



Inverness

Community Partnership

Family Centre - Merkinch

Wednesday 27th September 2017 - 7-9pm

Q: Why should I attend?

A: Because this meeting is about your community. The partnership is not a 'talking shop' but a meeting that is open to the public which is action focused and outcome driven with people interested in making your community a better, more inclusive and accessible place to live. Come along and listen to what's being discussed.

Q: Who will be at the meeting?

A: We hope there will be a good turn out from the local community which is the most important aspect of Community Partnerships. However a number of the public agencies will be there along with other third-sector (charities) and voluntary groups from your area.

Q: What will be discussed?

A: At this particular meeting the partnership will be discussing:

- Welcomes & apologies;
- Violence Against Women - Partnership guidance;
- Progress updates – Plan development;
- (i) Children's plan – Karen Ralston/Wendy Allman;
- (ii) Adult's plan – Gavin Sell/ Donellen MacKenzie;
- (iii) Merkinch Locality/CLD plan – Chief Inspector Colin Gough.

Q: What if I can't make it?

A: The next Inverness Community Partnership meeting will be held in the Hilton Community Centre on Wednesday 13th December from 7pm – 9pm. You'd be more than welcome to attend then.

Briefing for Community Partnerships - Violence Against Women



Cost of Violence Against Women in Highland

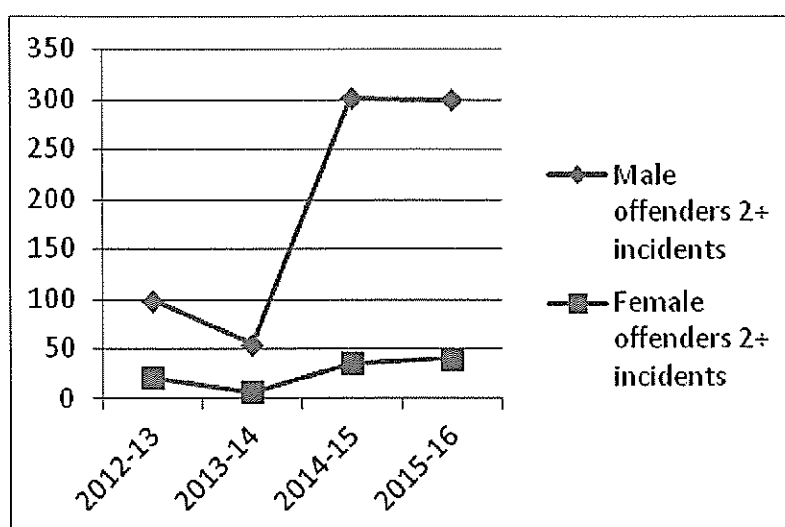
In addition to the trauma and injury caused to survivors of VAW and their children, VAW costs public services and the economy huge sums each year.

A breakdown of the cost of domestic abuse in Scotland have been further extrapolated to give a very broad illustration of the costs in Highland as at 2007 – clearly costs in 2017 are likely to be higher and it must be remembered that the costs in the following table are only for one form of VAW.

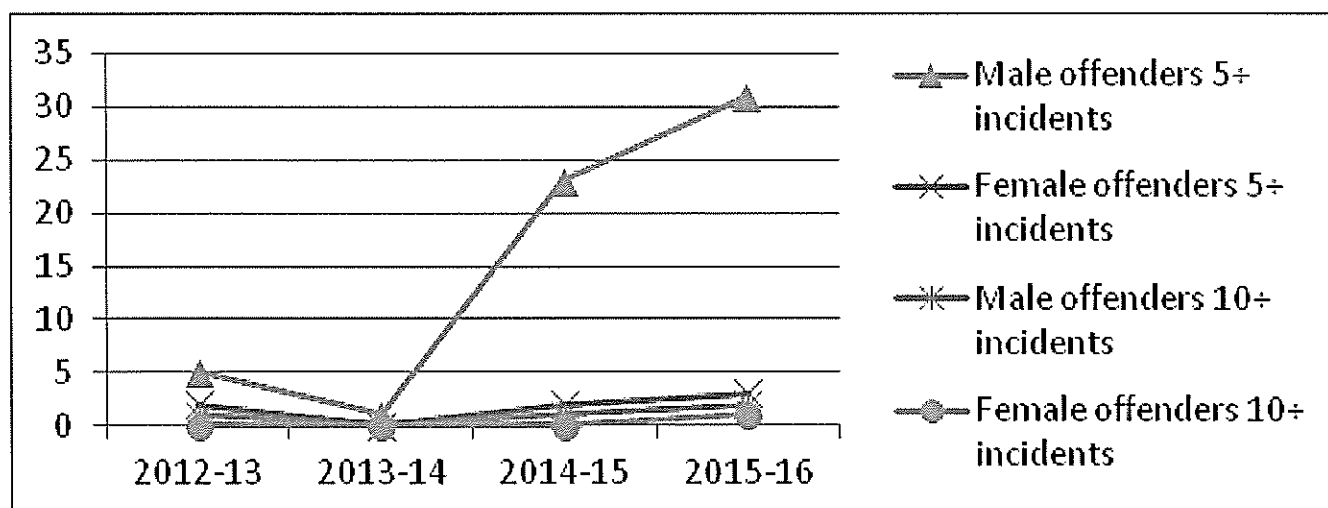
Service	Estimated cost per annum in Scotland	Estimated cost per annum in Highland as at 2007 prices
Criminal Justice	£100m	£4m
Health Care – Physical Injuries	£120m	£4.8m
Mental health care	£17.6m	£0.7m
Social Services	£25m	£1m
Housing	£16m	£0.64m
Civil Legal	£30m	£1.2m
Total cost to public Services	£308.6m	£12.3m
Lost economic output	£270m	£10.8m

Domestic Abuse

1.1 Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Offender data – 2+ incidents, 2012/13 – 2015/16



1.2 Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Offender data – 5+ & 10+ incidents 2012/13 – 2015/16



1.3 MARAC⁷ Number of Referrals by MARAC Area 2016

Highland – MARAC referrals 01/01/16 – 31/12/16				
	Ross, Lochaber & Skye MARAC	Inverness, Badenoch, Strathspey & Nairn MARAC	Caithness & Sutherland MARAC	Highland MARAC total
Cases referred	110 women	184 women	38 women	332 women
	7 men	4 men	4 men	15 men
Total	117	188	42	347

⁷ Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) increase the safety of those at higher risk of serious, repeated and fatal domestic abuse

Sexual Violence

Rape and Sexual Abuse Service Highland – RASASH

RASASH provides support to individuals aged 13+ who have experienced sexual violence at any point in their lives. Face to face services are offered in Inverness for those who can travel to the RASASH centre for appointments, and within the community for those who cannot get to the centre and who live within 30 minutes drive time of Inverness. Community sessions are provided largely in GP practices or NHS hospitals, or sometimes, in a survivor’s home. Telephone, email, text and Skype support is also available and is being accessed by survivors from all over Highland. RASASH also provided a telephone support line which is used mainly by individuals not wanting longer term support and those in receipt of longer term support who need to talk to someone between appointments.

Between RASASH opening in April 2015 and November 2016, there were 161 referrals to the organisation for support, 46% of these being made by statutory agencies.

Data relating to the area survivors are from is incomplete, though a recent analysis highlighted that 45% of support cases were survivors in Inverness, 16% from Easter Ross and 15% from Nairn & Ardersier with the others being from other parts of Highland. Advocacy has also been provided by RASASH since January 2016.

Current statistics (at 31 January 2017) are: 39 people are receiving support, 35 receiving advocacy and 19 people are on the waiting list. Some individuals are receiving both support & advocacy, some are receiving advocacy and on the waiting list for support and a very few are receiving advocacy only.

1.5 Police Scotland Rape & Sexual Violence – Reported Rapes in Highland 2012/13 – 2015/16

