DOMESTIC ABUSE MULTI AGENCY ACTION PLAN
UPDATE - MAY 2026

Objective	Action to be taken	Work already undertaken	Actions still to be carried out	Lead	Timescale for completion	Comment
Establish structures for multi-agency risk management meetings	A draft framework is subject to ongoing stakeholder review.	The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) carried out consultative research in October 2023 into how Isle of Man agencies respond to domestic abuse. This was followed in February 2024 by a workshop to review feedback and consider proposals for a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) style response. Further consultative meetings were held in July 2024 with stakeholders to progress proposals for a bespoke framework for multi-agency risk management of domestic abuse responses on the Isle of Man. **2026 UPDATE** A draft manual of practice has been prepared and is currently being reviewed based on the Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment Meeting (DARAM) model.	DHA have agreed to develop guidance and stakeholder plan, once the draft of the DARAM has been approved. **2026 UPDATE** Subject to approval, a 6-month pilot of the DARAM process will be undertaken.	DHA/ PAPS	Phase 1 Q 3 2024 – Complete. Phase 2 subject to Community Safety Partnership approval to proceed. **2026 UPDATE** Aim to get draft reviewed by Q3 2026	A draft framework has been shared with partner organisations for review. Subject to feedback and formal approval, the Department intends to begin a pilot of the DARAM model. **2026 UPDATE** Further stakeholder engagement will follow completion of the review process.
Work with partners to ensure that victims of domestic and sexual violence	Provide effective support for victims to help them remain engaged with the	Victim Support Isle of Man (VSIOM) provides Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA)	**2026 UPDATE** The introduction of any new initiative will need to focus on referral	VSIOM, Manx Care, PAPS CSP	Specialist Staff already in post.	The MARAC Consultation feedback goes some way in identifying IOM responses to domestic abuse but is in no way the full picture. A full audit

are confident and encouraged to access the criminal justice system. High quality, joined-up support services are commissioned which meet the needs of victim/survivors, children and perpetrators, and prioritises the safety and wellbeing of victim/ survivors and their families.	Criminal Justice system through the continuation of funding for ISVAs and IDVAs Partners/Services to increase their knowledge of sexual abuse services, the effects of sexual abuse (domestic and non-domestic related), how to deal with disclosures and how the criminal justice system works regarding sexual violence/domestic cases.	services. 65% of referrals to VSIOM are concerned with domestic abuse and/or sexual violence. VSIOM work closely with colleagues in IOMC in responding to incidents of Domestic Abuse. The DA Forum produced a DA Pathways document that was launched at the DA Conference in September 2024. **2026 UPDATE** A MARAC/DARAM style approach was considered by DHA in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership. The DARAM style approach was ultimately decided and plans put in place to develop it to suit the Isle of Man. A Manx Care nurse practitioner has completed Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) training. The Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) is operational. Access is currently via police referral, with options for service development under consideration.	pathways and communication. Consideration is being given to having an IDVA based in the Emergency Department (ED) or the SARC once it is fully operational for self-referrals.). Baseline data will be collected to ascertain the demand/need and provision for IDVAs now that there is the offence of domestic abuse. Upon review of demand data, consideration should be given to increasing the scope of ISVAs and IDVAs to include Medium Risk cases as well as High		Pathways document: Complete. **2026 UPDATE** SARC facility: complete. Expansion planned through Q4 2026 Forum to review provision quarterly (ongoing).	of service provision would be beneficial to prevent duplication of work and use of resources by highlighting what service provision is already in place. **2026 UPDATE** Having an IDVA trained nurse in the Emergency Department and the SARC will support initial risk screening including Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour-Based Violence (DASH) and provide immediate support. Following screening, people can be referred to VSIOM for follow up support. Policing practice continues to emphasise acting in the victim's best interests, including pursuing action where victims are unable or unwilling to support prosecution due to fear, coercion or trauma. Working with advocacy services supports victims to understand processes, outcomes, and safeguards, improving engagement and confidence.
Ensure that there is an effective strategy in relation to domestic abuse,	**2026 UPDATE** The DA Forum will continue to review its membership to	The Domestic Abuse Working Protocol sets out the principles of our approach to tackle	Develop best practice guidance that provides; clear information on what domestic abuse is	Manx Care, DHA & VSIOM	Q4 2024 Delayed pending	The DA Forum will continue to monitor Domestic Abuse responses on the Island through the lens of the Working Protocol. It is intended to

governance arrangements, protocols, policies and procedures in place to ensure a coordinated multi agency response to domestic abuse and that communications are reviewed to ensure that all forms of domestic abuse are covered.	ensure appropriate representation across all forms of domestic abuse and maintain oversight of responses across the Island. The Working Protocol to be reviewed and incorporated into DARAM.	domestic abuse in the Isle of Man. It describes how key agencies will work together to; gather a better understanding of the prevalence of domestic abuse on the Island, prevent domestic abuse from happening, provide high quality, joined up support for victims where domestic abuse does occur, ensure that perpetrators are held to account, obtain the best outcome for victims, children and their families. **2026 UPDATE** Following consideration of Elder Abuse as a potential area of risk, representation has been extended to include the Adult Safeguarding team.	and how to identify it, guidance and support to frontline professionals, and other organisations, including signposting to further resources, and sets standards and promotes best practice for agency and multi-agency responses.		DARAM approval. **2026 UPDATE** Pilot by Q4 2026	review the protocol and develop an overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy when a definitive position on MARAC/DARAM is determined. **2026 UPDATE** There has been additional consideration given to elder abuse which has been identified as a potential area of concern, The Adult Safeguarding team has joined the DA Forum, and this was included as a topic for discussion at the 2026 Domestic Abuse Conference.
Develop Domestic Abuse Disclosure Regulations as a part of a "high risk" response and bring forward suitable regulations to give the scheme a statutory basis.	The DA Act 2020 provides for the disclosure of information held by the Isle of Man Constabulary to prevent and mitigate the effects of Domestic Abuse. In practice, this paves the way for specific Regulations to be made under which the Isle of Man Constabulary would disclose information	Feasibility to the Introduction of an Information sharing arrangement (potentially utilising section 5 of the Justice Reform Act 2021) and where that would sit in terms of prioritisation is under consideration. DHA Officers and IOMC commenced work on disclosure process mapping to inform the development of regulations under Clause 44 of the DA Act 2020.		DHA & IOMC	**2026 UPDATE** On Hold pending the approval of the DARAM pilot.	Development of regulations under Clause 44 of the DA Act 2020 is currently on hold due to operational priorities. In the interim, IOMC maintains a bespoke and proactive approach to risk management including information sharing.

	to an individual, either proactively, where the Constabulary has identified a need for this information to be shared, or reactively, where an individual has made an application for information to be shared about another person (e.g. a partner).					
Work with partner agencies including local businesses to ensure that they have an increased awareness of Domestic Abuse so that they can respond appropriately regardless of the level of risk, domestic or non-domestic setting and any form of abuse.	Work with agencies to ensure that Routine Enquiry is undertaken about domestic abuse with all clients, regardless of any signs or concerns. Routine enquiry needs to be part of all consultations /assessments with Agencies providing care/support to clients /service users. **2026 UPDATE** The Domestic Abuse Conference held in June 2026 promoted awareness and educated individuals, partner agencies and local businesses on the changing nature of domestic abuse	Awareness raising activity regarding all forms of DA has taken place throughout the year. Previously, a Domestic Abuse Conference was held in September 2024. **2026 UPDATE** The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and Victim Support Isle of Man (VSIOM) ran a campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse and elder abuse over the Christmas period. The campaign was shared in December 2025.	**2026 UPDATE** The public awareness programme should be delivered regularly throughout the year and be accessible to all. It should be examined to ensure it identifies all aspects of abuse and that it can deliver appropriate outcomes. A Domestic Abuse Conference was held in June 2026 through collaboration between VSIOM and DHA.	VSIOM	Update Q3 2024 Complete. Forum to monitor and direct further activity if required.	Public awareness activity will continue to be delivered regularly throughout the year and be accessible to all. It should be examined to ensure it identifies all aspects of abuse and that it can deliver appropriate outcomes. **2026 UPDATE** A Domestic Abuse conference was held in June 2026. The event brought together frontline professionals from across the Island and included workshops covering adult safeguarding and elder abuse, financial abuse, coercive control, education and safeguarding responses, addiction impacts and policing responses. The conference reinforced a multi-agency approach to awareness, prevention and early intervention. VSIOM continues to deliver regular domestic abuse awareness communications and speak at events.

	and related legislation.					VSIOM has requested support in communication initiatives from Public Health, for which it has been agreed that there is willingness to collaborate. VSIOM and IOMC to look into option to develop and coordinate targeted awareness campaigns involving partner agencies and local businesses and explore opportunities for discreet help seeking initiatives in community and commercial settings (e.g. Tesco).
Ensure that we can develop innovative and timely responses to support child and adult victims of domestic abuse and proactively manage offenders.	Providing domestic abuse safety information at source to all victims Ensure that children are supported appropriately and consistently where domestic abuse is a feature in their lives either as part of safeguarding procedures or early help	Information repository on VSIOM website. DAY Programme (Domestic Abuse Youth) is being delivered by the Children's Centre. Financial assistance to those fleeing Domestic Abuse can be sought from Social Security Division (SSD) via support from VSIOM. Space4Action delivering the Own My Life Course for female survivors of domestic abuse. Referral pathways complete.	VSIOM will be providing NSPCC DART and currently working towards leading lights accreditation.	All agencies and Departments reporting into the Community Safety Partnership.	Information repository in place Q1 2024. Complete. Forum to monitor annually.	**2026 UPDATE** The VSIOM Website is currently being updated. The website is intended to be a 'one stop shop' for advice and resources. This will provide signposting and outline the services and programmes available on the island. The DAY programme has been incorporated into the existing curriculum and is delivered under the current contractual arrangements.
A perpetrator programme should be explored as part of the work on prevention and early intervention.	The Children's Centre are also looking into the provision of training in perpetrator interventions. Further discussion to determine provision and prevent	IOM Probation staff are trained to work with offenders including violent and sexual offenders. The LMV (Life Minus Violence) course is delivered for convicted offenders serving a prison	DA Forum to consider the content of any perpetrator courses to review and discuss if (and how) the programme includes robust monitoring of victim safety. Does the Victim have any input	IOM PAPS with DA Forum to review.	Perpetrator intervention training within PAPS complete.	**2026 UPDATE** Power to Change initiative and Freedom Programme, as well as other potential intervention programmes are being considered with convicted offenders. It has been acknowledged that getting meaningful engagement has been challenging as it requires willingness

	duplication of work is required.	sentence of 12 months or more. Prison and Probation staff have undertaken specific perpetrator intervention training.	into the course or any opportunity to feedback on the impact? Probation will provide an overview of the perpetrator training to the DA Forum members and inclusion of members on future training will be considered.			to participate, and a large resource cost as the most successful intervention to date is delivered 1:1. Group work has proven difficult in part due to the small size of the island and risk of reputational harm. It has been suggested to work with local organisations about the programmes that they run as they may experience higher engagement to their programmes on the Island.
Work with young people through Early Intervention opportunities to raise awareness of how to recognize coercive relationships and to recognise and report domestic abuse. We will use survivors' experiences to support our training and communications.	Review the training strategy, including who is best placed to deliver the training, in order to ensure the best use of staff resources.	DESC curriculum provides lessons on age-appropriate relationships and sex education. Specific teaching is delivered on topics including domestic abuse, consent, misogyny and harmful sexual behaviours. IOMC and other professionals deliver awareness sessions in secondary school drop down days for years 7-10. **2026 UPDATE** The Children's Centre is now working with DESC on delivering sessions on the DAY programme about abusive relationships to students. These have been well received and will continue annually going forwards.	Links with schools/colleges (DESC) and other local organisations who work with 16–17-year-old young people need to be strengthened to ensure age-appropriate services and support. DA working group members to liaise with DESC to identify and support further opportunities for educational input.	DESC With input from other agencies as required.	Review Q4 2024 Complete. Actions updated for annual review.	Plans in place for the Children's Centre to deliver sessions from the DAY programme about abusive relationships to Y9 students. Summer Term 2025 **2026 UPDATE** Following the success of the programme offered by the Children's Centre it is being added to the standard curriculum. No additional revenue will be required as it's factored into the contract already in place with the Children's Centre.
Address the gap in the absence of provision to prohibit cross-	Liaison with Treasury will be required to pursue changes to the legislation	**2026 UPDATE** Provisions for the prohibition of cross examination are	Amendments to Part 4 of the DA Act have been identified as required in order for the enactment	DHA	Subject to the progression of the JHARMA.	Prohibition of Cross- examination in Person Sections 42 and 43 make amendments to the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1989 and Matrimonial

examination of the complainant by the suspect/perpetrator in the civil or criminal forum	relating to advocates costs.	contained within the Justice and Home Affairs (Reform and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (hereafter JHARMA) which is currently awaiting royal assent prior to implementation.	to function correctly, therefore these amendments are proposed to be included within the Justice Reform (Amendment) Bill, which is currently at the point of clarification for policy decisions. As a result of this, the timescale for full implementation of this Part remains TBC and progression of Regulations required to support this Part will be concurrent with any Primary legislation change. Regulations will be drafted enabling Part 4 of the Act to come into operation as soon as possible after any progression of primary changes. Draft Regulations will be initially subject to drafting and review by Treasury, prior to progression, following further engagement with Treasury and the Legal Aid Committee.			Proceedings Act 2003. Treasury, following consultation with the Deemsters, may make regulations in respect of the costs of advocates appointed under s.53F SJA 1989 and s.114F of the MPA 2003. **2026 UPDATE** The above is covered by the JHARMA Bill which is currently awaiting Royal Assent. Implementation planning is underway.
Finalise work to make "tagging" a component of a DAPO.	Electronic monitoring is not currently being utilised as a component of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPO).	Electronic Monitoring is currently in use by PAPS for individuals released on certain types of licence. DHA has commissioned a project in November 2024 to expand the use cases for tagging. The basis of which will be used to	An order and rules for Court Bail tagging are under development and once finalised will be submitted to Tynwald. Subject to approval tagging for court bail could commence by the end of 2025.	DHA	Q3 2025 **2026 UPDATE** Q4 2026	**2026 UPDATE** Electronic monitoring has been subject to pilot activity and operational testing. A wider implementation programme is being developed, including use within court bail arrangements and consideration of additional applications.

	Ahead of electronic monitoring being included in a DAPO, a Code of Practice will be published relating to the processing of data gathered.	develop a business case, including legislative instruments, DPIA, resourcing and operational matters.	Other use cases will be considered following the implementation for court bail. **2026 UPDATE** Electronic monitoring has been subject to pilot activity and operational testing. Work is continuing to develop the wider implementation programme, with court bail remaining the initial priority. This includes finalising the supporting legal, operational, data protection and resourcing requirements. Once court bail arrangements are sufficiently progressed, consideration can be given to further use cases, including whether electronic monitoring could be used as a component of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders.			
Work with the Homelessness Strategic Partnership to establish a pathway to 'emergency accommodation' where required.	Lack of threat-safe accommodation for victim, lack of housing to remove and house perpetrator. Tromode House operating at capacity so cannot guarantee room availability or suitability.	**2026 UPDATE** Consultation has been run by the Cabinet Office and feedback has been provided. This is currently under review to determine the appropriate next steps, and once the feedback is ready this will be shared with the DA Forum.	Need to consider who will coordinate access to the emergency accommodation, and what the referral process and criteria for access would be. Ensure that provision is available to all genders Changes need to be implemented based on	DHA with support from DA Forum members including the Wellbeing Partnership Lead within Adult Social Care	Q3 2024	Recently published homelessness strategy covers homelessness caused by any circumstances of abuse, including domestic abuse. Forum members to read the homelessness strategy and consider impact within own agency/service. This feedback will be collated and fed back to the Homelessness Strategic Partnership for their consideration.

	Forum to consider alternate housing and emergency housing solutions following the closure of the Women's Refuge.		data evidence of need rather than just doing it.			**2026 UPDATE** There are ongoing pressures on the availability of suitable emergency accommodation. Work is ongoing to identify sustainable and inclusive solutions as part of the wider homelessness strategy. The published homelessness strategy includes homelessness arising from all forms of abuse, including domestic abuse. The homelessness consultation has been completed and feedback has been provided. A response is awaited and this update will be revised once received.

Glossary:

A&E	Accident & Emergency
BUDDI	Electronic monitoring system name
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DA	Domestic Abuse
DA ACT	Domestic Abuse Act 2020
DHA	Department of Home Affairs
DAPN	Domestic Abuse Protection Notice
DAPO	Domestic Abuse Protection Order
DARAM	Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment Meeting
DART	Domestic Abuse Recovering Together
DASH	Domestic Abuse Stalking Harassment
DAY	Domestic Abuse Youth
DESC	Department Education Sport & Culture
DPIA	Data Privacy Impact Assessment
ED	Emergency Department
JHARMA	Justice and Home Affairs Reform and Miscellaneous Amendments Bill
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Adviser

IOMC	Isle of Man Constabulary
IOMCC	Isle of Man Children's Centre
ISVA	Independent Sexual Violence Adviser
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
NSPCC	National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children
PAPS	Prison and Probation Service
SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
SSD	Social Security Division
VSIOM	Victim Support Isle of Man