

Brighton & Hove
Preventing Violence Against
Women & Girls: An Integrated
Strategy and Action Plan

2012-2017

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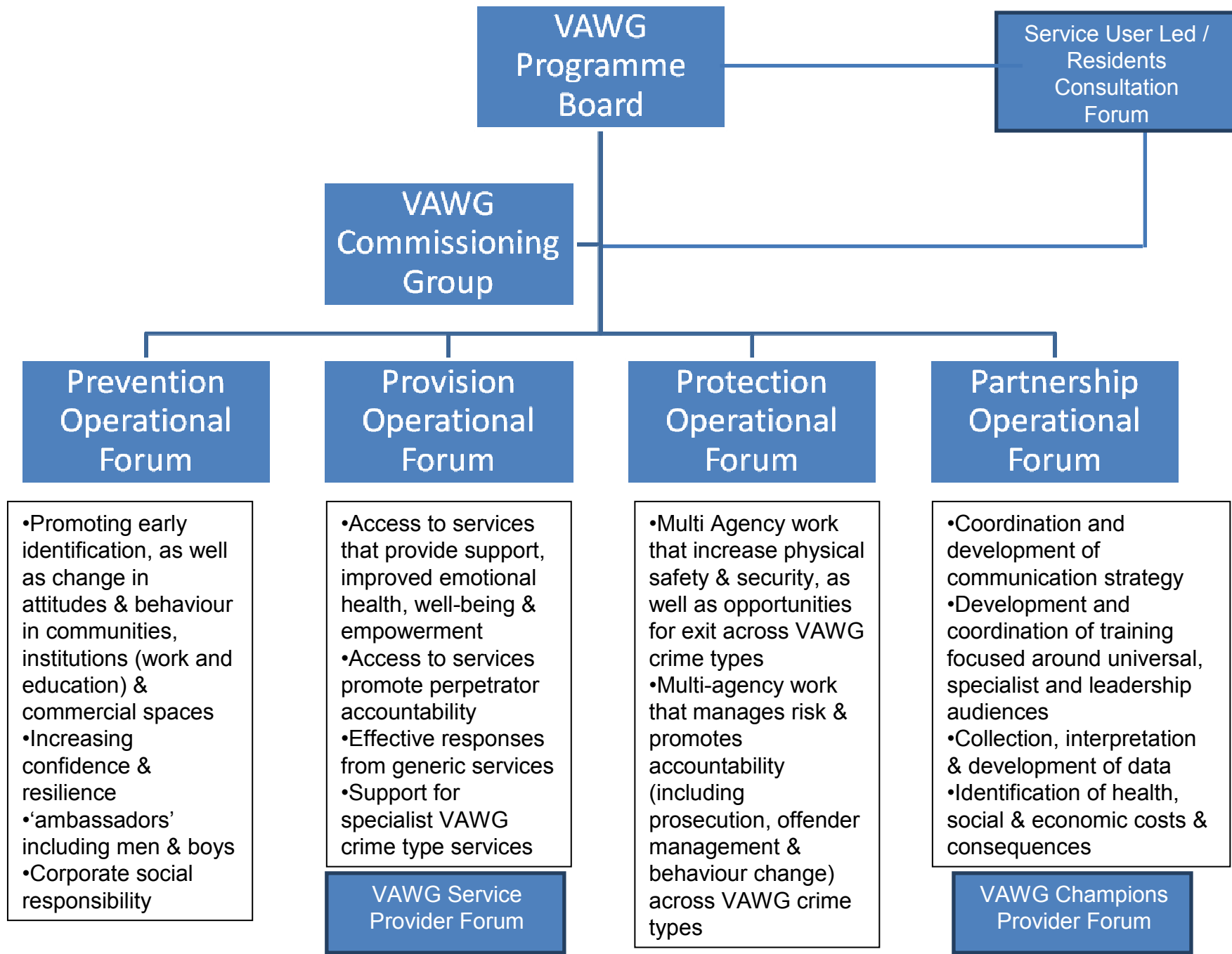
- Human and emotional cost cannot be underestimated
- Includes rape, domestic violence, forced marriage, crimes committed in the name of 'honour', female genital mutilation, stalking, trafficking and sexual exploitation
- Cause of death and disability, linked to mental health problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, self-harm, suicide, misuse of drugs and alcohol, and great harm to children and whole families

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- Since 1993, the United Nations has repeated its call to take 'integrated measures to prevent and eliminate VAWG'
- Since 2009, UK governments have recommended every local area develop a co-ordinated approach to preventing and ending VAWG
- Recommendations from a Department of Health Taskforce, a review into the role of schools, the Stern review of the Criminal Justice System, are the basis of a national framework

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- In Brighton & Hove, we have made significant progress in improving services for victims of domestic and sexual violence and have begun our work on dealing with trafficking
- However, an integrated strategy in line with the national framework, will lead to more effective and targeted policy making across all services, improved identification of the links between offending behaviours, improved responses to all victims and more effective preventative work to develop longer term solutions
- Working toward a pan-Sussex integrated strategy



VAWG Programme Board

Service User Led / Residents Consultation Forum

VAWG Commissioning Group

Prevention Operational Forum

Provision Operational Forum

Protection Operational Forum

Partnership Operational Forum

- Promoting early identification, as well as change in attitudes & behaviour in communities, institutions (work and education) & commercial spaces
- Increasing confidence & resilience
- ‘ambassadors’ including men & boys
- Corporate social responsibility

- Access to services that provide support, improved emotional health, well-being & empowerment
- Access to services promote perpetrator accountability
- Effective responses from generic services
- Support for specialist VAWG crime type services

VAWG Service Provider Forum

- Multi Agency work that increase physical safety & security, as well as opportunities for exit across VAWG crime types
- Multi-agency work that manages risk & promotes accountability (including prosecution, offender management & behaviour change) across VAWG crime types

- Coordination and development of communication strategy
- Development and coordination of training focused around universal, specialist and leadership audiences
- Collection, interpretation & development of data
- Identification of health, social & economic costs & consequences

VAWG Champions Provider Forum

