

9 DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND (AN20-2004)

Since 2000, Dundee City Council, in the name of the Dundee Domestic Abuse Forum (DDAF), has submitted three bids to the above fund to assist in the provision of services to women and their children in Dundee who are victims of Domestic Abuse.

In March, 2000, a bid for £25,720 to support the creation of a Training and Information post in Dundee Women's Aid was successful, although a simultaneous bid of £447,044 for the provision of New Build Refuge Accommodation was turned down.

In March, 2001, the bid for refuge funding was resubmitted and eventually, in December, 2002, the Council was advised that £422,960 had been made available for the provision of New Build Refuge Accommodation at Pitairlie Road. Work has now started on this site.

In December, 2001, a further request for bids was received from the Scottish Executive. In response a successful request for £38,720 to fund a two year extension to the Training and Information post was submitted.

In total, over the period of the Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund, Dundee City Council and its partners in the DDAF have been awarded £487,400 to combat Domestic Violence locally. In all of these instances matched funding had to be identified.

In December, 2003, a further request for bids to the same fund has been received from the Scottish Executive. The closing date for submission of bids is 9th February, 2004. Given the short time available to prepare bids, the Committee is asked to agree in principle to the submission of a bid to the Scottish Executive after consultation with the Convener and Spokespersons of the other Groups. The bid will be reported to Committee at a future date.