

Domestic Abuse July 2023 update

- **Strategic Commissioning Restructure** – all commissioning teams are currently undergoing a restructure with a view to increase commercial capacity and commissioning alignment with business needs. Domestic Abuse will align to the new Integrated Commissioning Team. Staff are expected know by 1 August where they will be working, and the new structure will be live from the 1 September.
- **KIDAS contract** – All funding partners being invited to 2022/23 performance report & engagement meetings, any concerns please contact the team - via DomesticAbuseCommissioning@kent.gov.uk
- **Safe Accommodation Support Service (SASS)** delivering support to children residing in all forms of safe accommodation commenced in June. Emily.Jones2@kent.gov.uk
- **Procurement for Sanctuary Access for Eligible Residents (SAFER)** Scheme underway, anticipated contract commencement 1 December.
- **Hospital IDVA, Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells** service mobilised from June 2023.
- **Annual return** re DA Act funding and activity submitted to DLUHC.
- **DA Needs Assessment** has been published [Domestic abuse - Kent Public Health Observatory \(kpho.org.uk\)](http://kpho.org.uk). Work is underway on 2023 assessment.
- Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2029 is due to undergo public consultation throughout August.
- All media campaign materials are available through the Kent and Medway DA website [Know, See, Speak Out: 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse – Domestic Abuse \(domesticabuseservices.org.uk\)](http://Know, See, Speak Out: 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse – Domestic Abuse (domesticabuseservices.org.uk))