



A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership

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Dear Partners

Welcome to the July newsletter.

The new laws around Female Genital Mutilation came into force this month and Bedfordshire Police have already used them to stop two girls at Heathrow airport from travelling to Africa. Police suspected the girls were being taken away to have FGM procedures so a protection order was issued. It's believed that over 20,000 UK girls are at risk of this form of child abuse each year so it's great to hear that the new law is being used so quickly.

The final run through of our new elearning module is happening at the moment and we hope to release it very early in August. Remember, the free module will be available to everyone via our website and you can download a certificate on completion.

The Introduction to Domestic Abuse course has been revised and is now 1.5 days – the new dates and locations for 2015-16 are included in the newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and remember that you can submit articles to Amanda.warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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New Domestic Abuse Typologies Training

This half day course aims to provide practitioners with a sound understanding of the Typologies of Domestic Abuse. On completion of this module, practitioners will: Understand the theoretical underpinning of typologies of domestic abuse and be able to apply this theory to their practise. Be able to identify, through contextual assessment, these differing types of abuse. Pre-course training: It is desirable that Delegates should have completed the 2 day Introduction to Domestic Abuse Course and /or have a working knowledge in this area, before accessing this course. Target Audience: Practitioners working at Levels 3 & 4 .Experienced Fip and Senior family Workers/ Social Workers / Police officers / specialist IDVA workers / Marac partners

Next date:14th September 2015

Find more details of this and all domestic abuse courses at
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/social>

MARAC Referral Form updated

We have updated the MARAC referral form to make it clearer and incorporated it with the DASH form and Safe Lives guidance. In Cambridgeshire, we use a version of the DASH with 27 questions rather than the 24 on the standard DASH. The new form is available on our website:

http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/downloads_and_resources_1/96816

National Crime Agency launches campaign to help parents talk to their children about 'sexting'

A new campaign which aims to help parents and carers deal with their children sending self-generated nude or nearly nude images and videos – known as 'sexting' – has been launched by the National Crime Agency (NCA).

A series of short films has been published on the NCA's [website](#) which give parents advice on talking to their children about 'sexting' and helping them keep safe from the risks associated with 'sexting'. The films also explain how parents can get help if their child is at risk after sharing an image.

Additionally, a free guidance pack is available on the [Thinkuknow website](#) to support teachers, police officers and other practitioners working with families to deliver the films' key messages to the parents that they work with.

Survivor speaks out

Emma Murphy is a domestic abuse survivor. After the latest in a series of violence incidents from her partner Emma posted a video on Facebook talking about her experiences, the effects on her children, and encouraging other women to seek support. The video has been viewed around the world and can be viewed at this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_obH6lzDsEs

Survey on improving counselling services across Cambridgeshire

Cogwheel Trust are looking at ways to improve counselling services across Cambridgeshire, and are surveying interested organisations and individuals.

The survey for individuals is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cogwheeluser>

And the survey for organisations is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cogwheelorganisation>

Raising the profile of FGM



A new web app has been launched to provide children and young people with information about Female Genital Mutilation. The summer holidays are a key time for the practise of FGM taking place and the app aims to raise awareness of how FGM can affect the girls that are forced to have it done. <http://petals.coventry.ac.uk/#a>

Prevention Platform launches

The long awaited Prevention Platform from Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) is now live. AVA has been funded by Comic Relief to look at how to prevent Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and they have worked with a range of partners to evaluate current prevention programmes and to develop a whole school approach model. The learning from this work led to the development of the prevention platform which aims to be a unique 'one-stop shop' for information, tools and resources to help you prevent VAWG with the young people you work with.

AVA Prevention Platform <http://www.preventionplatform.co.uk/>

Change that Lasts

Women's Aid (England) and Welsh Women's Aid have worked in partnership to develop a new, cross sector model response to domestic violence: Change that Lasts. Current approaches to tackling domestic violence and abuse and the systems in place have been reviewed in partnership with local services and key national stakeholders from many related fields, and a new common approach is being recommended that places the survivor at the heart and builds responses around their needs and the strengths and resources available to them.

We are already starting to look at a new model for responding to domestic violence in Cambridgeshire and our aims mirror those of Women's Aid – to create a response that meets the needs of victims and survivors and removing barriers.

For more information on the Women's Aid model please visit <http://www.womensaid.org.uk/page.asp?section=00010001001400130011§ionTitle=Change+that+Lasts>

New project news

The Cambridgeshire Safer Communities Partnerships Team are leading on an exciting new project working with women who have had children removed to decrease the chance of any further children they have also being taken into permanent care. The Space Project is being developed with Chronically Excluded Adults, Together For Families, LAC and partners in mental health, midwifery and learning disability. A similar project was recently run in Essex and we are working with them to share learning outcomes. Case studies provided in preparation for the project indicate that domestic abuse is prevalent in a high number of cases where children are removed and a significant number of the women have a learning disability or difficulty. Look out for further updates as the project gets underway.

Is someone missing from your classroom?

School holidays are a key time for children being taken out of the UK and forced into marriage. This practice happens to children of primary school age, not just older girls. Our colleagues at It's My Right – No Forced Marriages have produced some flyers to raise awareness of the issues in time for the summer holidays.

Please contact Amanda.warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk if you would like to be emailed a copy of these.



Victim's Hub receives praise

Cambridgeshire's pioneering model for delivering care and support to victims of crime has received approval from Victims' Commissioner Baroness Newlove.

Baroness Newlove, responsible for promoting the interests of victims and witnesses across England and Wales, visited the Force's Victims' Hub last month to see how vulnerable people are being offered help to recover from their experiences of criminality.

The Baroness was impressed with the approach taken in Cambridgeshire which has been adopted by other forces nationally and is regarded as an example of best practice.

Since January, the Hub has been dealing with medium and low risk domestic abuse incidents and have dealt with 1332 cases so far. The hub makes safe contact with the victim to assess their needs and, where appropriate, makes a referral to the relevant specialist services. Over 800 referrals have been passed on to specialist services. The system is successfully reducing the number of referrals to specialist agencies where people do not want to engage with support, allowing them to focus on those who do want support.

Britain's Lost Women Day

14th July was the first Britain's Lost Women Day – a day to remember the women murdered by honour killings in the UK. An estimated 5,000 women across the world are killed each year for bringing 'shame' upon their families; at least 12 of these victims are British, but the true number is thought to be far higher, as many simply 'disappear'. UK police forces recorded more than 11,000 cases of "honour" crime between 2010 and 2014.

The date was chosen as 14th July was the birthday of Shafiea Ahmed – after suffering years of abuse and being forced into marriage, Shafiea was suffocated by her parents in front of her siblings, she was aged just 17.

Events held to mark the day included a London conference where survivors of "honour-based" violence will share their stories. The conference was also the launch of a report by the Henry Jackson Society on [Honour Killings in the UK](#).

The report reveals that:

- The majority of honour killings are carried out on women, by close male family members - although men can be victims, and women have played both active and passive roles in killings and attempted killings.
- Due to the nature of the issue, the scale of the problem is unknown, but around 29 cases of killings or attempted killings have been reported in the media over the last five years.
- There is currently a severe lack of awareness among schools, while police forces are failing to properly identify, record, and report 'honour'-based crimes.
- Raising awareness is a critical step in challenging the problem



New DAAT website



The Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) have launched a new look website. The site gives information for the public and professionals about the support available for people with drug or alcohol issues in Cambridgeshire, as well as downloadable resources and leaflets.

The site can be found at <http://www.cambsdaat.org/>

Stop Online Abuse: New website launched

A new website tackling online abuse aimed at women and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) people was launched on 27 June.

Stop Online Abuse (www.stoponlineabuse.org.uk) is a government funded site created by Galop, an LGBT anti-violence charity, in consultation with Trans Media Watch, the Women's Resource Centre, Gender Identity Research and Education Society, Rights of Women, Allsorts, End Violence Against Women and the LGBT Consortium.

The website provides advice for individuals, especially women and LGBT people (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans*) about fighting abuse and harassment online and in other media.

It is particularly aimed at people facing online harassment, domestic abuse, revenge porn, stalking, hate speech, sexual harassment, outing and blackmail, and contains advice about the law, sources of support and speaking up against abusive or derogatory online comments.

DHIVERSE joins our healthy relationships list

DHIVERSE are one of the providers of healthy relationships workshops to schools in Cambridgeshire and they have just signed up to our quality assurance self-assessment which helps to ensure these sessions are delivered consistently and safely.

Feedback from a recent survey of 508 pupils attending the DHIVERSE workshops shows that 97.6% felt the workshop was useful and 93.3% said they learned something new. Almost 90% of pupils said they would welcome further sessions.

Amy Nowell from DHIVERSE says 'As part of our commitment to enabling young people to thrive in their personal relationships, our workshop on Healthy Relationships is delivered with the aim to promote having open and honest conversations about love and relationships. Although our focus is to demonstrate positive relationships, we also equip young people with age appropriate skills to promote their own well-being and to identify traits within relationships that are damaging and how they can seek support if they do identify them.'

DHIVERSE join Centre 33 and SexYOUAlity as providers of healthy relationships workshops to children and young people that have signed up to the Cambs DASV Partnership quality criteria. Details of providers can be found on the SRE Gateway <http://www.cambs sre.org.uk/>

For more information on DHIVERSE workshops or other services please contact the Young People's team on 01223 508805 or at info@dhiverse.org.uk or find them at www.dhiverse.org.uk

On 15th July the Green Party MP Caroline Lucas tried to get the government to agree to making PSHE compulsory in schools. Her bill required:

- PSHE to be a statutory subject for all state-funded schools in England and Wales
- for these lessons to include Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)
- education on ending violence against women and girls
- teacher training and guidance on best practice for delivering these lessons

The Education Secretary said she intends to look at all the options to ensure PSHE is taught well everywhere but did not back to call to make the subject mandatory.



Introduction to Domestic Abuse

Course Aim:

To raise awareness of domestic abuse and its impact on children and young people and to improve partnership working where domestic abuse is a feature within families.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Understand the definition and basic dynamics of domestic abuse.
- Reviewed basic relevant legislation
- Understand the need for risk assessing, safety planning and partnership working
- Have an enhanced awareness of how domestic abuse between parents/carers and guardians impacts upon their parenting capacity, the children's well-being and development
- Develop their skills to work in a focused, timely and effective manner with DV partner agencies

Target Audience: This is a multi-agency training aimed at front line staff working with children, young people and families, for example Social Workers, Police, Family Workers, Health Visitors and Young People workers in either the statutory or voluntary sector.

This course is not suitable as a refresher, for training beyond this level please contact LSCB

Dates / Venues:

Tues & Wed	6-7 October 2015	Arbury Community Centre
Wed & Thurs	4-5 November 2015	March Town Hall
Tues & Wed	8-9 December 2015	March Town Hall
Wed & Thurs	20-21 January 2016	CPDC, Hobson Room
Tues & Wed	23-24 February 2016	March Town Hall
Wed & Thurs	16-17 March 2016	Stanton House, Huntingdon
Tues & Wed	19-20 April 2016	Stanton House, Huntingdon
Wed & Thurs	18-19 May 2016	Stanton House, Huntingdon
Tues & Wed	14-15 June 2016	Stanton House, Huntingdon
Wed & Thurs	13-14 July 2016	Stanton House, Huntingdon

Times: Day one 9.30am – 4.30pm
Day two 9.30am – 1.00pm

Trainer/s: Ruth Croker and Julia Cullum

For course bookings please go to:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/social>

Refuge-Cambridgeshire partners with One Voice for Travellers

Refuge-Cambridgeshire has partnered with gypsy and traveller charity, One Voice for Travellers, to provide culturally appropriate support to traveller women experiencing domestic violence.

Refuge supports women from a variety of different cultures and backgrounds. In the last year in Cambridgeshire, Refuge supported a number of women from the traveller community. Refuge staff worked closely with the charity 'One Voice for Travellers', an organisation which supports women and children in gypsy and traveller communities affected by violence, to provide culturally appropriate support both in a refuge setting and in the community.

Staff received training from One Voice 4 Travellers on how to support women from the traveller community, including use of language and how to ask questions about abuse and wellbeing. For example, they discovered that the women they were supporting were unlikely to use the phrase "mental health" but instead talk about feeling unwell – understanding these differences made it easier to decipher a woman's needs and provide the right support. Refuge staff also provided domestic violence awareness training to staff from One Voice 4 Travellers.

This partnership, and shared training, has enabled Refuge and One Voice for Travellers to jointly support traveller women and children in the Cambridgeshire area; enabling the organisations to support the women and children to identify their needs and find the most appropriate way of meeting them.

Cambridge City Council Tackling Domestic Violence/Abuse

by Ann Sinnott, Lead Councillor on Domestic Violence/Abuse

Since taking control in 2014, Labour-led Cambridge City Council has made significant strides in its determination to tackle domestic violence/abuse (DV/A) in the City. DV/A is now a strategic priority for the Council, a Lead Councillor on the issue was appointed (myself) and so too a part-time DV/A coordinator (Louise Walker).

Domestic Violence/Abuse (DV/A) may largely occur in private but it is really a matter for us all. DV/A is a scourge on our society. DV/A takes place in all communities, at all social levels and in all social classes. It takes place in our neighbourhoods - in the house round the corner, the flat upstairs, or the house next door. In our working lives we unknowingly meet, associate with and sit next to both perpetrators and victims. Someone in a nearby queue at the supermarket will be a victim or perpetrator. The person we sit next to on the bus or the train is likely to be a victim or perpetrator. Among those our children are at school/college/university with, perhaps among their friends, there are children and young people who are living with the disastrous impacts of DV/A.

Because the issue is so endemic in communities, Cambridge communities have a crucial role to play in helping to eradicate DV/A. With Louise's able assistance, I set about recruiting leading figures in the city to membership of a Community Forum on the issue. Members of the Forum include: major commercial employers (Deloitte, ARM, Microsoft, Marshall Aerospace, Anglian Water and Cambridge City

Hotel); academic institutions (includes both universities); music venues (Cambridge Live! and The Junction); sports clubs (CUFC, CURUFC), and other leading representatives from various Cambridge circles. Our intention is to broaden this membership base: GLL, the company that runs the city's swimming pools, is our latest recruit.

Cambridge Community Forum on Domestic & Sexual Violence/Abuse officially launched on 9 February 2015 with a focus on DV/A. The event, designed as an intensive myth-busting awareness-raising day for Forum members included Speakers, a play and a film and was an unqualified success. Comments by members: "I had no idea!" "My eyes have been really opened!" "I'm traumatised but I'm so grateful!"

The Forum meets quarterly but, at the request of Forum members, sub-groups have been formed which meet more regularly; two sub-groups so far: (i) Commercial Employers and (ii) Educational Institutions; with more planned.

Forum members, now enlightened, are passing on their knowledge to others in their various circles and, in some cases, overhauling HR policies.

Parallel to the formation of the Community Forum, the Council also started work to obtain White Ribbon Status. The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) is aimed at men to get them to pledge not to commit, collude or keep silent about DV/A.

As part of our WR work, six male WR Ambassadors (WRAs) have been appointed to date: Stephen Pattison, ARM, Vice President for Public Affairs; Dave Doggett, CUFC Chair; DI Mark Woolner, Head of the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit; Adam Ratcliffe, Director of CAMBAC; Shapour Meftah, City Councillor and Member of the Muslim community; Russ McPherson, City Councillor and Security Student Liaison Manager at Cambridge Regional College. Please note, the last two are NOT political appointments!

On 6 June, we hosted a White Ribbon stall outside the Guildhall with four WRAs in attendance (see picture below). Each WRA valiantly took their turn to don the WRC's 'Dave the Dog' costume – valiantly because the suit was hot! Hosting the stall was great fun! More importantly, we engaged with members of the public and many men signed the WRC pledge.



Using our WRAs as spearheads, WRA Talks are now in process of being arranged at various city venues, aimed at different target audiences, for Autumn/Winter 2015.

It's been a great year and, in conjunction with Forum Members and our WRAs, we will build on this strong foundation over the coming year. We aim to make Cambridge into a shining beacon, a City that lights the way and leads the way. A City that says "No!" to Domestic and Sexual Violence/Abuse.

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Domestic Abuse Awareness Event Cambridge City

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership held a Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence awareness raising event on 8 July 2015 at Anglia Ruskin University. 77 professionals and front-line colleagues attended from a range of organisations including the voluntary sector, education, local authority, housing, police and crime agencies.

The event was opened by Liz Bisset, Chair of the Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership (CSP), who provided the background to the CSP and the Domestic Abuse Priority in the Cambridge Community Safety three year Plan. She also talked about the Partnership's funded projects such as the Bobby Scheme, Community Forum and Healthy Relationships Workshops.

Liz Bisset stated that the theme of the event was 'Recovering from Violence and Abuse' to demonstrate the positive messages and introduced each of the speakers:

Colleen Moore, Principal Lecturer in Criminology, Anglia Ruskin University

Simon Kerss, Manager, Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership

Nicky Wrigley, Chief Executive, Cambridge Women's Resources Centre

Angie Stewart, Project Co-ordinator, Cambridge Women's Aid

Adam Ratcliffe and Councillor Shapour Meftah, White Ribbon Campaign Male Ambassadors

Very positive feedback was received. It was felt that the event was very informative, with inspirational and empowering speeches from the different agencies. Attendees felt that contribution from a diverse range of partners from local government to academics and the voluntary sector was very valuable, with also the opportunity to hear about the White Ribbon Campaign and the Cambridge Ambassadors.

More information about Cambridge City CSP can be found at

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>

The White Ribbon Campaign, visit <http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/>

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