



The adults reviewed for this multi agency audit are aged between 51 and 87. 5 are female and 1 male. They all live in their own or rented home, 1 adult has adult children living at home to support them.

The adults in the audit have a range of issues in addition to Domestic Abuse and dementia including physical health needs, mental health, alcohol dependency, carer fatigue, self neglect, cognitive impairment and cancer.

### What we are worried about?

The audit group saw concerns in terms of:

- Independent Advocacy not considered for several adults
- Gap concerning who can follow up when family decline support when there are no care and support needs.
- Social Care not included in Multi Disciplinary meeting and information about discharge from hospital not shared with them.
- Police identification of adults at risk and tagging incidents accurately
- Recording doesn't reflect the good work that has happened
- Information about criminal conviction shared with social care and no police history of this.
- Family member used for advocacy and giving the adults voice when the family member may have been part of the domestic abuse
- No referral to DHI relating to alcohol misuse



### Theme: Effective Information sharing

- GP not aware of Domestic Abuse for 2 of the adults
- Information about criminal history incorrect and not corroborated by police
- Social Care not informed about discharge from hospital
- Gaps in multi agency information sharing



If someone has a 'substantial difficulty' advocacy should be considered even when family or friends are also involved



Be Curious: Consider risks to other family members and link records where possible



Think about whole family in terms of support for an adult as well as professionals involved



Be curious about what life was like prior to Dementia

Ensure the voice of carers are heard so that carer fatigue and stress can be assessed.  
Think about wellbeing of whole family

# Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit: Domestic Abuse and Dementia November 2023

### What Good Practice did we see?

- Good relationship for an adult with GP and good communication between GP and Social Care
- Joint visit with GP and Sirona Community Matron
- Dementia support in place
- Good joint working between social worker and Next Link IDVA
- Red Brag and phone call to EDT at scene and ensured family member stayed overnight. Good referrals made onward.
- Timely response following referral to Social Care
- Good contact with all members of a family
- Good use of MDT meetings (multi disciplinary team)
- Consideration of emotional abuse when needs identified
- Every Contact Counts - Offering a referral for extra support declined on the day but a self referral followed within a week.

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Access to specialist Domestic Abuse Services here

New Domestic Abuse Training for practitioners in all agencies  
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The audit of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 reviewed the records of six adults who were identified through Adult Safeguarding under the theme of Domestic Abuse in older adults, and especially where there is a diagnosis of Dementia. The aim of the audit was to ascertain whether there were good multi-agency standards for managing cases and whether organisations have implemented a robust and consistent response in line with statutory and good practice guidance, SGSAB policies and procedures and the six key principles underpinning all adult safeguarding work.



Organisations that audited their involvement with the six adults were: Adult Social Care, Sirona, NBT, Next Link, AWP, Avon & Somerset Police, GPs, DHI, Bromford Housing & Voiceability