Domestic Violence and Abuse in Merton

Facts and Figures about DVA in Merton

- 1 in 20 people in the borough are affected by DVA
- DVA is increasing in the borough and across London
- Majority of victims are female and White European

- The proportion which result in physical injury has declined
- However, the psychological and emotional impact for victims is far more difficult to measure

- Majority of incidents take place in the family home
- At present there doesn’t appear to be an increase during sporting events

- Over 1,300 victims have been supported by the One Stop Shop since it opened in 2010
- Peak times:
  - Saturday
  - August
  - December

- Ward with most reports:
  1. Figges Marsh
  2. Cricket Green
  3. Pollards Hill
  4. Ravensbury
  5. St Helier

- The latest five wards are: Lower Morden, Cannon Hill, Beddington, Hillside and Village.

- There has been a 2% increase in Male, "White - South European" and "Asian" suspects

- Majority of perpetrators are ex-boyfriends, followed by current boyfriends, ex-husbands and sons.

- DVA cost to Merton £13.2 Million
- Current Merton DVA investment £5-600,000

To report DV call 999 or for support call Victim Support on 020 7801 1777

Data Sources: Metropolitan Police Service, Safer Merton - London Borough of Merton (April 2019 - March 2020)