1. Proposal Summary Information

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<th>EAA Title</th>
<th>Domestic Violence Services</th>
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<td>Please describe the proposal?</td>
<td>It is proposed to fund three domestic abuse services,</td>
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1. What is the proposal looking to achieve? Who will be affected?

The overall aims of the current domestic violence advice and support services in the Borough are to:

- Provide effective domestic violence services to ensure the safety of all victims of domestic violence and their children
- Promote the victims’ independence to rebuild their lives and reduce the impact that domestic violence has had on their health, social and psychological well-being.
- Provide therapeutic support to children and young people affected by Domestic Violence.

The outcomes the Borough seeks to achieve from the domestic violence services in Ealing are as follows:

- A reduction in the number of repeat victims of domestic violence
- An improvement in the health, social and psychological well-being of victims of domestic violence, including children and young people.
- An increase in the number of people reporting domestic violence
- The implementation of partnership protocols and an improvement in the joint working in managing domestic violence cases
- An improvement in the collection of domestic violence data to inform the work

The proposed services to be funded are:

- Independent domestic violence advice services (IDVA)
- BME specialist services for women and children
- Therapeutic Support for children and young people

The IDVA service’s main function is to provide immediate advice and assistance to people experiencing domestic violence. It is likely that the IDVA service will therefore carry out the following activities:

- Support victims in the crisis phase up to a period of 12 weeks or longer if required.
- Risk assess all victims
- Develop safety plans for all victims and their children
- Support and advocate on behalf of victims whose case has been referred to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- Support and advocate for victims with all relevant agencies including housing, Social Services
- Support victims to seek legal advice and representation such as injunctions
- Provide support and assistance in accessing emergency support and accommodation and other services which include those provided by the police, social services, voluntary sector
Collect and evaluate data to help target resources better
Engage with relevant partners and facilitate a joined up approach in managing domestic violence cases

It is expected that the **BME specialist service** will provide specialist advocacy, crisis support for 12 weeks (recognising that in complex cases this period may be extended) and legal advice. The organisation providing the service should be independent, community based and operate a “by and for BME women” basis and can evidence a track record in providing specialist BME domestic violence services for female victims. Activities will be delivered in a culturally sensitive and appropriate manner also taking into account the individual needs of the victim, particularly in respect of safety and protection.

It is likely that the specialist BME service will therefore in addition to the services provided by the IDVA service carry out the following specialist activities:

- Provide expert advice on BME issues in relation to domestic violence to other professionals
- Provide immigration advice to the standards of the Office of Immigration Commissioner (OISC)

It is proposed that the proposed services to be funded from 2019 outlined above remain the same as those currently funded, however it is intended to fund these on a contract basis rather than a grant. All potential providers will be required to register on the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). This approach was agreed at the cabinet meeting in October 2015 for the future funding of domestic abuse services. Being part of the DPS will enable services to work more effectively with other organisations, facilitating consortium approaches and the potential to have access to a wider range of partners and the potential to bid for related services. It is anticipated that this should not adversely affect those organisations who are currently in receipt of grant funding to deliver these services as, being registered suppliers in the DPS will give them access to bid for other contracts.

The amount of money available for these services is maintained at the current level.

It is expected that **Therapeutic Support for children affected by Domestic Violence** will be a separate grant/contract and continue to provide therapeutic support for children, you people and their families.

### 2. What will the impact of your proposals be?

There is no change to the current services outlined for April 2019. Both the general DV service for victims including men that supports high risk victims and their families and the BME service which provides the same service as the generalist provision but also provides immigration advice and education and training to professionals have been designed to deal with the increase in cases that the borough has experienced. In the rolling year May 2016 to June 2017 there were 5,858 reporting domestic incidents as shown on the MOPAC Domestic & Sexual Violence dashboard. In the same rolling there were 3,065 offences and 3,065 involved violence with injury.

London has seen an overall increase of 1% in relation to domestic offences. The Multi Agency Risk Assessment conference (MARAC) a multi-disciplinary forum where high risk cases are discussed has also seen an increase in cases. The number of cases presented at the monthly MARAC has increased since 2013 from an average of 19 to an average of 30 in 2017.

Therefore with the overall increase in reports and high risk victims the decision to concentrate the services on managing those high risk cases to allow safety planning and support to be given was made. It is anticipated that services will (as outlined within the criteria) enhance and develop their partnership working including services that provide access to emotional and psychological support.
In relation to Domestic Violence services the intention to move these services from grant funded services to contracts will ensure that the available money is protected for the provision of these services. It also enables the council to include specific targets and objectives to ensure the funding is targeted at the identified needs of the borough.

Being part of the DPS will also open up the possibility of working with other providers offering specialist advocacy such as mental health to provide a holistic service utilising agencies expertise and offering the possibilities of sharing resources as well as pooling budgets.

There is no change to the therapeutic Support for children and young people and this will continue to be a priority and supported via grant or contract funding.

### 2. Impact on Groups having a Protected Characteristic

#### AGE

**Neutral impact**

**Describe the Impact**

Two services will be provided through the proposal a generic independent domestic violence advocacy (IDVA) and a specialist BME service providing specialist IDVA support to women and their children. This is broadly in line with what we currently have. The majority of service users in both current services see clients from 25-34 age group. Therapeutic support for children and young people will continue to be provided.

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**

N/A

#### DISABILITY

**Neutral impact**

**Describe the Impact**

This information is not available for this protected characteristics from the service providers

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**

The proposal includes advocacy support to ensure that women, children and men receive support based on their individual need.

#### GENDER REASSIGNMENT

**Neutral impact**

**Describe the Impact**

The proposal includes advocacy support to ensure that women children and men receive support based on their individual need.

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**
### RACE
Positive impact

**Describe the Impact**
A specialist BME service will be provided

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**

The proposal includes advocacy support to ensure that women, children and men receive support based on their individual need. The current service provision reflects the borough make up and it is anticipated the proposed criteria will continue to ensure that the needs of the borough’s population are met.

### RELIGION & BELIEF
Positive impact

**Describe the Impact**
Although date is unavailable on religious belief the specialist BME service will take into account the specific issues that are pertinent to the community for example in relation to honour in the Muslim community.

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**

N/A

### SEX
Neutral impact

**Describe the Impact**
The BME service is a women only service due to the specialist nature of the issues in relation to this client group. The generic service will accept male victims.

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**

N/A

### SEXUAL ORIENTATION
Neutral impact

**Describe the Impact**

Data for this protected characteristic is unavailable

**Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:**

N/A

### PREGNANCY & MATERNITY
Positive impact
## Describe the Impact

Although the data is not available because the focus is on independent domestic violence advocacy support for those assessed as high risk it is anticipated that pregnant women will be picked up and supported. Pregnancy is recognised as a high risk factor in relation to domestic violence.

Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:

N/A

### MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

Neutral impact

Describe the Impact

Data is not available but services will be offered regardless of marital status.

Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:

N/A

### 3. Impact on other key areas

#### CARERS

Neutral impact

Describe the Impact

Data is not available but services will be offered as needed.

Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:

N/A

#### HEALTH

Positive impact

Describe the Impact

Data is not available specifically on health impacts but having a comprehensive domestic violence support services will help the mental and physical well-being of people affected.

Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:

N/A

### 4. Human Rights

4a. Does your proposal impact on Human Rights as defined by the Human Rights Act 1998?

Yes ☐ No ✓

4b. Does your proposal impact on the rights of children as defined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

Yes ☐ No ✓
4c. Does your proposal impact on the rights of persons with disabilities as defined by the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities?
Yes ☐ No √

5. Conclusion

The proposal is to provide services similar to what is currently funded through the 2015-19 grants programme.

5a. What evidence, data sources and intelligence did you use to assess the potential impact/effect of your proposal? Please note the systems/processes you used to collect the data that has helped inform your proposal. Please list the file paths and/or relevant web links to the information you have described.

The proposed criteria for the DV service April 2016/19 continues to provide the advocacy support for victims of DV in the borough. This includes male victims within the general service and specialist support for BME victims. The intention of the criteria is to ensure that high risk victims of DV are risk assessed and supported with in the service to reduce their risk and that of their children.

All work carried out with victims will be based on their needs. By ensuring that partnership working is a requirement within the criteria it is hoped that referral pathways will be developed with services that offer the ongoing emotional support.

The rise in MARAC referrals and reports of DV means that the borough needs to ensure that the increasing number of high risk victims are adequately supported especially within the crisis period where the risk is highest.
**5. Action Planning**

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<td>More accurate assessment of impact.</td>
<td>Any further measures to reduce the adverse impact</td>
<td>May 2018</td>
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<td>Produce detailed criteria/specifications for the funding priority</td>
<td>Revised criteria/specification</td>
<td>Grant criteria / contract specifications</td>
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<td>The final EAA will be submitted to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting in June 2018 before final decisions are made</td>
<td>Review by Cabinet on the adverse impact and mitigation measures.</td>
<td>Any further measures to reduce the adverse impact</td>
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<td>Assessment of applications which will take account of the extent to which applicants can advance equality of opportunity, promote community cohesion and participation in public life</td>
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Additional Comments: