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Implications For Service Delivery
'Alcohol & Its Wider Impact'
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Rationale

‘All key informants recognised that there was a very distinct separation of substance use services and domestic violence services for both perpetrators & survivors even though the problems of dual issues were obvious to practitioners, managers & policy workers’

Domestic Violence & Substance Use: Overlapping
Issues In Separate Services

Humphreys, Thiara & Regan (2005)

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Reasons For Service Separation

- A cultural clash between services
- Politics of single issue focus
- Concerns about causality
- Resource constraints
- Lack of knowledge/training in relation to the 'other' issue
- Problems of fragmentation at governmental level
- Under-reporting to both agencies

Perpetrators of DV

- 63% of men attending perpetrator programmes reported dual issues of substance use & domestic violence – alcohol most frequently reported (Humphreys et al 2005)
- Alcohol is a factor in around half of violent crimes (PSA Delivery Agreement)
- Turning Point 2006/7
 - 21% presenting disclosed alcohol misuse
 - Only 25% of these were receiving help with this misuse

Service Gap

- Despite overlap & duality of these issues service provision still separate
- Opportunity to work with both issues neglected
 - Power & control
 - Substance misuse as an aspect of domestic abuse
 - Implications for safety & safety planning

'It is important that any work with perpetrators is supported with work that addresses their substance misuse and does not blame their violence on their substance use'

Perpetuity Group

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Partnership Project – Reducing Violence Initiative

Sherwood Associates

Breaking Free

Turning Point Bucks

Thames Valley Police

Pubwatch

Women's Aid

Bucks DAAT

Bucks DPEAP

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Pilot Project – Spring 2008

Two - Ten Session Programmes (Six Weeks)

1 Assessment

8 Group Work Sessions

1 Evaluation Session

Facilitated by DPEAP & Turning Point facilitators

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Pilot Project – Spring 2008

Shared Module Design – DPEAP & Turning Point
Focus on Alcohol Awareness & Impact on Behaviour

Re-design Assessment Procedures, Motivational
Questionnaires, Contracts of Engagement &
Evaluation Techniques

Evaluation – Bucks DAAT

Funding - GOSE

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Referrals

Pub Watch – Those Currently Banned
Police – Known DV Perpetrators with Alcohol Issues
Turning Point – Presenting DV Perpetrators Where
Drug & Alcohol Issues Prevent Them Joining
Perpetrator Group
Anti-Social Behaviour Orders Officers