Appendix A: Multi-agency Action Plan

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| RECOMMENDATION | Scope of Recommendation | Action to be taken | Lead Agency | Key milestones to enact recommendation | Target date | Progress indicator | Agency response to recommendations  | Date of completion and outcome |
| What is the over-arching recommendation? | Local, regional or national level? | How relevant agency will make this recommendation happen? What actions need to occur? |  |  | From date of report. | RedAmber Green |  |  |
| **Recommendation 1**A programme of robust communications should be developed aimed at increasing awareness, knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse, coercive control and associated risk among potential victims, family, friends, colleagues, employers, professionals and the community. The campaign should include appropriate sources of support for children, and profile abusive behaviours used by perpetrators with the aim of challenging the behaviour and making it socially unacceptable.  | Local | This action will be progressed through the county-wide Violence Against Women and Girls (Men and Boys) VAWGMB group. | Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls/Men and Boys Steering Group | First meeting February 2019  | Completion by end November 2019 | Amber | Updated 04/06/2019:In April 2019, on behalf of the Suffolk System, SCC launched a Domestic Abuse Champions Network. Identified ‘champions’ are provided with FREE training to have the skills to spread awareness to other colleagues and act as the ‘go to person’ for information between their own agency and local support services. The Network will offer Champions a variety of support, knowledge, multi-agency links as well as access to training and events. Champions will offer consistent information, advice and support which will help to bring lasting positive changes for the victim. Reaching victims as early as possible will prevent further harm.SCC have employed two part time Champion Coordinators who as well as delivering the training are able to deliver bespoke sessions to individual teams and organisations across Suffolk, currently working with the University of Suffolk, DWP, Home Start and others.  |  |
| **Recommendation 2**The promotion of a safe and, if necessary, anonymous reporting mechanism should be identified for advice and third-party reporting of concerns by those who have knowledge of domestic abuse being experienced or perpetrated by someone they know. | Local | This action will be progressed through the county-wide Violence Against Women and Girls (Men and Boys) VAWGMB group. | Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls/Men and Boys Steering Group | First meeting February 2019 | Completion by end November 2019 | Amber | Updated 04/06/2019:It has long been an aspiration to develop a Suffolk Coordination Centre for Domestic Abuse in order to; 1) better understand pathways and demand in order to inform intelligent commissioning 2) provide an accessible route into services for ALL victims of DA, families, friends and perpetrators to get the right help at the right time, avoiding duplication.Work continues with the national charity SafeLives who are helping to model what a Coordination Centre would look like for Suffolk. SafeLives have now reported back to the Steering Group who will consider the options before deciding whether or not to move to Stage Two which will see a model developed for Suffolk. |  |
| **Recommendation 3.**That all children in educational settings (primary, secondary schools and academies) and organisations supporting those not attending educational settings across Suffolk help children to understand healthy and respectful relationships. | Local | This action will be progressed through the county-wide Violence Against Women and Girls (Men and Boys) VAWGMB group. | Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls/Men and Boys Steering Group | First meeting February 2019 | Completion by end November 2019 | Amber | Updated 04/06/2019:Public Health at Suffolk County Council have appointed to a full-time, 18-month, Schools Engagement Coordinator post. The role has been developed to help school deliver the new RSE guidance which becomes statutory in September 2020. The work programme is currently being developed with the Suffolk Headteachers Associations but will essentially help link schools to local support services as well as advocating the resources that are available |  |