

## Background

Domestic Violence and its impact on children, young people and their families has been identified as a High Priority action across Locality Planning Groups in the Southern Trust area. This has also been identified as a key priority and action by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council's PCSP (Police & Community Safety Partnership).

A partnership approach was taken by the 3 Locality Planning Groups, ABC Council PCSP, Armagh and Down Women's Aid and Onus NI Ltd to roll out the Safe Place Scheme, where buildings/services can become eligible to be a Safe Place for women who are affected by Domestic Violence, to be signposted to specialist support services in the local area.

To become eligible to become a Safe Place, staff were required to undertake a Domestic Violence Awareness session facilitated by Women's Aid. Resources to advertise support services were provided at the end of each session.



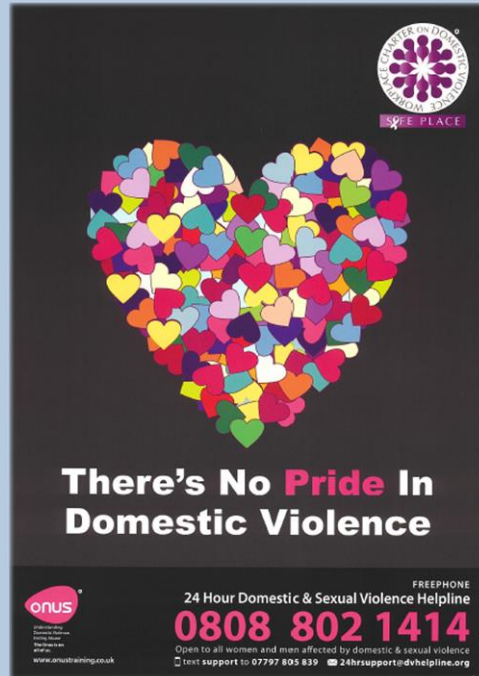
### Southern Area Outcomes Group Priorities/Outcomes:

- ✓ All Children are safe, confident and enjoy improved emotional wellbeing



## How much did we do?

- 3 Domestic Violence Awareness Sessions took place from 26-28 March 2018: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
- 23 individuals in total undertook the Awareness Sessions: 8 in Armagh, 5 in Banbridge, 10 in Craigavon
- 3 x 90 minute Awareness Sessions
- Training delivered by Armagh & Down Women's Aid



## How well did we do it?

- 20 (87%) of participants rated the "Welcome" to the course as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 20 (87%) stated the course was well explained to them as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 21 (91%) rated the enthusiasm and motivation of the trainer as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 17 (85%) rated the information given about their progress and achievement during the course as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 20 (91%) rated the trainer's ability to explain things clearly as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 21 (91%) rated the trainer's subject knowledge as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 21 (91%) rated the trainer's delivery of the course as Outstanding/ Very Good
- 20 (87%) rated how interesting and enjoyable the course was as Outstanding/ Very Good

## Is anyone better off?

- 21 New Safe Place venues across the ABC Council area
- 21 (91%) of participants agreed that the course would increase their confidence in work. 2 (9%) stated they were Not Sure
- 20 (87% agreed the course would help them do their work more effectively. 3 (13%) stated they were Not Sure
- 9 (39%) agreed the course would open up new work opportunities. 13 (57%) stated they were Not Sure

### On what particular aspects of the presentation would you value additional/expanded information?

- Impact on young people and ideas on supporting them
- I would like the presentation to explain to staff
- In depth descriptions on the different kinds/types of abuse
- I am going to get other staff trained in this

### What participants said they found particularly useful...

- Awareness
- 8 parts of control and power
- All was very good
- Knowledge of domestic violence
- Having discussions with group and trainer
- DV cycle and stats
- Explaining the Cycle of Abuse
- The stats and examples to back it up
- Identifying different forms of abuse
- Signposting
- All of it was excellent
- All the messages on the course
- All of it was excellent

