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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 July 2021 09:25  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Disclosure Scotland Domestic Abuse Scheme (DSDAS)  
**Attachments:** DSDAS CEC processes.docx; Partners Protocol V.02 with KP comments.docx

This is great! Jackie is letting adult SW services know that she is seeking representation for DSDAS and expects them to provide staff.

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**From:** Jackie Irvine <Jackie.irvine@edinburgh.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 29 July 2021 18:09

**To:** Judith Proctor <Judith.Proctor@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Disclosure Scotland Domestic Abuse Scheme (DSDAS)

Dear both just giving you a heads up about the request to have some EHSCP involvement in this area of work.

This is the police run scheme where people can ask for information about whether their partners have a history of domestic abuse. There are two parts to this – police can consider to share relevant information after multi-agency screening following such a request, but they can also separately (out with a request) consider of there are people who need to be notified about serious DA concern in relation to partners/family members.

The demand and outcomes form this process has grown significantly – which is positive news – and to date it has in the main been supported by the criminal justice staff and [REDACTED] from SCD.

The ask is that we need to engage with your locality teams to take part in the main around the screening of information about cases in advance of the DSDAS meeting and then someone to represent your service at the meeting.

Children and families have agreed to contribute likewise.

I ma about to go on leave for a week – but would hope to be in touch with Locality managers on my return. As I am sure you will appreciate this is very much an issue regarding Adult Support and Protection and in the last year the number of DA related referrals in adult services has increased significantly – so I wold hope that your teams would find it helpful and supportive to be involved in this multi-agency process.

Once reps are identified there is some work to do In revising processes – internally and with our external partners.

There would also be the opportunity of staff new to this to undertake some Safe and Together DA training which we would provide.

Look forward to hearing from you

Much appreciated  
Jackie

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Disclosure Scotland Domestic Abuse Scheme (DSDAS)

Hi All

Following on from our recent meetings, I agreed to send a communication relating to the DSDAS. Reasons for the work taking place include:

- CEC response to DSDAS sits only with 1 individual at SCD and 3 staff at Domestic Abuse Services – inadequately resourced
- Significant increase in workload from DSDAS
- No involvement of adult or children's services social work staff out with SCD means there is a limited shared understanding of the partnership work or CEC social work role in the process
- Current process is out of date and not fit for purpose.

I agreed to share relevant relating to the changes required to support CEC participation in DSDAS moving forward. I have attached:

- a summary of the issues to date and suggested changes needed, including changes to the current CEC processes
- draft partners protocol that will need finalising once a new CEC process has been agreed.

My suggestions are to:

1. identify 1 further Sector/Senior manager to share the CEC rep role with the current Sector Manager (attending Decision Making Forum (DMF) fortnightly/sometimes 3 weekly)
2. Identify 2 additional Team Leader/Senior social work reps who will prepare information for and present information at DMF (preferably from across adult and children's social work services)
3. Convene a short life working group of these people and ESEC/[REDACTED] to update the CEC process with existing staff ([REDACTED])
4. Agree joint protocol with Police Scotland and Edinburgh Women's Aid (currently in DRAFT)
5. Once process is agreed, complete CEC Data Privacy Impact Assessment
6. Confirm governance arrangements with ESEC including quality assurance and reporting.

Let me know before the end of tomorrow if you need any additional information on any of this.

Many thanks.

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