

3 SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FUND AND MULTIPLE AND COMPLEX NEEDS INITIATIVE (AN33-2008)

In December 2007 the Scottish Government announced the next round of funding under the Violence Against Women Funding Stream. Applications can be made by the Local Authority to fund new work for a period of up to 3 years (2008-11).

The Co-ordinator for domestic abuse (based within the Housing Department) is developing an application to this fund to increase the capacity of the Dundee Domestic Abuse Forum's support team. The application will seek resources to cover the cost of employment of a Development Worker for Children and Young People affected by various forms of violence against women, including domestic abuse.

This application is fully supported by the Strategy Group of the Domestic Abuse Forum and will be agreed by the Integrated Children's Services Planners before submission.

In December the Scottish Government also announced an extension to the Multiple and Complex Needs Initiative (funded by the Social Inclusion Division). This fund supports the Tayside Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse Project which is located within the Housing Department. The Project has submitted a bid to extend the work of the project for a further 9 months (until 31st December 2008), which will cover the costs of continued employment of the project Development Worker.

This application is also fully supported by the Strategy Group of the Domestic Abuse Forum and by project partners from across Tayside.