Highland Violence Against Women Partnership Group		
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2015		
Minutes		
Present		
Elaine Mead, Chief Executive NHS Highland (Chair) Moira Paton, Rape & Sexual Abuse Service Highland		
Heather Williams, Ross-shire Women's Aid		
Lorraine Revitt, Lochaber Women's Aid		
Cathy Russell , Inverness Women's Aid		
Debbie Stewart, Highland Drug & Alcohol Partnership		
Cath King, The Highland Council Gordon Greenlees, MARAC Co-ordinator		
Pene Rowe, Child & Adult Protection Committees		
Peter Rawlinson – Scottish Prison Service		
Gordon MacLeod – A/Supt, Highlands & Islands Division, Police Scotland		
Graeme Walker – Forensic Physician – NHS Highland		
Johann Roden, Violence Against Women Partnership Kristeen Gall, Violence Against Women Partnership		
Apologies		
Donald Buntain, Procurator Fiscal Office		
Malcolm McBean, Victim Support		
Fiona Palin, Highland Council Kata Blowers, Caithness & Sutherland Women's Aid		
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1 Welcome & Introductions	Action	
Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.		
Gordon MacLeod attended for Police Scotland and guest Graeme Walker,		
Forensic Physician, Forensic and Custodial Services.		
2 Previous Minute and Matters arising	Action	
Minutes agreed subject to one change – Item 6 to read 'how best for other		
Agencies'.	Kristeen	
Eleine Meed confirmed the has still to contact a CD reporting CD	Elaine	
<ul> <li>Elaine Mead confirmed she has still to contact a GP regarding GP representation at VAWP group meetings.</li> </ul>	LIAIIIE	
representation at VAWF group meetings.		
White Ribbon – update from Peter and Johann – First successful		
training day completed on 28/01/15 with 3 trainees signing up as		
Speaker Network members. One of those who signed up has since		
indicated he wished to postpone his involvement due to issues		
raised regarding The Robertson Trust, who are funders for the White Ribbon campaign and also respected funders in the		
voluntary sector. A short discussion continued regarding RT being		
part of The Edrington alcohol group. It was concluded, that VAW		
would continue to support the WR campaign, however in the mean		
time, Johann to contact WR for them to give confirmation that they	Johann	
would not support the Alcohol Industry in relation to RT's	JUNAIIII	

involvement in this sector.	
<ul> <li>50 Shades of Grey up and coming movie – Johann updated</li> </ul>	
members on the information she has put together to form a poster	
to raise awareness on this subject. Group agreed that this could	
be posted via social media; however any reference to the title	Johann
should be removed.	
3 Education Pathway	Action
Cath updated the group on the Framework which has now been	
circulated. An Education Scotland 'Risky Behaviors' event is scheduled to	
take place on the 28 <sup>th</sup> of February with 70 teachers attending mainly from	
Highland. There will be an opportunity to include information on VAW.	
Twilight teacher training sessions arranged for March involving WA and	
RASASH in Wick, Fort William, Inverness and Dingwall. Cath stated,	
preference for teachers to be trained before using. After March training	
sessions, feedback to be sought to see how well it's being received.	
Group discussed how the pathway could become Mandatory – Cath to	
contact Education Scotland to explore how they could support and	
promote VAW education	Cath
4 Responding to Female Genital Mutilation in Highland Policy	Action
Elaine enquired as to the recent FGM training for clinical staff in Highland.	
Kristeen informed group that there was 16 clinical staff attended training in	
December 2014 which returned good feedback. FGM training has once	
again been scheduled in VAW 2015 calendar. Johann to contact Dr. Lata	
Hame re specific training for midwifes.	
Group agreed lack of expertise in Scotland on FGM, information to be	
sought from National Boards as to their approach to FGM and training for	Johann
staff.	
Elaine asked about the collation of numbers in FGM cases, Pene stated	
that it is already a national requirement for NHS to gain stats.	
New Highland Policy distributed to members prior to meeting for feedback.	
Agreed on piece to be added under heading ' <i>Identification of FGM</i> ' about	
Forced Marriage. Cath to send paragraph to Johann. Formatting to be	
completed then to be sent to Elaine for signing off.	
	Cath/Johann
5 VAW Quick Guides	Action
New Quick Guides for staff have now been prepared. Members agreed	
were good. Any comments on the guides should be sent to Heather by	
09/02/15. Distribution to be confirmed and final to be sent for print.	Heather
6 Domestic Abuse & Forensic Examinations – Graeme Walker	Action
Graeme Walker introduced himself; Graeme is a Forensic Physician	
working for NHSH and is based with Police Scotland at Burnett Road.	
Graeme states there are on-going funding issues for Forensic Physician's	
as training is personally funded. Graeme states he would like to see	
forensic services widened and awareness raising. Forensic evidence	
increases prosecution rates. Questions raised, has GP's/other doctors got	
enough knowledge when recognising domestic abuse. A definite need for	
the service of forensic examinations in domestic abuse cases. The	
partnership agreed on a short-term-group to look at a proposal.	
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7 Scottish Government's Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill – call for evidence	Action
Agreed that evidence should be sent on behalf of the VAW partnership. Kristeen to resend link for members to give comments/evidence back to Johann by 20/02/15.	Kristeen/ All
8 Feedback from/to Safety Group	Action
Heather gave an update from earlier Safety Group meeting. The SG agreed that the MARAC Coordinator cover contract should now be transferred from NHS to Highland Council, given that the Coordinator is contracted by Highland Council. Elaine agreed to contact Fiona Palin to confirm as such and ask Fiona to arrange a zero hours contract for cover to start from the new financial year.	Elaine
9 Feedback from/to Short Term Groups	Action
<ul> <li>Sexual Violence Improvement Group – group met on 25/09/14 – Trauma pathway event is planned for spring, this will raise awareness of psychological trauma, help establish a practitioner network and inform a Trauma Pathway in Highland. SARN – there is ongoing discussions between NHSH, the Forensic Service and Police Scotland about establishing Sexual Assault Referral Network in Highland.</li> <li>Cedar – group met on 21/01/15. WA contacting Moray Cedar Group to gain feedback on their initial start up – ongoing.</li> </ul>	
10 AOB	Action
Moira stated that RASASH will be up and running by middle of March. Moira will inform of open date once she has this confirmed. Debbie stated to members that HADP in partnership with Scottish Ambulance Service has initiated an alert system for people that have experienced a non-fatal drug overdose. It has been fed back that an individual on the MARAC list also appeared on the NFOD list which resulted in a more holistic assessment of their situation and greater understanding of cross cutting issues.	
11 Date of Next Meeting	Action
To be arranged.	Kristeen