

Domestic Violence Work in Lancashire

Safer Lancashire Board (SLB)

Lancashire Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)

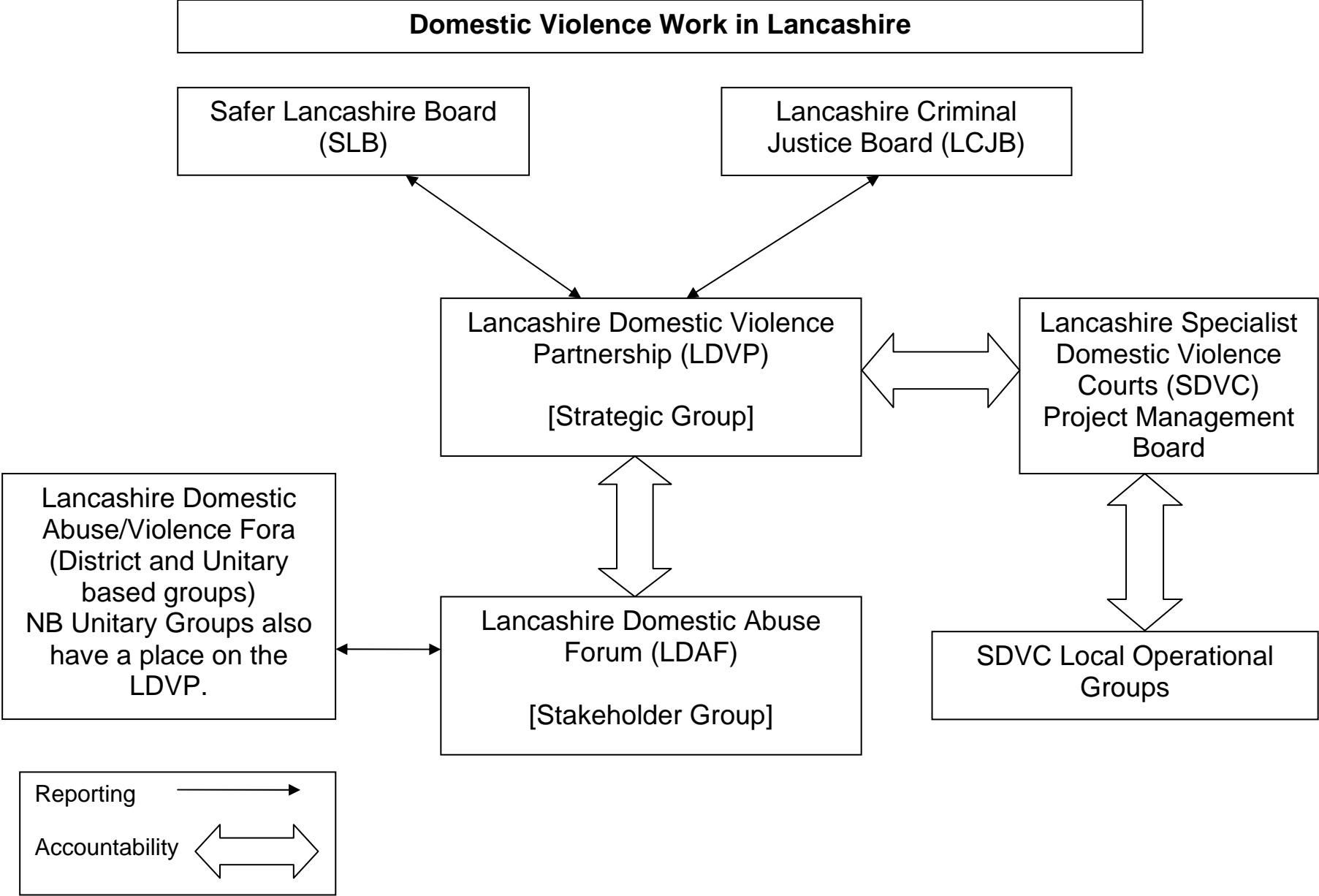
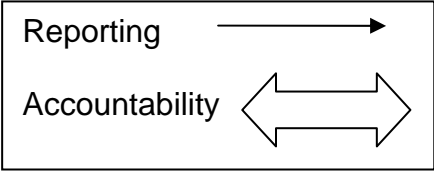
Lancashire Domestic Violence Partnership (LDVP)
[Strategic Group]

Lancashire Specialist Domestic Violence Courts (SDVC)
Project Management Board

Lancashire Domestic Abuse/Violence Fora (District and Unitary based groups)
NB Unitary Groups also have a place on the LDVP.

Lancashire Domestic Abuse Forum (LDAF)
[Stakeholder Group]

SDVC Local Operational Groups



Membership and Remit of Domestic Violence/Abuse Groups

N.B. Membership of some groups may overlap – either in terms of agencies represented or individuals representing those agencies.

Lancashire Domestic Violence Partnership (LDVP)

Remit

Pan Lancashire strategic group who's purpose is to provide strategic direction to individual agencies, DV fora and partnerships across Lancashire. The LDVP exists to drive the implementation, the review and evaluation of the Lancashire Domestic Violence Strategy.

Membership

- LCC 3 representatives –Community Safety, Adult and Community and Children's Social Care
- Blackpool Unitary – Blackpool Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator
- Blackburn with Darwen Unitary – Policy officer with remit for DV
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) (Chair)
- HM Courts Service
- National Probation Service in Lancashire
- CAFCASS
- Victim Support
- 3 reps from DV voluntary sector representing all Lancashire agencies (1 is Vice-Chair)
- 3 reps from the Primary Care Trusts covering Lancashire
- Lancashire DV Strategy Co-ordinator (LDVSC)
- Government Office North West

Lancashire Domestic Abuse Forum (LDAF)

Remit

One of the remits of the LDAF is to act as a stakeholder group for the LDVP, whilst retaining it's independence as a group in its own right. Consultation with this group is held to ensure that the LDVP is aware of the concerns about issues faced by those experiencing and perpetrating domestic violence/abuse and of the impact of their work in the community. Organisations and partnerships represented in the membership also have the opportunity to have an input into the work being undertaken.

The link between the LDAF and the LDVP are the 3 domestic violence voluntary sector representatives, who sit on both levels. These are based to cover 3 geographical areas of Lancashire – East, North and West, and Central and Southern. Their remit is to update the LDAF on any relevant LDVP matters and to take any relevant information, suggestions or concerns to the LDVP to inform the strategic work. They all have named deputies from other voluntary sector organisations.

Membership

- Representatives from all LDVP agencies are invited (3 voluntary sector reps update to and from LDVP)
- Local DV Fora have been asked to set up official link(s) to the stakeholder group – Lancaster, Wyre, Blackpool, Preston, Chorley and South Ribble, West Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley, Rossendale, Pendle and Burnley.
- Lancashire agencies dealing with DV – e.g. Relate,

- Local agencies dealing with DV, e.g. Asian women' services, local DV voluntary sector.

Tiered Set-up (incorporating strategic, funders and stakeholder levels)

The rationale behind this was the need to establish an effective two-way exchange of information and issues on domestic violence across the county. This presents a way of involving all the relevant agencies at local level, plus an arena to link up local and county wide agendas. The funders of the DV Strategy Co-ordinator post also meet with a remit of setting workload and priorities for the post.

Subgroups and Task & Finish Groups

- Time limited task groups are set up as and when required to move work forward. Current groups: Training Subgroup; SDVC Project Management Board; Children and Young People's Subgroup (domestic violence voluntary sector workers).
- These take up themed or geographical concerns and relevant membership is drawn from both LDVP and LDAF.

Lancashire Specialist Domestic Violence Courts (SDVC) Project Management Board

(N.B. Please refer to Lancashire SDVC Implementation Pack for full details of all structures and remits relating to the SDVC Programme Roll-Out in Lancashire.)

Remit

Develops, monitors and performance manages local SDVCs and develops and implements standards for Lancashire regarding above. SDVC PMB monitors local and Lancashire wide progress on all SDVC components and data collected to National Data Sets. It reports to the Lancashire Domestic Violence Partnership (LDVP) and links to and from National Steering Group.

Membership

- Crown Prosecution Service
- HM Courts
- Probation
- Police
- DV voluntary sector
- Lancashire DV Strategy Co-ordinator (DVSC)
- Local project managers/local liaison roles
- Victim Support

SDVC Local Operational Groups

Remit

To track problems originating from individual cases or consistent issues. Implement good practice, problem solve as and when necessary with regard to actual cases and issues from data. Reports to SDVC PMB and LDVSC through Local project manager.

Membership

- HM Courts (chair)
- CPS
- Police
- Probation
- IDVA
- DV vol. sector
- Witness Service (Victim Support)
- Local Project Manager/Local Liaison
- Optional: Defence sols (1 rep) and/or other relevant local agencies.

There may be local variations to interested parties listed above.

Number and location of the SDVC Local Operational Groups

6 groups cover the following areas:

1. East Lancashire – 2 SDVCs
 - Hyndburn Court Area (Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley)
 - Burnley Court Area (Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale)
2. Lancaster: 1 SDVC
3. Blackpool: 1 SDVC, court area covers Fylde
4. Preston: 1 SDVC
5. Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire - 2 SDVCs -
 - Leyland Court Area (South Ribble and Chorley)
 - Ormskirk Court Area (West Lancashire).
6. Wyre: 1 SDVC at Fleetwood Court – temporary LOG until established then joins either Blackpool or Lancaster group.

Local Project Managers

This role is to link the strategic and local levels of the SDVC programme in Lancashire, also link into the local DV/A forum and local CDRPs. They monitor local progress. They are usually the local Domestic Violence/Abuse Co-ordinator (DVC) as follows:

- Hyndburn Court Area – Blackburn with Darwen Policy Officer with responsibility for domestic violence.
- Burnley Court Area - Burnley DVC.
- Lancaster Court Area – Lancashire DVSC.
- Blackpool Court Area - Blackpool DAC.
- Preston Court Area – Lancashire DVSC.
- Leyland Court Area - Chorley and South Ribble DA Project Co-ordinator.
- Ormskirk Court Area – West Lancs. DVC.

MARAC Meetings:

- Blackpool
- Fylde
- Preston
- Lancaster
- West Lancashire
- Chorley and South Ribble
- Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
- Hyndburn and Ribble Valley
- Blackburn with Darwen.
- Wyre.

Lancashire Domestic Abuse/Violence Fora

Remit

Actual remits vary for a variety of reasons; although local fora generally act as the local delivery arms of the local area's strategy (if one exists) linking into the Lancashire DV Strategy. Some groups have two tier systems in that they have both strategic and stakeholder levels and all are invited to have one or more key representatives on the LDAF stakeholder group.

Membership

- Mostly represents LDVP and LDAF at local level
- Relevant District/Unitary Council reps, e.g. Housing, Homelessness.
- Local voluntary sector agencies where DV is relevant, e.g. young people's projects.

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