

## 10. Stella Project practice standards for domestic violence agencies

### Domestic Violence Agencies - Drug /Alcohol Practice Standards

Level One	Currently doing	Could implement (3-6 mths)	Could do but need resources	No	Comments
Training of all staff on basic drug and alcohol awareness					
Positive routine screening for drug and alcohol problems					
Ensuring information about drug and alcohol services are available in waiting rooms, toilets etc					
Ensuring that all service users are given information about drugs, alcohol and links to local services regardless of whether they disclose					
Making sure all staff are aware of the local drug and alcohol services and referral procedures/times. Being aware of which local treatment services and support groups offer the highest level of physical and psychological safety for victims/survivors of domestic violence					
Addressing the impact of substance use in safety planning and risk assessment/management. Help victim/survivor to understand how the substance use is linked to experiences of domestic violence and how their partner may attempt to sabotage attempts to stop using. Assist in finding alternative means of empowerment as a replacement for the sense of power induced by substances.					
Monitoring disclosures of problematic substance use, collating statistics and reviewing periodically					
Implementing a drug & alcohol policy and/or practice guidelines and procedures and having review procedures in place to consider impact					

## Domestic Violence Agencies - Drug /Alcohol Practice Standards

<b>Level Two</b>	Currently doing	Could implement (3-6 mths)	Could do but need resources	No	Comments
Enhanced training around drugs and alcohol which looks further at issues of risk assessment and safety planning					
Specialist worker based onsite					
Arrangements for a drug and alcohol outreach worker to visit site					
Developing a budget to implement comprehensive support services for women affected by problematic substance use					
Formal partnership agreements and referral protocols between domestic violence agency and substance misuse agency e.g. Service Level Agreements between refuge and drug/alcohol agency					

These standards have been adapted from Sarah Galvani's Basic and Enhanced Level Response (2005).

## 11. Stella Project practice standards for substance misuse agencies

### Drug and Alcohol Agencies - Domestic Violence Practice Standards

Level One	Currently doing	Could implement (3-6 mths)	Could do but need resources	No	Comments
All staff and managers to receive basic domestic violence awareness training					
Displaying domestic violence posters, leaflets, business cards in waiting areas, toilets and meeting or interview rooms. Resource folder/box file available to all staff and service users					
Information given to all service users about domestic violence services regardless of whether they disclose					
The agency's position statement on domestic violence displayed in these areas, and where appropriate, included in the agency information given to or discussed with service users					
Ensuring all staff are aware of the domestic violence services available within the borough, the services available for domestic violence perpetrators and which refuges in London accept women with drug and alcohol problems					
Routine enquiry for domestic violence (victims and perpetrators) in one to one appointments					
Staff to ensure domestic violence support needs are addressed in care plans					
Ensuring couples and/or family therapy which includes the abuser is not a treatment option where domestic violence has been identified					
Monitoring disclosures of domestic violence, collating statistics and reviewing periodically					

## Drug and Alcohol Agencies - Domestic Violence Practice Standards

<b>Level One continued</b>	Currently doing	Could implement (3-6 mths)	Could do but need resources	No	Comments
Implementing a domestic violence policy and/or practice guidelines and procedures and having review procedures in place to consider impact					
Representation on the local domestic violence forum					
<b>Level Two</b>					
Enhanced training around drugs and alcohol which looks at issues around risk assessment, safety planning and working with perpetrators					
Offer women's groups or activities or women only services					
Fast tracking admissions procedures					
Childcare provision provided					
Specialist domestic violence worker					
Arrangements for a domestic violence outreach worker to visit site					
Developing a budget to implement comprehensive support services for women affected by domestic violence					
Formal partnership agreements and referral protocols between domestic violence agency and substance misuse agency e.g. Service Level Agreements					

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