

## **Appendix B: Priority 2 Case Studies**

### **Domestic Abuse Lived Experience Group**

As a result of establishing the Domestic Abuse Lived Experience Sub-Group, there has been improved collaboration between statutory agencies and survivors of domestic abuse. It has provided a place to escalate existing challenges faced by victims.

Thames Valley Police has invited survivors from the group to attend Team Training Days to give officers a better understanding of domestic abuse by hearing from victims directly.

Agencies have been held more accountable to understand their responses to domestic abuse when it occurs. For example: schools have been asked to report on support offered to child victims and all agencies have had to report on what they do when parental alienation occurs.

The sub-group recently participated in a victim survey and interviews as part of our local needs assessment, which will be used to inform our new five-year Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan.

Two survivors currently sit alongside professionals as members of the Domestic Abuse Board to participate and support decision making, which is proving to be extremely valuable. This way of working has been used as a good practice example for other local authorities in the Thames Valley to capture the voices and views from victims.

The Domestic Abuse Board produced a set of behaviours and conduct as a result of this work, which has been added as an appendix to its terms of reference to ensure its members are working in a co-productive manner.

### **Developing Life Skills**

See separate summary report.