



Northumberland
County Council

A reflection on our journey towards improving the
use of Domestic Abuse data at a multi agency level

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Background

- 2018 new DA coordinator following a gap
- DA needs assessment – gaps identified
- Multi agency DA & SV partnership commitment to improving the data sharing & analysis
- A&E example

Aims

- To have a shared comprehensive picture of domestic abuse in the county
- Understand the level of reporting and under reporting
- Support the identification of domestic abuse & referral pathways
- On going development of DA needs assessment to inform DA strategy

What we have done

- Multi agency quarterly DA data and analysis for the partnership since 2018
- 2021 review of partnership in light of new DA duties, new DA Board established
- Refreshed DA needs assessment

What we have learnt

- Data's value is to trigger questions at least as much as to answer them
- Strong engagement with partner agencies and their data teams is key
- Multi agency collaboration requires capacity
- Improving the availability and use of DA data by the partnership is a long journey