

**MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

COMMITTEE: Social Strategy
DATE: 7 February 2007
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY
AND KEY DELIVERABLES
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide an update of the progress of the Domestic Abuse Strategy and key deliverables

To invite members to the launch of the Domestic Abuse Strategy

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of this report

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REVENUE BUDGET

No

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET

No

WARDS AFFECTED

All

IMPLICATIONS FOR

Anti-Poverty
No

Equal Opportunities
Yes

Environment
No

Employment
No

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

LOCATION

Background

A paper was previously presented to the Social Strategy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6th September 2006. Following this report members requested further information on:

- i. Progress with the Domestic Abuse Strategy (agreed by the Executive Committee, Respect Members Group and this Committee in Autumn 2006).
- ii. Area breakdown of domestic abuse incidents
- iii. Data on the impact of the World Cup on domestic abuse.

Strategy Launch

- 1) The Launch of the Domestic Abuse Strategy is scheduled for 16th February 930am - 12pm. Key stakeholders have been invited as are the committee members. The event will be chaired by Sir Richard Leese, with speeches by Cllr Sue Murphy, senior speakers from the Home Office (John Dunworth) and the Greater Manchester Police. There will be video presentations including a message from Gerry Sutcliff (Home Office minister with responsibility for domestic abuse). Press interviews have also been arranged and the document will be available on the day.

Other key developments

- 2) On 25th January 2006 Caroline Marsh was invited to give a speech at a Local Government Association conference in reflection of how far Manchester has come in tackling domestic abuse. She was able to report on our successes of MARAC – the multi agency risk assessment conference, Sanctuary Schemes, the End the Fear website, Manchester City Council's Children's workers, the Domestic Violence Courts, the commitment and support of Council members, and the Domestic Abuse Management Group.
- 3) The Domestic Violence Courts started work on 8th January thanks to excellent work from the Courts, CPS, GMP and probation. Cases are now being fast tracked and training has been arranged for magistrates.
- 4) We have now appointed a Domestic Violence Coordinator as required by Best Value Performance Indicator 225 to support the move from strategic design to implementation through securing partnership work across the agencies.
- 5) The draft revised Domestic Abuse Employee Policy is now ready for consultation by the Personnel Committee.

Incidence of domestic abuse by area

We have requested the Police to provide data on geographical/area breakdown of domestic abuse incidents. We are hoping to have more information on this by April as part of a more detailed report on domestic abuse.

The impact of the World Cup on domestic abuse.

Data on the impact of domestic abuse following the world cup: The police organised two Domestic Violence Enforcement Campaigns (DVEC), one in February/March 06 and the second timed to coincide with the FIFA World Cup Finals. The results from this campaign support research which suggests a link between sporting events, alcohol consumption and domestic violence. There was a strong indication that across the areas participating in campaigns the prevalence of domestic violence incidents was significantly higher on days of England matches than during non match days. This is therefore a useful guide for police forces when planning for sporting events. Major sporting events do not cause domestic violence, as perpetrators are responsible for their actions, but the levels of alcohol consumption linked to the highly charged emotional nature of those events seems to increase the prevalence of such incidents.

FUTURE PLANS

- The Domestic Abuse Management Group will be meeting on 9th February 2007 to set the priorities and action plans for the coming year.
- A more in depth report on progress of the Domestic Abuse Strategy is scheduled for April 2007.

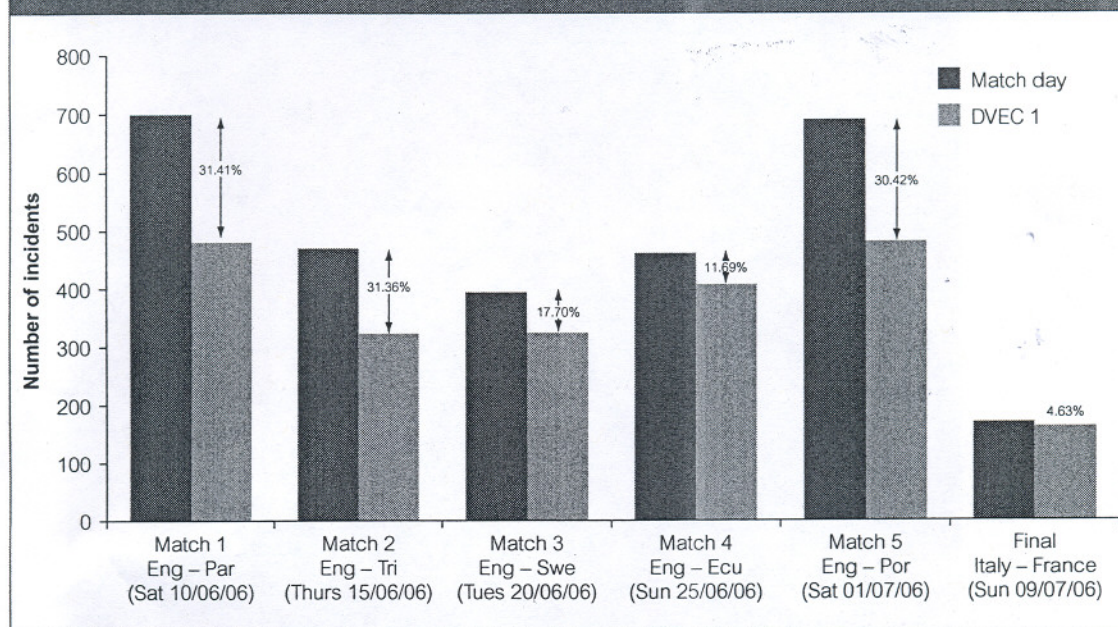
ATTACHMENT

Effect of the FIFA World Cup Finals 2006.

Section 9
DATA RETURNS

Effect of the FIFA World Cup Finals 2006

Figure 9.6 and Table 9.1: Number of recorded incidents on each major match day of the World Cup Finals against the average number on the same weekday recorded during DVEC 1 where BCUs recorded activity in both campaigns



	Match 1 Eng – Par (Sat 10/06/06)	Match 2 Eng – Tri (Thurs 15/06/06)	Match 3 Eng – Swe (Tues 20/06/06)	Match 4 Eng – Ecu (Sun 25/06/06)	Match 5 Eng – Por (Sat 01/07/06)	Final Italy – France (Sun 09/07/06)
Number of incidents on match day	700	470	394	461	690	170
Average number of incidents on same weekday during DVEC	480.13	322.63	324.25	407.13	480.13	162.13
% Change	31.41%	31.36%	17.70%	11.69%	30.42%	4.63%

Wakefield BCU (West Yorkshire Police) reported 313 arrests for DV offences during the period of the World Cup 2006 compared with 161 arrests for DV offences during the same period in 2005.

Leeds BCU (West Yorkshire Police) received 53 calls in the two hours following England's exit from the tournament when they lost on penalties to Portugal.

Swansea BCU (South Wales Police) reported that DV incidents in June 2006 were 36.8% higher than the numbers recorded in June 2005.

There is a strong indication that, across the areas participating in both campaigns, the prevalence of DV incidents was significantly higher on the days of England matches than during the first DVEC.

This was not shown in the same proportion as for other offences, which in some cases were lower than those recorded for the first campaign.