

Following the success of our Specialist Domestic Violence Court at West London Magistrates Court, Standing Together are now pleased to offer our newly designed SDVC Toolkit to those courts developing an SDVC and those who are about to start the journey. We aim to offer a comprehensive guide to the complexities of this form of court and the processes necessary to ensure an effective outcome. Building on some of the components from the original task force SDVC resource manual we are able to offer our expertise to effectively develop and administer an SDVC across your partnership.

The Toolkit describes in detail every element of the process involved in developing, implementing and maintaining an SDVC and highlights the importance of coordination. As a means of establishing the proper foundation of a successful court we also provide the tools and resources we use in West London which ensures that the court's outputs and outcomes are achieved.

We have already received excellent feedback from Brent, the first partnership to receive the benefit of our experience, and Her Majesty's Court Service also support our intentions.

This Toolkit compliments the Bench Book and Good Practice Guide, based on the SDVC at West London Magistrates Court and written by the Head of Legal Services. Standing Together publish this document and copies are available to buy.

Should you be interested in our SDVC Toolkit or the Bench Book please contact Anthony Wills, Chief Executive at Standing Together on a.wills@standingtogether.org.uk or call him on 0208 748 5717.