

Minutes of the White Ribbon Working Group Meeting

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Wednesday 5th August 2020

Meeting conducted remotely via Zoom Meeting ID: 814 3857 7815

In attendance

CLLrs R Douglas, K Wesley, Chief Officer D McGifford, Volunteer resident R Walton

1. To appoint a chair for the White Ribbon Working Group

CLlr R Hemsley was appointed as Chair for the group in his absence

2. Apologies

Were received from G Hayes, R Hemsley, P Munro,

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2020

Minutes of the meeting were approved

4. White Ribbon Action Plan review and update (attached)

Updated action plan is as attached

5. Pubwatch – to discuss the opportunity to present White Ribbon to members of the Pubwatch Team

Richard Walton stated that he was willing to present the White Ribbon initiative to the Pubwatch group but would need advance notice to be able to manage around work commitments.

Action Jackie M would liaise with Richard and Pubwatch to arrange a convenient date

6. Working with the Police –

Below is a summary of information / statistics provided by the police following a meeting with Kay

Police Reported Incidents of Domestic Violence in Congleton February-July 2020

Total victims = 228

Female victims =154 (67.5%)

Male victims=74 (32.5%)

Total offenders/suspects= 200

Female offender/suspects=80 (40%)

Male offender/suspects= 120 (60%)

Persistent/Prolific offenders

Female=2

Male=5

So two-thirds female victims, one-third male, which is consistent with the country in general.

In addition to this, we know that according to Safelives, 95% of MARAC cases (risk of death or serious injury) are female victims and, according to myCWA, women are 300 times more likely to be killed than men.

7. To develop White Ribbon Day Plans

It was proposed that we have stalls at 2 of the Makers Market September and November DM to check with Jackie M to confirm. An alternative would be to explore the possibility to locate next to the library DM/JM

8. Accreditation target date

Before White Ribbon day !

AOB

It was explained to the group that there would be a Council Volunteer Policy for the council's working Groups to ensure there is a clear understanding of the roles and a consistent approach in all of the Council's working groups

Date of next meeting TBC