



DAPHNE PROJECT JLS/DAP/2005-1/249/WYC
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Prevention of intimate partner violence –
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MINUTES

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Place: Videoconference

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Ms Kim Brown, Hampton Trust, Hampshire
Ms Debbie Willis, Hampton Trust, Hampshire
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Mr Kenny Stolpe, Värmland County Council
Mr Petter Niljung, Värmland County Council
Ms Carolina Jernbro, evaluator

§ 1 Welcome & introduction of participants

Carolina Jernbro wished the participants welcome to the 3rd videoconference. All the participants introduced themselves.

§ 2 Regional reports & internal evaluation

Each region presented their part of the project:

In **Värmland** four education sessions for healthcare staff have been successfully completed. Over 130 people have been reached. The data for the pre-measurement has been collected and a post-measurement will be sent out to the participants to see if they have increased their knowledge about dv. Seminars for staff concerning treatment of perpetrators are now running. A 1 day seminar on evidence based methods for riskassessment took place recently. In October there will be a seminar when launching a handbook for healthcare professionals concerning culture of honour, and in December there will be a seminar regarding treatment of fathers to be with violent behaviour. A dialogue meeting with politicians is planned as well.

In **Graz** there has been progress in the networking process. They have strengthened the cooperation with the women's healthcare center and the violence protection center. A paper has been written (in German) regarding the concept of cooperation with other actors in the field of domestic violence. Männerberatung Graz has also established a connection with the Mens counselling center and intervention center in Vienna and an exchange meeting with the Viennese Daphne project (work with perpetrators) is planned.

In **Hampshire** they developed training materials for SRE forums. There are 11 SRE forums across Hampshire consisting of those working in the health, social and educational fields of practice. They have also developed an 8 week training manual for work with young people on domestic abuse for schools to utilise. Schools find it difficult to raise the topic as they will have



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to deal with any child in need or safeguarding issues that arise from disclosure. They also feel that that 8 week programme is too long as there are other competing demands on the curriculum, and therefore recommend to link domestic violence to bullying.

In Hampshire they continue to pilot a programme with young men who have committed a violent offence and have been screened positive for personal experiences of DA. They have undertaken training with staff in Youth Offending Teams (YOT) around Hampshire on domestic abuse (same as SRE forums). A training manual has been developed and adapted accordingly as pilot continues. They have now completed three cohorts with approx 8 young men in each cohort.

In *Devon*, the programme with perpetrator and victim is moving along. The perpetrator programme starts with one to one sessions for 12 weeks and then it continues with group work for 30 Weeks. 30 men were accepted to the program but 17 men have dropped off. These men have been interviewed on the phone to find reasons for the high number of drop-offs

Partners are offered support as well, but only 50% accepts the support.

Rachel will email more details to Carolina.

Continuation and funding of the programme when the Daphne project ends is of concern at the moment.

External evaluation: If there are any changes of the activities, Carolina would like to be notified by email so she can incorporate the changes in the logical model.

§ 3 Annual report

Some changes of terminology needs to made regarding Hampshires part of the annual report. Kim will email the changes to Åsa. Rachel will send some changes to be made as well for the Devon part.

There is a wish to make the final report more as ONE project.

The projects linkage to public health is of great importance for all regions to keep in mind when reporting (evaluation).

§ 4 Financial report

Maria has received all the financial documents she needs at the time.

§ 5 Webb

The website of the project has about 10-18 visitors a day. A question was raised how to make better use of the website. An idea is to give simple reports more frequently (on a weekly basis) to put on the website.

The website will be kept after the end of the project.

§ 6 Planning Devon conference

Rachel told us their plans for the conference November 29th.

A decision was made to have a "pure" Daphne meeting the 30th, and will focus on the final report, the public health approach, continuation etc. All regions will email Roy or Rachel the times for arrival and departure, so they can make accommodation plans. Dinner is planned on Wednesday



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but might (if possible) be changed to Thursday night, because of the late arrivals on Wednesday.

§ 7 Question from AER concerning continuing/new Daphne project

AER sent the question regarding continuing/new Daphne project. Regions will think this over until meeting in Devon in November.

§ 8 Updated information for the final conference

Programme – further regional political steps

Sponsoring – partner visits

The frames are set for the final conference. Åsa is spreading the first announcement. The department for research and public health are sponsoring money for the conference which will also include sponsoring for partner visits (about 420 Euro per person, 2 per region).

It is important for each region to line out the further political steps when the project ends to present at the conference. All regions should involve their AER representatives concerning this question. Åsa will get the names of the representatives in each region from Ulla and will email the names to partners. It is also important to line out the practical steps that will be taken when the project ends. This will be discussed further at the conference in Devon.