



Job Description

Directorate	People
Service	Children's Service -Early Help

Post details	
Job title	YPVA (Young Persons Violence Advocate)
Grade	6
Location of work	Time Square
Directly responsible to	Child to Parent Abuse Lead
Directly responsible for	No management responsibilities
Hours of duty	37
JE Reference	A11502
Primary purpose and scope of the job:	
Young Persons Violence Advocate (YPVA)	
<p>The Young Persons Violence Advocate (YPVA) will provide specialist support to children and young people aged 12–17 who have been impacted by domestic abuse. This includes abuse experienced within the family home (e.g. parental or familial, domestic abuse) or harm within their own dating relationships. The YPVA will also support young people who are displaying harmful and abusive behaviours within their own dating relationships.</p>	
<p>Working through a systemic and trauma-informed lens, the YPVA will be the first point of contact for both the non-abusing parent and the young person, offering guidance to access the most appropriate local domestic abuse support services. The role involves managing a caseload, delivering direct interventions; either one-to-one or in group settings that are tailored to the young person's developmental stage, lived experience, and emotional needs.</p>	
<p>The support will primarily be delivered within educational settings across Warrington, so access to a vehicle is essential. The YPVA will also provide advocacy service helping young people navigate systems and services, and will deliver relationship education</p>	

workshops aimed at increasing awareness of abuse, promoting healthy relationships, and improving access to support pathways at the earliest opportunity.

Working Relationships

Warrington Borough Council. All key partner agencies that contribute to the Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership, including but not restricted to the Police, Adult Social Care, Children's services, Educational Settings, Youth Justice, Drug and Alcohol Services, Child Mental health Specialist Services, CAFCASS, solicitors, GP's, Voluntary, Private and Independent sector agencies.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities:

Direct Support & Intervention

1. Provide trauma-informed advice, advocacy, and support young people (YP) aged 12–17 who have experienced domestic abuse whether within the family home or in their own dating/ intimate relationships.
2. Assess and regularly review risk using appropriate tools such as the SafeLives Young Person DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment) checklist, Safety Planning to ensuring support is responsive to changing needs.
3. Manage and triage incoming referrals, responding promptly and effectively to ensure CYP receive timely support.
4. Develop tailored, high-quality support, safety, and recovery plans that reflect each young person's unique experiences and needs. Use engaging methods such as face-to-face sessions, instant messaging, and safe digital platforms to build trust and connection.
5. Hold a caseload of Young People, offering face to face support within education settings, youth services, family hubs and wider community venues.
6. Create safe, non-judgmental spaces for YP to explore their experiences, express their feelings, and build understanding of what safe and respectful relationships look like.
7. Deliver support/intervention to young displaying harmful and abusive behaviour within their dating relationships.
8. Attend family court when required, offering emotional support and advocating for the young person's voice to be heard and respected within legal proceedings.
9. Make safeguarding referrals in line with agreed pathways into the Multi-Agency Gateway (MAG), ensuring CYP safety is prioritised.

10. Lead and facilitate group programmes that promote recovery, emotional resilience, and peer connection.

11. Support YP to recognise unhealthy relationship dynamics, understand the warning signs of abuse, and develop strategies for safety, empowerment, and self-advocacy.

12. Produce and maintain an accessible information pack outlining available support for CYP affected by domestic abuse or harm in their own relationships.

13. Keep accurate and timely records on relevant databases, including case notes and safeguarding reports, in line with agreed standards and procedures.

14. Champion the voice of the young person in all interactions, actively seeking feedback to shape and improve service delivery.

15. Build excellent relationships with education settings and venues young people attend to help raise awareness of service offer.

Multi-Agency Working & Advocacy

1. Work collaboratively with social workers, early help practitioners, education staff, healthcare professionals, police, youth justice and other agencies to ensure a coordinated multi-agency response to safeguarding and intervention is in place for young people aged 12–17.

2. Attend multi-agency meetings such as Child in Need (CIN), Team Around the Family (TAF), and Child Protection (CP) meetings/ conferences, actively advocating for the voice, rights, and lived experiences of the young person to be central to all decision-making processes and the impact abuse has on a young person's development.

3. Compile clear, trauma-informed reports for multi-agency meetings (e.g. CP, CIN, TAF) that reflect the young person's needs, wishes, and progress.

4. Provide expert advice and consultation to professionals and caregivers on how best to support young people affected by domestic abuse, including harm in their own relationships.

5. Develop strong working relationships with the young people's support services and collaborate to ensure a timely, appropriate, and effective response is provided for young people needing support. Promote professional understanding of support pathways for young people affected by domestic abuse.

Education & Prevention

1. To work collaboratively with manager/ others to raise the profile of the service across Warrington and improve awareness of YP experiences of DA and abuse and harm in their own relationship.

2. Contribute to the development and delivery of training and briefing sessions for professionals on the impact domestic abuse has on young people of DA, teenage abuse, gender-based abuse, misogyny ideology and specific abuse young people face such as (deep fake-digital abuse, manosphere-ideologies, incel movements etc).

3. Deliver workshops and awareness programs on healthy relationships, emotional wellbeing, and breaking the cycle of abuse to YP within educational/youth settings.

4. Equip YP with coping strategies, safety plans, spotting the signs of abuse, self-esteem, and conflict resolution skills etc.

Safeguarding

1. Act as a safeguarding advocate, for YP and vulnerable adults, ensuring all concerns are appropriately shared, managed and where required escalated in line with local safeguarding policies and procedures.

2. Maintain and update accurate and confidential records of interventions and outcomes in line with local processes.

3. Advocate and represent the needs and rights of children and young people within multi-agency settings.

Professional Development

1. A commitment to continuous professional development and learning.

2. Willingness and able to undertake SafeLives accredited YPVA training post 12 months into post.

3. Take responsibility of ensuring that all mandatory training is kept up-to-date, and that any other training or developmental needs are addressed, as agreed during Time-to-Time sessions.

4. Attend regular training that centres around young people's needs to ensure competent practice.

Review Arrangements

The details contained in this job description reflect the content of the job at the date it was prepared; however, it is inevitable that over time, the nature of the jobs may change. Existing duties may no longer be required and other duties may be gained without changing the general nature of the post or the level of responsibility entailed. Consequently, the Council will expect to revise this job description from time to time and will consult with the post holder at the appropriate time.

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