities priorities within Inverclyde Council, ensuring the workforce is supported with up-to-date guidance, policies, and pathways.</p> | <p>The VAW Coordinator participated in the Corporate Equalities Group, which led the efforts to achieve Equally Safe at Work (ESAW) accreditation. This program recognises employers' role in preventing Violence Against Women (VAW). Over 18 months, IC worked towards this accreditation, creating a VAW policy and a standalone Sexual Harassment policy. They also updated the Employee Code of Conduct and Equality and Diversity policies to address VAW. On 4 December 2023, IC successfully achieved ESAW bronze accreditation.</p> | <p>Corporate Equalities Group Inverclyde Council HR/ VAW Coordinator</p> |
| | <p>Communicate with the local community to increase people's awareness and understanding of the causes and consequences of gender-based violence and the role they can play in tackling it through involvement in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local campaigns including 16 Days of Action and International Women's Day. ✓ White Ribbon campaign to increase the number of men and boys becoming actively involved in challenging negative attitudes and behaviour. ✓ Deliver briefing and information Sessions. | <p>Inverclyde Council participated in the 16 Days of Activism to Eliminate Violence Against Women (VAW) by promoting daily messages on various platforms. They also collaborated with local organisations to host various events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverclyde Women's Aid (IWA): Hosted a coffee morning, a Red Shoe Display, and promoted information at West College Scotland. • Police Scotland: Promoted "Don't be that guy" and the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme for Scotland (DSDAS). • Prayer Service: A prayer service was held to recognise victims of VAWG. • Shipbuilders Sculptures: Lit up purple for the duration of the campaign. | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator Corporate Communications Police Scotland and other VAWG MAP partners</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inverclyde Alliance: Held a discussion within their meeting on Myra Ross's poem "Imagine." <p>Additionally, the Council celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March 2024, with an informative talk and an art installation.</p> | |
| <p>1.2 People enjoy healthy, positive relationships.</p> | <p>Communicate awareness of healthy and positive relationships and access to services through targeted campaigns including social media engagement and age-appropriate targeting, helping individuals and communities to recognise and challenge violent and abusive behaviour.</p> | <p>ESAW is now promoted on Human Resources link on ICON. By being an ESAW employer, IC is committed to advancing gender equality and preventing VAW which affects all aspects of women's lives, including the workplace. New policies will be available ICON. An ESAW section has been set up on ICON under Human Resources. This includes a link to e-learning on ESAW and information, guidance documents and policies.</p> | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator/HR Corporate Communications</p> |
| | <p>Deliver the Rape Crisis Sexual Violence Prevention Programme in schools, to increase understanding of consent and healthy relationships.</p> | <p>Rape Crisis delivered workshops to young people in Inverclyde schools and colleges, addressing crucial topics like consent, healthy relationships, online sexual violence, and pornography awareness. These sessions reached a total of 240 young people at St Columba's High School, Port Glasgow High School, and West College Scotland.</p> | <p>Rape Crisis Glasgow</p> |
| <p>1.3 Children and young people develop an understanding of safe, healthy, and</p> | <p>Research age-appropriate, evidence-based interventions to raise children, teachers and parents' understanding and awareness of gender-based violence, positive, healthy relationships, and consent, as part of a whole school approach to tackling gender-based violence.</p> | <p>There is a focus on developing MVP in Secondary Schools, and this is identified as a priority by the Director of Education & Communities. This is continually monitored through partnership meetings.</p> | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator VAWG MAP</p> |

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| <p>positive relationships from an early age.</p> | | <p>Equally Safe at School is in the early stages of discussion in Inverclyde. An event was hosted at the Beacon Arts Centre in March 2024.</p> | |
| <p>1.4 Individuals and communities recognise and challenge violent and abusive behaviour.</p> | <p>Deliver comprehensive multi agency training on the wider violence against women and girls' agenda, tailored to the needs of the agencies and participants.</p> | <p>The VAW Coordinator, in collaboration with various partners, conducted multiple training sessions throughout the year. These sessions aimed to raise awareness and enhance understanding of Violence Against Women (VAW). Training was delivered to staff members from Community Mental Health Teams, Riverclyde Homes, Cloch Housing, and Barnardo's, covering topics such as VAW prevention, identification, and response strategies. Additionally, MARAC update sessions were provided to staff from Cloch Housing.</p> | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator with support from VAWG MAP Partners</p> |
| | <p>Increase reporting and referrals to MARAC to address low reporting and abuse being allowed to continue, unchallenged and victim blaming.</p> | <p>The number of referrals to the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) in Inverclyde has increased significantly in 2023-2024 compared to the previous year. The cases are becoming more complex, and most referrals are being made by Police Scotland. While statistics for male victims are low, appropriate processes are in place to address their needs.</p> | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator MARAC Governance Group MARAC members</p> |
| | <p>Reduce the risk of offending and harm by pursuing perpetrators through promotion of referral to the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland (DSDAS).</p> | <p>The Disclosure Scheme is actively promoted and discussed in all training courses and was highlighted during the "16 Days of Activism" campaign. Referrals to the scheme are regularly</p> | <p>Led by Police Scotland VAW Coordinator MARAC members</p> |

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| <p>2.1 Women and girls are safe, respected, and equal in our communities.</p> | <p>Promote Safe & Together approaches to risk assessment for Domestic Abuse through delivery of training and information sessions.</p> <p>Address the barriers gender-based issues in society to women and girls participating equally in social and leisure activities without safety concerns in public spaces, including public lighting, policing, and sexualised experiences.</p> <p>Promote safe spaces for women in communities and ensure promotion of locations supporting 'Safe Spaces' in Inverclyde.</p> | <p>considered in MARAC meetings, where new partners are introduced, and potential concerns are identified. Since its implementation in October 2015, until March 2024, the scheme has received over 22,000 applications and facilitated over 12,000 disclosures. This vital prevention tool has the potential to save lives by preventing domestic homicides.</p> <p>Whilst we are undertaking further work to scope implementation and training of Safe & Together in Inverclyde, the RIC questions include prompts and the importance of these is highlighted in training and information sessions.</p> <p>Successful funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) allowed Inverclyde Council to install public lighting in Battery Park, an area mentioned frequently within a public consultation on perceptions of safety when undertaking activity within public spaces.</p> <p>Inverclyde has expanded its network of Safe Spaces for survivors of domestic abuse, growing from 7 locations in 2022-2023 to 10 in 2023-2024. These Safe Spaces are found in pharmacies, banks, and Boots stores across Greenock, Port Glasgow, Wemyss Bay, and Kilmacolm.</p> | <p>Led by HSCP MARAC members, VAW/MARAC Coordinator</p> <p>Community Safety & Resilience Team/CLD</p> <p>Led by VAW Coordinator VAWG MAP partners</p> |
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| | | <p>Additionally, a new UK-wide partnership has been formed to increase access to support for survivors. Led by Hestia's UK SAYS NO MORE campaign, this collaboration aims to create a coordinated network of Safe Spaces across Scotland, Wales, and England.</p> | |
| <p>2.2 Women and men have equal access to power and resources.</p> | <p>Ensure that victims/survivors' voices are heard and shape responses.</p> | <p>Inverclyde Women's Aid (IWA) offers a variety of support groups for survivors of domestic abuse, catering to different stages of recovery. The "Own My Life" group focuses on processing the impact of abuse and moving forward, while peer support groups provide a safe space for women to connect with others and receive support. By actively engaging with survivors, IWA gains valuable insights to improve its services. Additionally, Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDAA)s participate in MARAC meetings to ensure the voices of survivors are heard.</p> | <p>Led by IWA/ASSIST</p> |
| | <p>Ensure that violence and abuse are identified through multiple routes. Responsive services support those identified as high risk and appropriate support is offered. Professionals are well trained and feel competent and confident to respond.</p> | <p>MARAC and RIC Information sessions are offered to any services who require this. Several training courses were delivered in this year (captured in 1.4).</p> | <p>Led by VAW/MARAC Coordinator with support of partners.</p> |
| <p>Work in partnership with council services on the ESAW working Group towards successful completion of the action plan priorities to gain IC ESAW bronze accreditation.</p> | | <p>Working towards successful accreditation enabled us to implement gender-sensitive employment policies and practices, deliver focus groups and participate in training, providing better support to staff and working to prevent VAW.</p> | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator/HR Corporate Equalities Group</p> |

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| | <p>Promote the dissemination of accessible and up to date information in local area/organisations about the range of support available for both men and women affected by domestic abuse and other forms of gender-based violence.</p> <p>Address the barriers for women and their children of Economic Abuse and the control and isolation that diminishes their opportunities to leave the perpetrator.</p> | <p>ESAW link on ICON to information and training, IC website, delivery of training and information sessions.</p> <p>High-risk domestic abuse cases are identified and addressed through the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). These cases often involve patterns of coercive control. Additionally, there has been an increase in Safe Spaces within banks in the area, recognising the prevalence of financial abuse as a form of domestic abuse.</p> <p>Where risk of significant harm to children may be indicated, Inter-agency Referral Discussions (IRDs) take place, with safety planning explored and consideration given to supports and resources that can be offered.</p> <p>MARAC Meetings are held every 4 weeks and are consistently awarded high priority with referrals increasing and representation and commitment consistent.</p> <p>In 2023-2024, Inverclyde Women's Aid provided support to a significant number of individuals affected by domestic abuse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women: 125 women received assessments, 1,159 one-to-one support sessions, 1,444 telephone support sessions, and 32 women accessed refuge accommodation. | <p>VAWG MAP partners, VAW Coordinator, Corporate Communications</p> <p>MARAC Governance Group, MARAC members, VAW Coordinator, HSCP</p> |
| <p>3.1 Women, children, and young people access relevant, effective, and integrated services</p> | <p>Coordinate 4 weekly MARAC meetings to identify victims of DA experiencing serious harm, improve safety of victims and their children and address perpetrator behaviour.</p> <p>Offer refuge provision, support and outreach for women and their children and the Sexual Abuse Service.</p> | <p>VAW/MARAC Coordinator</p> <p>Inverclyde Women's Aid</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People: 38 children and young people lived in refuge, and 29 received outreach support. • Sexual Abuse Service: 35 women and girls received 349 office supports, 253 outreach/home support, 545 Telephone advice, 27 E-mail support. There were 30 agency referrals. | <p>ASSIST provides free, independent advocacy and support services to victims and survivors of domestic abuse, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, or ethnicity. Their services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone-based support and advocacy • Support for victims involved in the criminal justice system • Support for children involved in domestic abuse cases • Intensive support for young victims and survivors • Advocacy for systemic change to improve support services <p>In 2023/2024, ASSIST received 121 referrals, engaged with 29 high-risk women, and supported 52 women and a small number of men throughout the court process.</p> <p>A risk assessment checklist has been developed to identify individuals with learning disabilities who may be at risk of gender-based violence (GBV).</p> | <p>ASSIST</p> <p>Led by VAW Coordinator</p> |
| <p>Offer advocacy and support services to people affected by domestic abuse through the court process.</p> | <p>Develop local work around use of Risk Assessment processes for people affected by domestic abuse with a learning disability.</p> | |

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| | | <p>The VAWG Coordinator has requested to be included in the national group working on this issue, but progress at the national level has been slow. We are awaiting further guidance on national priorities before implementing this locally.</p> | |
| <p>Capture and build on longer term good practice from the COVID19 crisis response.</p> | | <p>COVID19 restrictions triggered a steep decline in mental health and wellbeing, increased anxiety, depression, and prolonged trauma. Isolation, increased pressures of additional caring responsibilities, reduced employment opportunities and financial uncertainty. Emerging evidence suggests that we are still seeing the effects of the pandemic, and this might explain, in part, the consistently high levels of mental health issues and substance misuse in MARAC cases picked up in the Annual Report.</p> | <p>VAWG MAP</p> |
| <p>Identify links to services for women and girls with complex needs - Alcohol & Drugs, homelessness, Mental Health, Refugee women.</p> | | <p>The MARAC plays a crucial role in identifying and addressing cases of domestic abuse, particularly those involving individuals with mental health issues. Training sessions have been conducted to raise awareness among mental health professionals about the risks and needs of victims.</p> <p>The MARAC Annual Report highlights the significant overlap between domestic abuse and substance misuse. Additionally, the VAWG Coordinator is collaborating with homelessness services to improve outcomes for women experiencing homelessness and domestic abuse.</p> | <p>Led by VAW Coordinator HSCP</p> |

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| | | <p>The VAWG Multi-Agency Partnership (VAWG MAP) Meeting has attendees from GG&C NHS, Homelessness, Social Work Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Barnardo's, Cloch, Oak Tree, Riverclyde Homes and Larkfield housing associations, Child Protection, Inverclyde Women's Aid, Community Learning & Development, LD, Police, Rape Crisis Glasgow, ASSIST and Victim Support, to raise awareness and further strengthen partnership working across Inverclyde.</p> | |
| <p>3.2 Service providers competently identify violence against women and girls and respond effectively to women, children and young people affected</p> | <p>Ensure that services are trauma informed through collaboration with justice partners acknowledging individuals' experiences and respecting their perspectives and ensuring their holistic needs are met.</p> | <p>The Trauma Informed Practice Lead from Inverclyde Council attended the VAWG MAP in April 2024. All services were offered Trauma Informed Practice training and directed to online resources.</p> | <p>VAWG MAP SWCJ</p> |
| | <p>Offer VAWG training and RIC/MARAC information sessions to multi-agency partners to ensure awareness and appropriate MARAC referrals, to improve coordinated responses (including Forced Marriage, Honour Based Abuse, Female Genital Mutilation and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) with links to the barriers of adult and child protection, mental health, and housing/homelessness.</p> | <p>Training and awareness sessions are offered on an ongoing basis and delivered when requested to partner agencies. The VAWG Coordinator ensures that prior to each training course, materials are updated to ensure relevant and up to date information is presented.</p> | <p>Led by VAWG Coordinator with support partners</p> |
| | <p>Promote NHS based Routine Sensitive Enquiry to provide opportunities for disclosure of VAWG, adopting a trauma-informed approach, ensuring that patients are asked about their experiences in a safe and supportive environment.</p> | <p>Routine Sensitive Enquiry is an integral part of universal pathway that Health Visitors deliver. Current systems don't gather this data but there is work currently ongoing to collect this. All Health Visiting staff have undertaken NHS Education for Scotland trauma informed practice training.</p> | <p>Led by NHS GG&C</p> |

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| | <p>Ensure relevant and active membership on appropriate multi agency groups.</p> | <p>Multi agency commitment is an ongoing challenge as colleagues across services and partner agencies are under increased pressure. However, the VAW Coordinator continues to encourage appropriate representation.</p> | <p>VAW/MARAC Coordinator</p> |
| | <p>Complete the Violence Against Women Partnership Equally Safe Quality Standards and Performance Framework (annually).</p> | <p>This will be completed in its current format by the July deadline. From next year the format will be changed to align with the new national Equally Safe Delivery Plan.</p> | <p>VAW Coordinator ASSIST Inverclyde Women's Aid</p> |
| | <p>Continuously monitor and evaluate practice to protect women, children, and young people at risk of significant harm.</p> | <p>A MARAC Information Session was held in March 2024. This is a yearly event that allows MARAC members to discuss what is working well, what could be improved. The results are presented to the MARAC Governance Group and outcomes addressed.</p> <p>Fortnightly Domestic Screening meetings between Children and Families Social Work and Police Scotland continue to review referrals, actions taken and identify further actions required, with feedback provided as appropriate.</p> | <p>MARAC Governance Group Police HSCP</p> |
| <p>4.1 Justice responses are robust, swift, consistent, and coordinated</p> | <p>Support Police Scotland's Domestic Abuse Task Force (DATF).</p> | <p>Support is provided to Police Scotland when required. VAW Coordinator will attend or provide information is required.</p> | <p>Led by Police Scotland</p> |
| | <p>Support and work with Specialist domestic Abuse Investigation Units within the local Police Division.</p> | <p>There is significant contact and mutual support between DAU/Safeguarding Unit in police and MARAC partner agencies.</p> | <p>MARAC Coordinator MARAC members</p> |

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| | <p>Support MATACs to facilitate effective decision making around repeat offenders and high-risk victims - links to MARAC.</p> | <p>There are links between MARAC and MATAC and these are supported by the VAW Coordinator when required.</p> | VAWG MAP members |
| <p>4.2 Men who carry out violence against women and girls are identified early</p> | <p>Deliver the Up2U Creating Healthy Relationships Perpetrator Programme: a cognitive behavioural programme for perpetrators of domestic abuse.</p> | <p>In 2023-24, the UP2U Programme was redesigned by the programme creator, resulting in amendments to the modules delivered. Delivery of training for UP2U: CHR2 will take place in 2024-25. This has impacted the completion levels in 2023-24, with staff being unable to progress new modules. The numbers indicated reflect the earlier version. There are a higher number of individuals undertaking the 'Assessment' stage of programme and these should translate to completed programmes in the next financial year.</p> | SWCJ |
| | <p>Ensure risks are identified and mitigated on development of restorative justice processes in Inverclyde.</p> | <p>Community Justice Scotland have submitted a Restorative Justice Delivery Model Options Appraisal paper to the Scottish Government for their consideration in January 2024. There is presently no update from either Community Justice Scotland or the Scottish Government in respect of the Options Appraisal but will be brought back to the Community Justice Partnership and the Violence Against Women & Girls Multi Agency Partnership in due course.</p> | SWCJ VAWG MAP |
| | <p>Support Police Scotland by representation on the DSDAS Decision Making Forum.</p> | <p>VAW Coordinator will attend and support this process when required. Police Scotland confirmed that since DSDAS was introduced, there has been over 22,000 applications and over 12,000 disclosures up to 31 March</p> | VAW Coordinator ASSIST |

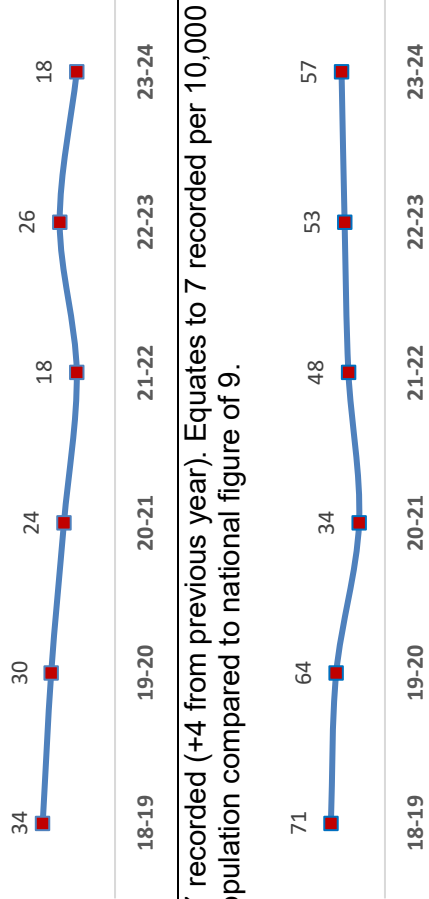
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| <p>and held to account by the criminal and civil system</p> | | <p>2024. This is key prevention tool and could ultimately prevent a domestic homicide.</p> | |
| <p>4.3 Relevant links are made between the experience of women, children, and young people in the criminal and civil system</p> | <p>Support and promote existing 3rd party reporting systems.</p> <p>Support Police Scotland in ensuring that services are making relevant referrals where children are present at Domestic Abuse incidents.</p> <p>Work with partners in HSCP towards producing better outcomes for women offenders who experience VAWG.</p> <p>Deliver Domestic Abuse screening process between Police and Social Work considering whether compulsory measures of care and protection are required to safeguard the child following reports where there are children in the relationship.</p> | <p>Inverclyde Women's Aid is recorded as the 3rd party reporting contact in Inverclyde for VAWG. Police Scotland is checking that this is still the case since they moved properties. IWA is still keen that this continues, especially given the town centre location of their new office.</p> <p>There is a strong commitment from partners within the MARAC and MAP to identify and address cases of domestic abuse. Various professionals, including those from NHS, Barnardo's, Inverclyde Women's Aid, Social Work, ASSIST, and Education, are aware of the MARAC referral process and are actively involved in identifying and referring individuals at risk of domestic abuse.</p> <p>Police Scotland participate in any IRDs that take place in Inverclyde and meet with Children and Families Social Work on a fortnightly basis, to review any referrals sent to Social Work and consider whether referral should be made to SCRA.</p> <p>VAWG partners participated in the Community Justice Consultation Workshops in Inverclyde.</p> <p>Every two weeks, Social Work Children & Families and Police Scotland meet to screen all domestic abuse-related referrals, even those involving low-level incidents. These screenings assess the</p> | <p>Inverclyde Women's Aid All partners</p> <p>VAWG MAP partners</p> <p>VAWG MAP partners SWCF</p> <p>Police Scotland SWCF NHS GG&C</p> |

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| | | need for referrals to the Children's Reporter, particularly in cases of repeated patterns of abuse or non-engagement with social work services. The Children's Hearing system can impose legal orders to protect children in households where domestic abuse occurs, such as no-contact orders. In the current year, 22 children were added to the Child Protection register. | |
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Local Performance Monitoring Indicators 2023-24

| Strategic Priority Action | Indicator | Update | Source |
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| 1,2,3,4 | Funding invested in preventing and eradicating VAWG at a local level | Inverclyde Women's Aid: Inverclyde Council; Sexual Abuse Service: 50% of worker: £17,916 HSCP; Supporting People: £131,414 Scottish Government; £195,000 ASSIST: Scottish Government; £79,376 VAW Coordinator (including employer's costs): £51,571 VAWG partnership delivered: 7 training courses. | Inverclyde Council/HSCP Scottish Government |
| 1 | Number of training/awareness courses delivered | 71 people participated in training. | VAWG MAP |
| 1 | Number of people accessed training/awareness | IWA: 360 ASSIST: 107 | VAWG MAP |
| 3 | Number of referrals to VAWG support services | IWA: 19 ASSIST: | Inverclyde Women's Aid and ASSIST from Equally Safe Performance Framework returns. |
| 3 | Number of women who reported feeling safer as a result of the specialist support, they received. | | Equally Safe Performance Framework returns. |

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| 3 | Number of women who reported having increased levels of wellbeing as a result of the specialist support, they received. | IWA: 41 ASSIST: 12 | Equally Safe Performance Framework returns. |
| 3 | Number of children who reported feeling safer as a result of the specialist support, they received. | IWA: none recorded ASSIST: none recorded | Equally Safe Performance Framework returns. |
| 3 | Number of children who report having increased levels of wellbeing as a result of the specialist support, they have received. | IWA: 34 ASSIST: 0 | Equally Safe Performance Framework returns. |
| 3 | Number of children referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel. | A total of 267 children referred in Inverclyde. | SCRA online official statistics 2023-2024. |
| 4 | Domestic abuse crimes recorded with a female victim | 669 female victims in Inverclyde out of a total of 806 incidents recorded. | Domestic Abuse Recorded by Police in Scotland 2022/23 (most up to date figures). |
| 4 | % of crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate. | 41% of incidents including a crime or offence recorded. | Domestic Abuse Recorded by Police in Scotland 2022/23 (most up to date figures). |
| 4 | Rape/attempted rape crimes recorded (not available by gender) | 18 recorded (-8 from previous year). Equates to 2 recorded per 10,000 population compared to national figure of 5. | Recorded Crime in Scotland 2023/24 (most up to date figures). |
| 4 | Sexual Assault crimes (not available by gender) | 57 recorded (+4 from previous year). Equates to 7 recorded per 10,000 population compared to national figure of 9. | Recorded Crime in Scotland 2023/24 (most up to date figures). |
| 4 | Prostitution related crimes (not available by gender) | 0 recorded which is consistent with the historical numbers in Inverclyde. | Recorded Crime in Scotland 2023/24 |



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| 4 | Other sexual crimes (not available by gender) | 16 recorded (+6 from previous year). Equates to 2 recorded per 10,000 population compared to national figure of 3. | Recorded Crime in Scotland 2023/24 (most up to date figures). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 22-23 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23-24 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Number of referrals to specialist perpetrator interventions | Less than 10 | SWCJ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | % of referrals who successfully complete specialist perpetrator programmes. | 67% of referrals | SWCJ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Numbers of women referred to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). | 118 referrals in 2024. | Inverclyde MARAC Annual Report 2021-2024. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Numbers of Children referred with parent/carers to MARAC. | 187 children in 2024. | Inverclyde MARAC Annual Report 2021-2024. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |