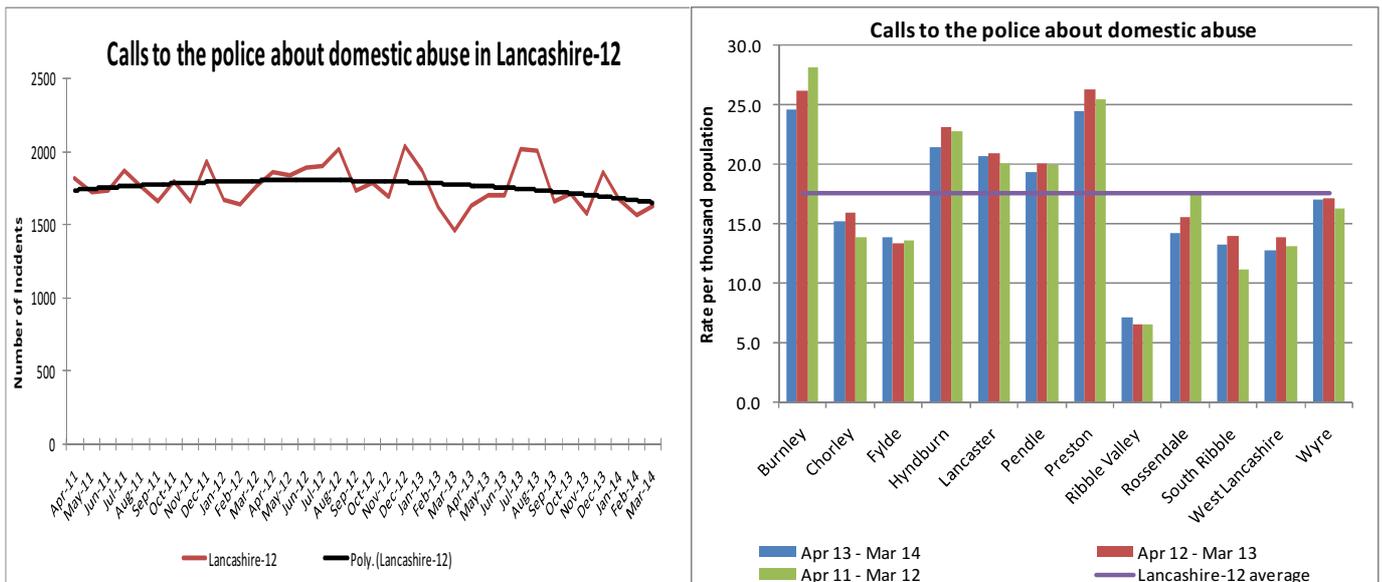


## Appendix C - Domestic Abuse in Lancashire Performance Report

- There were 20,750 calls to the police about domestic abuse between April 2013 and March 2014 in the Lancashire-12 area. This equates to 17.6 per thousand population which is lower than the rate in both Blackburn with Darwen (19.1) and Blackpool (38). The number of calls has shown a slight downward trend over the last three years, reducing by 1.4%. This is a lower reduction than the overall fall in police incidents in the same period (8.9%).



- Burnley and Preston have the highest number of calls to the police about domestic abuse. Hyndburn, Lancaster and Pendle also had above county average numbers of calls. All have seen a reduction in numbers of calls over the last three years.
- 47% (9,853) of the calls to the police about domestic abuse in 2013/14 related to households with at least one child.
- Domestic abuse crimes are **down** 5.3% compared with the 3-year average. This is in contrast to the trend for violence against the person which increased by 9.2% compared with the 3-year average. 66% of crimes were assaults, 10% harassment, and 10% criminal damage.
- Lancashire County Council's children's social care received 4,995 referrals for domestic abuse April 2013 to January 2014, less than half the number of referrals in the same period the previous year.
- Between April 2013 and March 2014, 18% of attendees at accident and emergency departments in Lancashire for an assault gave the assault location as being in the home.

- Independent domestic violence advocates received a total of 3,319 referrals in 2012/13 in the Lancashire-12 area. This has **doubled** to 6,918 referrals in 2013/14. The number of referrals that engaged with the service increased from 3,395 to 4,065 in the same period. 14% were repeat clients in 2013/14. Increased awareness and additional services may explain this increased reporting
- Data from the voluntary, community and faith sector is not consistently reported, but we know that there were at least 23,992 calls to their helplines in 2013/14 in the Lancashire-14 area. An **increase** from 17,766 calls in 2012/13.
- There were 3,028 high risk Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) that took place April 2013 to March 2014 in the Lancashire-14 areas, an **increase** of 40% compared with April 2011 to March 2012 when there were 2,166 MARACs. Increased awareness and workforce training have contributed to this increase. There were 3,799 children in the households where MARACs took place. The rate of repeat has stayed fairly constant at around 23% over the last three years.
- Between April 2013 and March 2014, Lancashire County Council's supporting people service provided 1,050 services to people whose primary need was domestic abuse. Floating support, outreach services and womens refuge were the main services provided. This is an **increase** on the same period a year earlier, when 813 services were provided.
- The number of successful prosecutions has **risen** year on year. In 2013/14, 79% were successful. This is above the national average.
- Lancashire Probation Trust recorded 47 orders made for Building Better Relationships Programme between April and December 2013 in the Lancashire-14 area.