



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

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Dear Partners

November is a key month for domestic abuse awareness with the UN International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls taking place on 25th November and this date also heralds the start of the 16 Days of Action campaign. See page 4 for more information.

We recently ran a year-long awareness campaign specifically aimed at encouraging older women to seek support which was in partnership with our colleagues in Adult Safeguarding and the national organisation Action on Elder Abuse. Data shows that referrals to the IDVA service from people over 60 increased in the 12 months by 32%. We have also had an increase of 195% in referrals for victims with disabilities in the last year so we are working with the PDSI Partnership Board (service user group) to find out how we can better support victims with disabilities – plans include specialist training for IDVAs and a public and professionals awareness campaign.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Governance Board met earlier this month and signed off the new joint training offer around domestic abuse – see page two for details of courses that are now offered across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The joint VAWG Needs Assessment, commissioned by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, was also agreed and will be taken forward by the Partnership and a new action plan will be drawn up in due course.

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

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Training update

A Joint training offer for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has now been developed – the courses below are available to practitioners in both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/training_1/86050

Level 1:

Domestic Abuse Basic Awareness eLearning via www.cambsdasv.org.uk

Forced Marriage Awareness eLearning (Forced Marriage Unit)

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/resources/awareness-of-forced-marriage-resource-pack/>

Level 2:

Introduction to Domestic Abuse (CCC Workforce Development)

Children Experiencing Domestic Violence (CCC Workforce Development)

Children, Young People and Domestic Violence (Cambridgeshire LSCB)

Barnardos DVRIM (Cambridgeshire LSCB)

Forced Marriage and Safeguarding (Cambs LSCB)

Safeguarding Adults Domestic Abuse (Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Adults Team)

Introduction to the effects of domestic abuse (via Peterborough LSCB)

Honour based violence (via Peterborough LSCB)

Level 3:

Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment (CCC Workforce Development)

Domestic Abuse – Using DASH to risk assess the situation (via Peterborough LSCB)

Domestic Abuse Typologies (CCC Workforce Development)

Engaging with Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse (CCC Workforce Development)

Level 4:

Cambridgeshire only:

Managing Domestic Abuse in Families (CCC Workforce Development)

Peterborough only:

Understanding the Freedom Programme (via Peterborough LSCB)

How to book:

Cambridgeshire County Council Workforce development courses can be booked via:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learn-together/social>

Cambridgeshire LSCB courses can be booked via: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/training>

Peterborough LSCB courses can be booked via:

<http://www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk/children-board/professionals/training/>

Cambridgeshire Adult Safeguarding courses can be booked via

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20166/working_together/581/adult_safeguarding_training

Details of training offered by other providers can be found on the website at:

http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/other_training/175247

Yarnbombing to raise money for Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre

A floral spectacle has been created on Jesus Green by a team of knitters and crocheters to raise money for the Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre.

One in five UK women between the ages of 16-59 has experienced sexual violence, and the artwork is intended to raise awareness of this.

The artwork is made from over 1,000 knitted and crocheted Rhapsody clematis flowers and leaves, covering 12 square metres of fencing on Jesus Green, by the picturesque River Cam.

Sarah Clark, owner of Cambridge wool shop The Sheep Shop, said: "The artwork had a big visual impact, you can't miss it and it's beautiful. I think it is made more beautiful by the fact so many people worked together to bring it to life."

Clare Collier, who was instrumental in planning the yarnbomb, said: "I'm passionate about yarnbombing, and have been running national yarnbombing projects for the last three years. They bring people together, form community, and can raise money, and awareness.

"Sarah has a Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre collection box on her till, and a light bulb moment made it obvious to me what we should be doing. I feel proud to have been part of this project, and feel it highlights the significant problem that women still face in our society, from sexual violence."

Norah Al Ani from Cambridge Rape Crisis said "Sexual violence is a hidden epidemic in our society, over 400,000 women are sexually assaulted each year, 70,000 are raped and it is estimated there are 4.5million adults living in the UK today who are survivors of child sexual abuse. The impact of sexual violence can often be very silencing and hidden so to see this beautiful yarnbomb being so visible and bold in a public space really helps to raise awareness about a difficult issue in a very accessible way.

"Everyone at Cambridge Rape Crisis was so touched and moved by the vision, creativity and energy of those who organised and made this amazing piece of public art possible. The yarnbomb in its beauty not only helps to raise awareness about the issue it also celebrates the courage, strength and resilience of survivors of sexual violence".

The artwork will be in place until the last week of October.



Remember November

We will be joining organisations and individuals across the world in highlighting the UN International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls on 25th November. The theme this year is Education, and we will be sharing quotes on social media from young people in Cambridgeshire about why learning about healthy relationships is important to them. We will also be highlighting findings from Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in Schools report.

The 16 Days of Action campaign also starts on 25th November and runs until 10th December – the campaign is aimed at businesses to support them to take action against domestic abuse and violence by encouraging them sign a pledge to do everything they can to prevent stalking, violence and abuse in their workplace and to support employees that experience these crimes <http://16daysofaction.co.uk/sign-the-pledge/>



Fenland Community Safety Partnership will be raising awareness of the 16 Days campaign with businesses that have signed up to their DA awareness scheme and Advice Chain app.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary will also be raising awareness around 16 Days of Action.

Helen's victory

In BBC4's *The Archers*, the Family Court has awarded Helen custody of her two children, five year old Henry and baby Jack. The Court ruled that the risk of harm, including psychological, emotional and physical harm, was too great for it to be in Henry's interests to see Rob and that it was unsafe for Rob to have unsupervised access to his son Jack.

Henry had been separated from his mother during her five months in custody, living with Rob, where he had been victim of psychological and emotional harm, with only very limited access to his much-loved grandparents, Pat and Tony.

The impact of being affected by domestic abuse on Henry is likely to be damaging. We have a series of leaflets on our website explaining how domestic abuse can affect children at different ages <http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/parenting/185992>

Healthy Relationships update

The charity Safe Partnership has recently launched a new website aimed at children and young people that contains information about healthy relationships and consent

<http://www.safedate.org.uk/>



The website mentions workshops for schools but these are not available in Cambridgeshire. However, Centre 33 and SexYouAlity continue to provide their Healthy Relationships workshops to schools across Cambridgeshire and sessions are currently being planned in East Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City, thanks to funding from the Community Safety Partnerships. There is also some funding from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for other areas so if your school would like a workshop please contact Amanda.Warburton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Freedom Programme training in Peterborough

Peterborough Local Safeguarding Board are offering the following course to professionals in the Peterborough area: **Understanding the Freedom Programme 14th 15th December**

This training will be facilitated by Tracy Foster – Service Manager at Women's Aid

Aim : To enable a greater understanding of the complexities of domestic abuse.
To assist practitioners in recognising the beliefs held by perpetrators of domestic abuse and to recognise which beliefs they may have shared.
Enable practitioners in Peterborough to deliver the programme

Peterborough LSCB courses can be booked via:

<http://www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk/children-board/professionals/training/>

New advocacy services to strengthen voices, support choice and empower people to take control.

From 10th October, general advocacy services adults, carers, children and young people, across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will be brought together into one service called Total Voice.

Total Voice is aimed at:

- People over 18 who have a disability, learning disability or autism, mental health issues or sensory impairments
- People over 16 who are severely or profoundly deaf
- Older people, who are over 65 and have social or health care needs who do not have any friends and family to assist them
- Carers, including young carers and parent carers.

Total Voice is jointly commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council to ensure a joined-up service to best meet the advocacy needs of our local communities. It brings together specialist advocacy providers, VoiceAbility, Cambridgeshire Deaf Association and NYAS.

Advocacy is about supporting people to speak for themselves so that their views, wishes and opinions about their care and well-being are heard and understood. Advocates are there to give people independent help so they feel more empowered, understand their rights and their choices and can take more control over decisions in their lives.

The new Total Voice service will comprise:

- a dedicated helpline for people who want information about advocacy support available, or to make a referral to the service. Helpline advocates will give immediate assistance to people so they are supported to self-advocate, they are informed about local support services, and get self-help advocacy materials available.
- a new peer support offer and group advocacy, led by trained volunteers who have had similar experiences to help people make positive changes to their lives.
- One-to-one advocacy for eligible people, delivered by professional and experienced advocates.

Telephone number for Total Voice Advocacy enquiries and referrals - 0300 222 5704.

For more information about all Total Voice services, visit the website: www.totalvoicecp.org

Please note: Total Voice does not include the Domestic Violence or Sexual Violence Advocacy/Advisory Services



Cambridge and Peterborough

News from the BeNCH

BeNCH CRC, along with the local National Probation Service, will be piloting GPS tagging technology from 10th October 2016. There are a number of pilots of the technology taking place nationally, each with a different focus. The focus in BeNCH will be using GPS tagging as a licence condition to monitor compliance with exclusion zones. Previously there has been no way of monitoring exclusion zones beyond police and other third party intelligence. This pilot will give us and the public much greater assurance that an offender is complying with the conditions of their licence, which are designed to mitigate the risk of further offending and risk of harm.

In addition to this, if a BeNCH CRC member of staff becomes concerned about the offender's risk of harm in a particular location or towards a particular person, for example an ex-partner, we can apply to the Prison Governor to retrospectively issue an exclusion zone monitored by GPS tag. This should ensure that we can better and more quickly protect the public from harm and also enable us to manage risk of harm in the community where before our only option may have been to recall that person to custody. We're excited to have been chosen to be at the forefront of piloting the new tagging technology and thereby improve the quality of service we provide to our local communities.

We will continue to work closely with the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) over the coming months to develop and fine tune operating procedures that could eventually be rolled out nationally.

Victims and Witness Hub

The already successful Victims' Hub has been merged with the Constabulary's Witness Care Team to provide an 'end to end' support service for all victims and witnesses of crime.

Victim and Witness Care Co-ordinators can provide emotional and practical support to anyone affected by crime from the point of reporting and through any criminal justice process including giving evidence at court. The team also work closely with the Citizens Advice Bureau – who run a court-based witness service – to organise pre-trial visits and ensure a volunteer can offer support at court.

The Victim and Witness Hub, which is a free service, means that victims and witnesses, including bereaved relatives, parents or guardians of victims under 18 and even employees of business targeted by criminals will receive tailored support from the outset, should they need it. It is also available to victims of crime who don't want to report to the police.

The co-ordinators provide emotional and practical support and can refer and signpost to other specialist services where required. This could include support for mental health issues, young victims of crime, practical help making homes secure or even linking people to community services. A number of co-ordinators also act as champions for victims of certain crime types such as hate crime, domestic abuse, burglary and cybercrime.

Victims can also benefit from face to face emotional support from a team of volunteers trained and accredited by the Hub staff.

Commissioning news

Some key services around domestic abuse and sexual violence are currently being commissioned in Cambridgeshire:

Women's Refuge and countywide Outreach Service

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/561c88ee-0fbd-447b-acd5-f691e04c8604>

Countywide support services for victims of sexual violence

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=17752&B=BLUELIGHT&PS=1&PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders



Centre 33 is a leading regional charity offering free and confidential information, support and counselling for young people aged 8 to 26 years in Cambridgeshire.

Information and Support Project Worker

***£22,212 to £25,440 (NJC scale point 25 to 29), per annum, pro rata,
part-time 19 hours per week, fixed term until June 2017***

Centre 33 is looking to recruit an Information and Support Project Worker to support the delivery of the Information and Support Service at Clarendon Street.

You will be part of a team providing drop-in information, support and assessment to young people, especially those needing advice about money, housing, sexual health or mental health. You will also coordinate and support the delivery of workshops in schools across Cambridgeshire.

New Horizons Coach

***£22,212 to £25,440 (NJC scale point 25 to 29), per annum, pro rata,
part-time 15 hours per week, fixed term period to end September 2019***

Centre 33 is looking to recruit a New Horizons Coach as part of our current, successful Information and Support service with the aim of supporting young people in identifying their goals around money, work and online capabilities; to develop their skills and confidence around those issues; and enable young people to make progress towards their training and employment goals.

Although you will be working solely on the New Horizons project you will be part of a team providing drop-in information, support and assessment to young people, especially those needing advice about money, housing, sexual health or mental health and this role will involve travel between one of our four bases in Cambridgeshire (Cambridge, Ely, Huntingdon, Wisbech). A driving license and use of a car is essential for this post.

***Closing date for both posts; Monday 7 November at midday
Interviews will take place on Tuesday 15 November 2016***

*Both posts are subject to a DBS check.
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