



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

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Dear Partners

Welcome to the June newsletter.

Our new website now has a section for the latest research papers in the field – you can find it in the Professionals area. If your organisation has a website we'd be grateful if you could put a link to our site on there too www.cambsdasv.org.uk

The final touches are being made to the new domestic abuse elearning module and we will be asking partners to test it shortly prior to making it available to everyone

Our short films about domestic abuse and the services available in Cambs should start filming in July – officers will be able to show the films to victims on the police tablets when attending an incident.

It all seems to have gone quiet on the Government's plans to make SRE mandatory in schools but, in the meantime, we have signed up to support the PSHE Association's pledge to make PSHE education a statutory requirement. You can sign up at this link <https://pshe-association.org.uk/content.aspx?CategoryID=1183&ArticleID=1144>

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

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

First refuge for older women opens in North East

EVA Women's Aid (Emerging from Violence and Abuse) have opened the country's first refuge specifically for older women. The refuge, which caters for women up to 80 years old, can offer accommodation for up to four women at a time. EVA are working with other organisations to share learning to enable more specialist refuges for women aged 45 and over to be opened.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Event Cambridge City

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership will be holding a free Domestic Abuse Awareness Raising event for professionals and frontline staff on Wednesday 8 July from 9.30 - 13.00 at Anglia Ruskin University. This will be followed by a free networking lunch.

The programme will include guest speakers from Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre, Cambridge Women's Aid, Cambridge Women's Resources Centre, the Manager of the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership, and a lecturer in Criminology.

Refreshments will be available from 9.00am with the programme starting promptly at 9.30am.

There will be a maximum of 200 attendees. To book a place please contact Louise Walker, Partnership Support Officer, Safer Communities Section on 01223 457808 or by email louise.walker@cambridge.gov.uk by **Monday 29th June.**

More information about Cambridge City CSP can be found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>

Are you delivering services that support children, young people's or families' mental health?

A range of commissioners and service providers are undertaking a joint project to map emotional well-being and mental health services from all sectors in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against evidence of good practice.

They want to know who out there is doing what work, and understand the gaps.

The information will be used in a range of ways:

- To add to existing directories of services so that families can get better advice on what is available.
- To understand which needs are being well met
- To understand which needs are less well met

Please take the time to complete this survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACT_MHinfo

The closing date for the first round of data collection is **30th June 2015**. After this the survey link will remain open, so that new organisations can add their information. Existing survey respondents will be contacted regularly to check their information is still up to date.

Sexting warning to young people

Cambridgeshire Police are reminding children and young people that sharing explicit images of under-18s is an offence even if they are taken by the youngsters themselves. The warning comes after data shows that 27 under 18s in the county were reported over the crime in 2014/15 - just two children were reported the previous year.

ChildLine have a number of useful tips about how to avoid being the subject of sexting and what to do if it has happened

<https://www.childline.org.uk/explore/online-safety/Pages/Sexting.aspx>

Survey: Service provision for female victims of same sex domestic violence

Emily Moreton is a PhD student at the University of Bristol, conducting research into service provision for female victims of same sex domestic violence.

The first stage of the research is an online survey which asks professionals about their experiences of and thoughts on working with this client group. The second stage involves talking to survivors.

Please help by filling in the survey <https://sps.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/samesexdva>

New animated film about FGM

London based African women's charity FORWARD, have released an animated film to address the issue of female genital mutilation (FGM).

FGM is an act of gender-based violence that has affected more than 130 million girls and women globally. Many migrant communities residing in Europe continue the practice, and it is estimated that in the UK over 100,000 women are living with the consequences of FGM and 60,000 girls are at risk.

Needlecraft is the first animated film of its kind to address the issue of female genital mutilation (FGM) and is one of three new films about FGM produced by Animage Films.

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Needlecraft can be viewed here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgbvZzCZU_4

Support to witnesses of crime

Sir Graham Bright, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, highlighted support to witnesses in his latest Connect newsletter. A victim's or witness's journey through the criminal justice system is often very intimidating – especially when it comes to court and giving evidence. However, there is specialist advice and support available which aims to assist every witness through this anxious process. From April 1, Citizens Advice took on responsibility for the Witness Service, offering practical advice and emotional support to witnesses and their families when called to give evidence during criminal trials across England and Wales.

This service greets and directs witnesses, explains court procedures, shares progress on cases and offers bespoke support to young witnesses and anyone at risk.

Information is available at this link <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wspartners/>

Suicide Prevention Talk

Wednesday 8th July 2015
6:30pm – 7:30pm

The Fletton Centre, 139B Fletton Avenue,
Peterborough, PE2 8BY

Join Dr Zahoor Syed, CPFT Consultant, as he discusses suicide and preventative measures.

Born in Kashmir (India), Dr Syed came to the UK in 2002 after completing his medical degree. He trained as a junior doctor in Scotland and completed his specialist training in Adult Psychiatry and Substance Misuse in Cambridge. Dr Syed joined Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) in 2008 as consultant and is currently Associate Clinical Director for the Acute Division.



Dr Zahoor Syed

Refreshments provided, on-street parking located near
to venue

To book your **free** place, please contact Lauren
MacIntyre on 01223 726768 or
foundationtrust@cpft.nhs.uk

Survey on Victim's Personal Statements

The Victim's Commissioner has launched a survey focusing on victims personal statements. The aim is to develop a better understanding of victim personal statement processes and what agencies could do better to facilitate their use constructively. The review will aim to clarify the purpose of victim personal statements and explore victims' experiences and understanding of what it means for their victim personal statements to be taken into account.

For more information and to take the survey please follow this link <http://victimscommissioner.org.uk/review/current-review/>

Festival with a difference

For 4 days from 30th July to 2nd of August, comedians, performers, journalists, writers, visual artists, musicians, cartoonists, psychologists, activists, therapists, and the public will come together in a vibrant, funny, very human exploration of themes around sexual abuse, sexual violence, and consent. The Clear Lines Festival, being held at l'klectik, Old Paradise Yard, 20 Carlisle Lane, SE1 7LG, aims to replace shame and silence usually associated with this issue, with insight, understanding and community. The programme features a range of film, art and theatre as well as key speakers, comedy and writing workshops.

For more information visit www.clearlines.org.uk

Words with meaning

The website Rape is Not Sex have a useful booklet about how to describe rape or sexual assault – using words that resonate with rape, not sex. The guide may be useful for victims when explaining the crime to the police or in court – although victims involved in current court cases should not be given the booklet or website link as it could constitute coaching and could cause the case to be dismissed in the UK. The booklet can be downloaded at <http://www.rapeisnotsex.com/>

A double first

South Yorkshire had their first FGM court order granted on 12th June. The Non-molestation order was placed on a three year old girl that police had identified as being at risk from Female Genital Mutilation and prevents her being taken out of the country, or travel documents being applied for in her name. It also protects the child against any violence or threats of violence, including FGM.

In more ground-breaking news, the first prosecution under Forced Marriage Laws resulted in the perpetrator receiving a 16 year sentence for crimes including forced-marriage, rape and voyeurism. The victim was also subjected to controlling and coercive behaviour.