

# **Area Board Project**

### 1. What is the Initiative?

A series of two drama presentations and workshops at Matravers School aimed at raising awareness of domestic abuse. Theatre group Sixth Sense has been commissioned by the Arts Council and has produced this play highlighting the issues of domestic abuse and aimed specifically at raising awareness in secondary school age pupils. The theatre group also host an awareness raising workshop and discussion group on the back of the presentation.

## 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

At Matravers School

### 3. When will the initiative take place?

In the Autumn term

# 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

The incidence of domestic abuse in the Westbury community area is the fourth highest in Wiltshire (JSNA 2014) and the need to address this is an agreed area board priority which has now been incorporated into the community plan.

### 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To raise awareness of this important issue and to make people aware of where to get help and advice.

### 6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Matravers School will liaise directly with Sixth Sense to arrange the date and time of the productions. Wiltshire Council's public protection team is aware of the project.

### 7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Two days for the production and workshop would cost £660, This would be for all of year 9 and the GCSE/A level drama groups.

### 8. Additional information

This project is just one of a multi stranded approach we are taking to domestic abuse awareness. The area board is working with police, health service, community area partnership and other partners on a community wide awareness project.