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# BACKGROUND

## SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

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**Q. *What are the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Response Protocols?***

A. The Protocols are new tools aimed at increasing victim safety and providing enhanced services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Peterborough City and County.

**Q. *Who is involved in the Protocols?***

A. The Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network (PDAN) initiated the development of the Protocols. Fifteen organizations, including the police, the Crown, Corrections, child welfare, shelters, support agencies and First Nations partnered together to jointly develop the Protocols.

**Q. *Why were the Protocols developed?***

A. The Protocols were developed to increase cooperation, coordination and collaboration amongst first response agencies involved in responding to sexual assault and domestic violence. The Protocols will also help educate other agencies and the community-at-large about sexual assault and domestic violence issues in our community.

**Q. *What do the Protocols contain?***

A. In addition to agreed-upon principles, beliefs and definitions about sexual assault and domestic violence, the Protocols clearly delineate the specific roles, responsibilities and procedures of each partner agency in responding to incidents of sexual assault and domestic violence.

**Q. *How will the Protocols help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in our community?***

A. The Protocols will ensure that victims and their families receive a consistent, knowledgeable and compassionate response from any agency in our community. Victims and their families will benefit from a more coordinated and integrated community response to sexual assault and domestic violence.

**Q. *How and when will the Protocols be implemented?***

A. Training sessions around the Protocols will be held with partner agency staff and other relevant community agencies over the next several months. Implementation of the Protocols will be monitored, evaluated and updated annually to assess their effectiveness and to ensure that they remain relevant and current.

**Q. *How do I find out more about the Protocols?***

A. Further information about the Protocols can be obtained from any of the partner agencies. The Protocols will be posted on selected agency websites in the coming months.

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