

Domestic Abuse and the 2014 World Cup

Who is this briefing aimed at?

This briefing in response to the World Cup has been produced on behalf of the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group and is based on the World Cup Analysis Problem Profile produced by Kent Police.

We have provided this briefing note to offer information to agencies and services to assist them in their service planning during the World Cup tournament; this may be of particular relevant to the following groups of professionals:

- Health, including GPs, A&E staff;
- Specialist domestic abuse services;
- All other frontline services that may come in contact with victims of abuse, perpetrators and their families.

Why do we need to consider domestic abuse and the World Cup?

Following a review of previous international football tournaments, within Kent and Medway domestic abuse calls to Kent Police increase by an average of 10% during international football tournaments when compared to similar periods of the year without tournaments. There are inconsistent patterns between tournaments but there have been significant increases in domestic abuse on the dates of England's opening matches and exit matches.

Temporal patterns show that domestic abuse calls increase after the end of match time and continue until 0100hrs during weekdays and 0300hrs at weekends. There is however an earlier domestic abuse onset when a match is played at a weekend or has a later evening kick off; this is likely to be linked to increased opportunities for alcohol consumption at this time, as this can be an aggravating factor in domestic abuse.

As in previous years the tournament is being played during a seasonal peak month for domestic abuse; additionally previous analysis has identified weather may influence domestic abuse trends, with domestic abuse reporting increasing when the weather is very hot or if it is exceptionally disappointing for the season.

Due to England's opening match being a particularly late kick off on a Saturday, it is likely that domestic abuse will increase significantly compared to average levels prior to the tournament. The lateness of the match may also lead to heightened reporting of domestic abuse during the following day.

If England progress beyond the group stage to the knock out stages, all matches (bar the final) are played at 2100hrs. In the event of penalties they will finish close to midnight which might increase alcohol consumption compared to average levels.

World Cup 2014 dates

The tournament is being held in Brazil, with the opening ceremony and first host nation match on 12/06/14.

The first round England matches fall on the following dates/times (BST):

Saturday 14/06/14, 11pm England v Italy
Thursday 19/06/14, 8pm England v Uruguay
Tuesday 24/06/14, 5pm England v Costa Rica

Round 2:

Saturday 28/06/14 9pm or Sunday 29/06/14 9pm v Columbia, Greece, Ivory Coast or Japan

Quarter Final:

Friday 04/07/14, 9pm or Saturday 05/07/14 9pm v likely Brazil, Spain or Holland

Semi Final:

Tuesday 08/07/14, 9pm or Wednesday 09/07/14 9pm v likely Germany or Argentina

3rd Place Play Off:

Saturday 12/07/14, 9pm

Final:

Sunday 13/07/14, 8pm

Full match details are available from the FIFA website:

<http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/index.html>

Recommended actions

It is recommended that all services consider and action the following:

1. Awareness raising of domestic abuse and World Cup dates

Ensure that your staff teams are aware that domestic abuse incidents may increase during this period. Discuss in teams meetings, or issue internal communication bulletins outlining, your service's approach to supporting people affected by domestic abuse – do you use routine questioning on domestic abuse; put up posters signposting to local support services in staff and public areas; use the DA website etc.

2. Risk assessment (DASH Tool)

Ensure that your service is able to conduct domestic abuse risk assessments and safety planning with your service users. If you are not able to do a risk assessment and safety plan, make sure that you refer your service users to a service that can.

3. MARAC referrals

Anyone who is at high risk of abuse or serious harm may be referred to MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference).

To contact your MARAC Coordinator:

North Kent (Dartford and Gravesham):

Chris Cochrane

Tel: 01474 366335

Email: marac.north.kent@kent.pnn.police.uk

West Kent (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, Tunbridge Wells):

Jo Cordery

Tel: 01892 502023

Email: marac.west.kent@kent.pnn.police.uk

Mid Kent (Maidstone and Swale):

David Philpot

Tel: 01622 604301

Email: marac.midkent@kent.pnn.police.uk

Medway:

Sarah Baker

Tel: 01634 792387

Email: marac.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk

East Kent (Canterbury, Thanet):

Nick Symons

Tel: 01227 868114

Email: marac.east.kent@kent.pnn.police.uk

South Kent (Ashford, Dover, Shepway):

Claire Frost

Tel: 01303 289402

Email: marac.south.kent@kent.pnn.police.uk

4. Signposting

Ensure that you provide help and support to anyone disclosing domestic abuse and that you also signpost /refer them to other relevant services.

IN AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY	999
Kent Police	101
Kent and Medway IDVA Service	07926 842 183
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Men's Advice Line	0808 801 0327
Broken Rainbow (LGBT victims)	0300 999 5428
Respect Phonenumber (for perpetrators)	0808 802 4040

Other local and national services for those affected by domestic abuse can be found on the KMDASG website:

www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk

5. Other considerations for agencies

1. How will your service respond to a potential increase in demand?
2. Ensure your staff are aware of your local domestic abuse support services.
3. Consider the demographic make-up of your local population – do you need to consider match dates for other countries? For further information about all match dates, go to: <http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/index.html>

Resources:

<p>Kent Police have designed two World Cup DA awareness posters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Victim focused 2. Perpetrator focused 	<p>Available on the website from w/b 12th May 2014</p> <p>Download from the DA website: www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk/professionals/publications-and-resources</p>
<p>Local domestic abuse services</p>	<p>Can be found on the DA website: www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk</p>
<p>DA Website posters</p>	<p>Download from the DA website: www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk/professionals/publications-and-resources/DomesticAbuseServices.org.uk%20Posters.pdf</p>
<p>Kent Police and the Kent and Medway IDVA Service will be working together to provide additional resources to DA victims on risk assessment and safety planning during England matches.</p>	<p style="background-color: #cccccc;"></p>