

TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

14 May 2001

Report by the Chief Constable No. PB 18/2001

**SUBJECT: SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND
2001/2002
DOMESTIC ABUSE WORKER (DUNDEE)
DOMESTIC ABUSE WORKER (PERTH & KINROSS)**

Abstract: This report details a successful application for funding from the Scottish Executive Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund for an extension of the existing partnership project with Barnardo's Scotland which has already improved the service to victims of domestic abuse in Angus. The success of this application will result in similar projects being implemented in Dundee and in Perth & Kinross

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Board note that funding has been secured from the Scottish Executive to further enhance the service provision to victims of domestic abuse and their children.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In the year 2000 a successful application was made by the Angus Partnership on Domestic Abuse for funding from the Scottish Executive for creation of a close working partnership between Tayside Police and Barnardo's where a senior practitioner, managed and supported by Barnardo's, is deployed as Domestic Abuse Worker alongside Tayside Police's Divisional Domestic Abuse Officer. This partnership allows the police officer to deal with the criminal justice system concerns and the immediate safety of the victim and their children, while the Barnardo's Worker can offer the appropriate advice and support to the victim and their children and can refer them to the available statutory and voluntary services. Both officers maintain contact with victims as necessary, however recognition of the different specialisms being offered allows both officers to focus on their area of expertise and thereby make more effective interventions. This innovative project has already greatly enhanced the service provided to victims of domestic abuse and their children within Angus.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In March 2001 a further application was made to the Scottish Executive Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund for an extension of the Barnardo's project to include the

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above ReportM:\wwwroot\ccmeetings\reports-committee2001\TJPB\PB18_domestic_abuse_service_development_fund.doc

other areas within Tayside. The success of that application will result in the appointment of two further Barnardo's Domestic Abuse Workers, one to be based in Dundee and one in Perth and Kinross. These workers will work alongside the Tayside Police Divisional Domestic Abuse Officers and form a close working partnership with them. Together they will offer comprehensive expertise and support to victims of domestic abuse and their children.

As in Angus, the extended project is fully supported by both the Dundee Domestic Abuse Forum and the Perth and Kinross Domestic Abuse Forum. Both forums are multi-agency partnerships to impact positively on domestic abuse and statutory and voluntary bodies are actively represented.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Scottish Executive Domestic Abuse Service Development Funding is dependent on matched funding being provided by the applicants. This successful application for two fully funded additional posts each costing £40,700 has been matched by Tayside Police's deployment of specialist domestic abuse officers in Dundee and in Perth and Kinross at a cost of £42,562 per officer.

The project costs which are detailed in the [appendix](#) to this report can be summarised as follows:

Annual Costs	£
Total Project Costs	166,524
Less:	
Scottish Executive Abuse Service Development Funding	81,400
Matched Tayside Police Funding	85,124

- 4.2 The matched funding by Tayside Police is in the main achieved by deploying the specialist domestic abuse officers already in post in Dundee and Perth. The £83,124 combined employment, transport and accommodation costs are therefore already provided for in the revenue budget. There will be additional costs of £2,000 in respect of a contribution to support evaluation of the project. This additional cost will be contained within the overall Force revenue budget for 2001/2002.
- 4.3 Funding for the extended project is initially for the year 2001 - 2002 only, however, following confirmation that the project has had the positive impact expected, a further application will be made for funding from extension of the Scottish Executive Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. Should this further application be successful, it will mean that the total cost of the extension of the project over three years will amount to £493,572 of which £238,200 will be additional funding provided by the Scottish Executive Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 The Clerk and the Treasurer have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 This extended project is truly innovative with Tayside Police and Barnardo's Scotland forming close working partnerships to ensure that victims of domestic abuse and their children are afforded comprehensive and specialist support either by the agencies themselves or by effective referral to other support services both statutory and voluntary.

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