

# Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board

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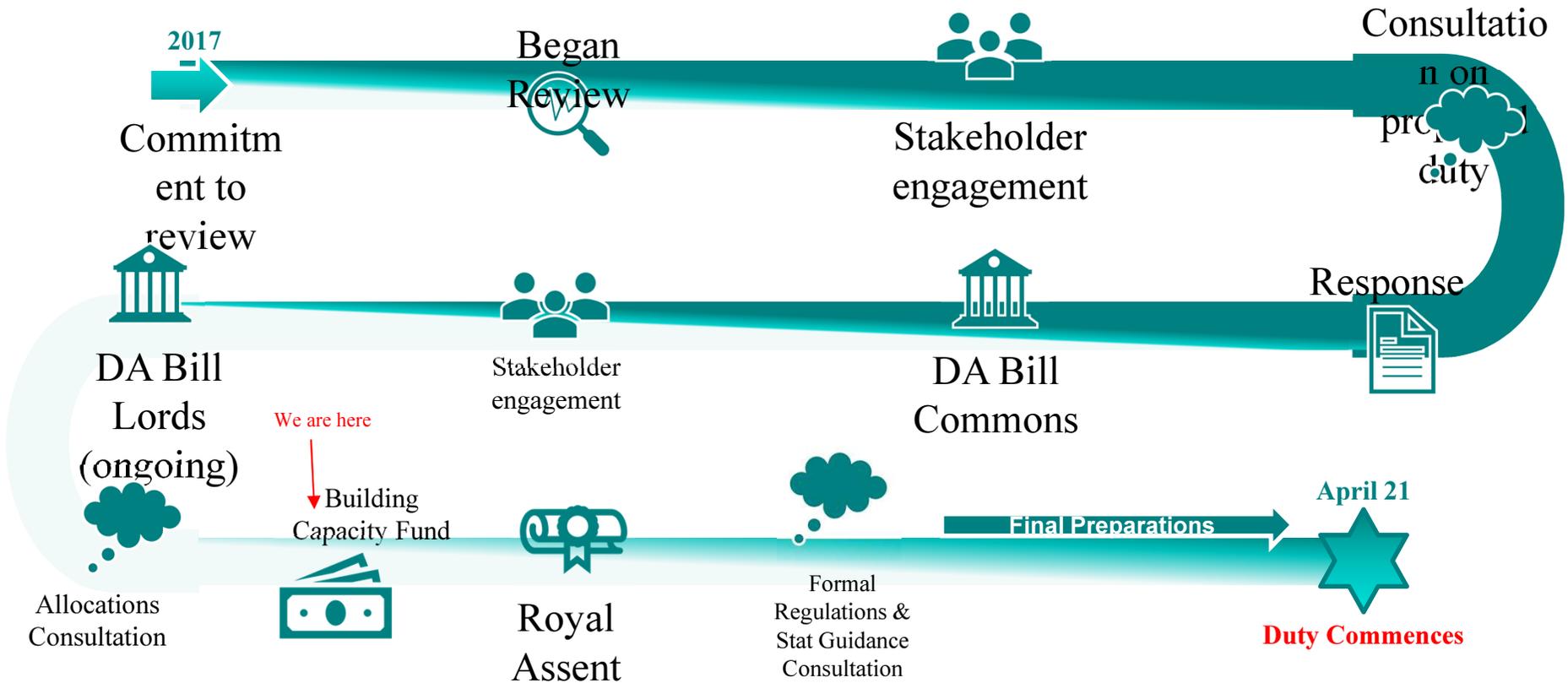
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# Aims:

1. Overview of Domestic Abuse Bill
2. Local implementation guidance
3. Local Partnership Board and governance
4. Current contracts
5. Needs Assessment
6. Commissioning strategy
7. Next steps

## Brief Overview



## Key features of Domestic Abuse Bill

- Includes range of accommodation-refuge, sanctuary schemes, supported housing
- Providing appropriate support services as well as accommodation
- Informed by data and evidence of what works to inform quality and best practice across England
- Ensure service user voice-adults and children are represented at all levels of design and delivery
- Partnerships with commissioners, providers, cross boundary working

# Domestic Abuse Statutory Duty Tier 1 LA

1. Tier 1 local authorities will be required to convene a multi-agency Local Partnership Board (LPB) to support them in performing certain specified functions. These will be to:
  - **Assess the need and demand** for accommodation-based support for all victims and their children, including those who require cross-border support.
  - **Develop and publish strategies** for the provision of support to cover the locality and diverse groups of victims.
  - **Give effect to strategies by making commissioning / de-commissioning decisions**
  - **Meet the support needs of victims and their children**
  - **Monitor and evaluate local delivery**
  - **Report back to central Government**
2. A duty on MHCLG SoS to produce the Statutory Guidance;
3. A duty for LAs to have regard to Statutory Guidance in exercising the above functions; and,
4. A duty on Tier 2 district, borough and city councils and London Boroughs to co-operate with Tier 1 authorities.

## Accountability and Reporting

### Needs Assessment

- A standardised needs assessments will be developed to support LAs in assessing local need and demand on services

### Local strategies

- LAs will be required to develop and publish a robust local strategy based on the needs assessment.

## National Oversight

### Reporting

- LAs will be required to report back to government via a standardised reporting format

### National Steering Group

- A Ministerial-led National Steering Group will be established to monitor outcomes

Providing support to all victims and their children

We recognise the importance of ensuring all victims of domestic abuse have access to the right support when they need it.

The clauses in the Domestic Abuse Bill aims to ensure local authorities, with support from their LPBs, have the right knowledge and steps in place to accommodate the needs of all victims.

## What must happen to implement Domestic Abuse Bill locally 2021?

1. Review current strategic governance arrangements to ensure meets requirements
2. Plan development of Local Partnership Board
3. Complete Needs Assessment and revise domestic abuse strategy for Worcestershire to ensure meets recommendations
4. Review commissioning approach to ensure includes reference to whole family support for survivors, perpetrators and children
5. Communication including people with lived experience to inform strategy and service delivery

# 1. Development of Partnership Board

- Responsibility to implement statutory guidance
- Functions-needs assessment, strategy development, data management and reporting nationally and locally, planning and delivery to improve outcomes
- Governance and accountability
- Representation of key stakeholders-commissioners, service providers, service users adults and children, minority group representation to address inequalities
- Communication

## 2. Needs Assessment planning

- Mapping
- Identifying pathway from crisis to recovery
- Evidence from services and service user experience
- ONS and police reports, homeless data
- Ethnicity, age, income, household structure
- Vulnerable groups
- Placements, refusals, length of stay, demands and gaps, risk levels
- Types of accommodation-gaps, housing options

## 3. Commissioning Strategy

### Current

- Dependent on funding streams and pilots
- Different priorities and timelines for PCC, WCC, WCF and Districts
- Different arrangements across West Mercia LAs
- Minimal dedicated specific provision for children
- No co-ordinated reporting of outcomes, value for money

### Future

- Alignment of some contracts
- Co-commissioning for Domestic Abuse contracts
- Extend footprint across West Mercia if possible
- Include accommodation, support for survivors, perpetrators, children
- Standardised reporting via Local Partnership Board

## Gaps in commissioning strategy

- How are the voices of individuals and children incorporated into future planning?
- Cross border issues?
- How do we include commissioning of integrated support for families including children?
- WMWA reviewing refuge provision with Citizen housing association and Rooftop to meet requirements for self isolation due to CV19
- Future funding streams?

## Next steps

- **Nationally-**

Funding

Guidance

Needs Assessment template

- **Locally-**

Accommodation review and need v demand

Task and finish group to discuss Partnership Board arrangements

Needs Assessment planning

Commissioning strategy