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Via email.

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Dear Mr. Aziz

Domestic Abuse service provision across Kent is being redesigned with a view to commissioning an innovative solution to address the increasing demand currently being experienced by our domestic abuse services.

Using Home Office tools it is estimated that dealing with the effects of domestic abuse costs public services across Kent in the region of £317 million a year.

In the year before they got help:

- 78% of high risk and 62% of medium risk domestic abuse victims sought help from the Police;
- 23% of high risk and 10% of medium risk victims visited A& E, some up to 15 times;
- 80% of families with a child exposed to domestic abuse are known to at least one agency, which may include housing, children's services, health agencies, criminal justice agencies, substance misuse services (SafeLives).
- It costs £500 per case for an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor and £1,000 per successful outcome (where all forms of abuse have ceased) compared to a minimum of £10,000 in costs to Public services for a high risk victim per year;
- A cost v benefit ratio of 1:10 where all cases of abuse cease and a high yield on investment (SafeLives research).

Following domestic abuse incidents that result in a health service intervention, 75% will be to the GP presenting with anxiety, mental health issues, minor injuries and 25% will be presentations to A&E with a trauma or injury.

I have attached the draft service specification for an integrated domestic abuse service which I would like to discuss with all Chief Executive Officers from our key partner agencies. Part of this discussion will be to consider potential funding arrangements for this new integrated service from April 2017. Therefore I have arranged a meeting to be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 @ 14:00 hours in the Clift Room at Kent Police Headquarters.

As this is a key opportunity to impact on the development and delivery of this service, can I ask that if you are not able to attend personally, a suitable representative takes your place with the mandate to make decisions on behalf of your Organisation.

I would be grateful if you would please confirm your attendance at this event, by return email to Lynn Thring ([lynn.thring@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lynn.thring@kent.pnn.police.uk)) no later than **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Jo Shiner', written in a cursive style.

**Jo Shiner**  
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