

# DOMESTIC ABUSE DELIVERY PLAN 2019-20

Identifying and protecting the most vulnerable in our community is a priority for Sussex Police and we have a robust plan to tackle domestic abuse and provide a quality service to victims.

## LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Strong leadership will be demonstrated through our operational plans and policies, effective oversight and partnerships, ensuring we work collectively towards a zero tolerance approach to Domestic Abuse.



## FIRST RESPONSE

Our response to Domestic Abuse will support and protect victims, accurately record offences, and secure and preserve evidence.



## INITIAL CONTACT

Our first contact with a victim will be effective and consistent in assessing risk. We will quickly identify the nature of the incident and initiate an appropriate response to safeguarding victims of Domestic Abuse.



## MANAGING AND SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND TACKLING OFFENDERS

Victim safeguarding plans will be robust and tailored to an individual's specific needs and circumstances, signposting or referring to specialist support services, where appropriate. We will ensure all those affected are updated and understand the police response and the reasons behind it. Working together with partners, we will strive for sustainable change for victims and offenders.



## INVESTIGATION

We will work hard to achieve evidence-led prosecutions, without a reliance on victims to determine whether an investigation should proceed. By working closer with the Crown Prosecution Service, we will ensure that Domestic Abuse offenders are brought to justice.



## LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to develop a knowledgeable, professional workforce that understands vulnerability and Domestic Abuse to continue to improve the service we deliver.

